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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



NEW SANDPIT

Over the holidays Biam Playgrounds constructed our new sand pit. It is already a great hit with the students!



NAPLAN REPORTS

If your child is in Year 3 or 5, their NAPLAN report has been sent home today. It is important to remember that these assessments provide a snapshot of your child's performance and it is important to consider other assessments, including semester reports and teacher feedback when looking at your child's overall achievement.

Included with it is a guide to help parents read and understand the report. If you have any queries or concerns at all, please come in to discuss them.

HATS FOR TERM 4

It is great to see that nearly all of our students have found their school hats. If you need to purchase a new one, they can be bought from The Uniform Shop on Corio St.

KIDSMATTER TERM 4

The Kids Matter theme for the start of this term is HUMOUR! At assembly on Monday I spoke about how important humour, or having a laugh, is for our overall wellbeing.

Joke of the week: How do you make a sausage roll?

Answer: Push it!

YEAR 3/4 SOVEREIGN HILL CAMP

The 3/4 camp this year will run from Wednesday 20th to Friday 22nd Oct. Staff attending from our school will be myself and Karen Johnstone. The cost of the camp is \$260 and has been subsidised by Parents' Club. A permission note and payment details has been sent home today.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOLS PROGRAM

This will start next week. Prep – 2 will be doing dance and 3-6 will be doing cricket and lawn bowls. A letter with further details has been sent home today.

Angela Buxton

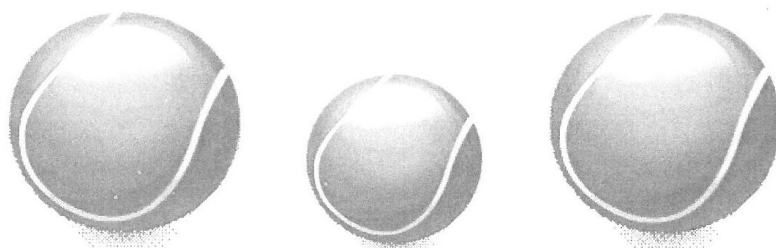
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IMPORTANT DATES

	OCTOBER		OCTOBER
Mon 14 th	Div. Athletic Sports	Fri 25 th	Prep Parent Meeting & Orientation Day 9.00 – 11.00pm
Fri 18 th	Regional Athletic Sports	Mon 28 th	State Athletics
Wed 23 rd	P & F Lunch Day	Mon 28 th	School Council – 7.30 p.m.

Roll up Roll up



It's time for Tennis

Do your bit and keep tennis alive in Katandra

Dust off your racket and dig out your shoes

Come and play Wednesday night

Adult Social tennis

Register yourself or a team by calling

Aaron Howells on 58283475 or 0408283240

Starts 23rd October 7.30pm for 8 weeks cost to be announced



Teenager's welcome



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Supporting children's friendship skills

Suggestions for parents and carers

Parents and carers are children's first and most important teachers when it comes to relationships.

The ways you relate to your children and the guidance you provide helps develop children's social skills. You can help children develop friendship skills and strategies by modelling effective social skills, providing opportunities for children to practise relationship skills and offering support when they go through difficulties. Taking the role of a coach helps children learn the skills they need for themselves.

The following suggestions may be helpful:

- Make time to play too**
 Parents and carers can improve their children's social skills by playing with them regularly. Letting children choose and lead the play allows you to be playful with them and encourages them to practise skills for cooperation and negotiation. Making time for play helps strengthen your relationship with them as well as their skills. Avoid criticising and make it fun!
- Allow your child to try all sorts of different activities**
 Children who have a wide range of interests are more likely to have something in common with others and so find it easier to make friends and get along.
- Invite children for play dates**
 Having friends over to visit helps children to establish friendships and practise their social skills. It also provides an opportunity for you to provide on-the-spot coaching for children who are still developing their friendship skills. Providing positive guidance and helping to structure activities (without taking over!) can be very important when establishing new friendships.
- Talk with children about what is happening for them with their friends**
 Find a relaxed time, like the drive home from school or after dinner, to talk about what is happening in your children's friendship group. By doing this, you let them know that you are interested in their wellbeing, and this can also be an opportunity to share some of your experiences and to help them solve any problems they might have.
- Encourage positive, relevant strategies**
 Parents and carers can talk about, and encourage, friendly and cooperative strategies that can help their child to develop friendships. For example, encouraging children to negotiate or compromise when trying to solve problems with peers is a strategy that is generally more positively received than aggression or verbal threats.
- Take a problem-solving approach**
 Parents and carers don't need to have the answers to all of their children's problems. You can support your children to think through a problem for themselves by talking with them and asking some useful questions. For example:

Child says:	Parent asks:
"There's this girl in my class who is really mean to everyone in class, and so we are all mean right back to her."	"Why do you think she is being so mean?"
"Maybe she thinks we don't like her, and so she's being mean to us?"	"That could be one reason. Do you like her?"
"Well, I like her when she's not being mean."	"So how could you show her that you do like her, and that there's no need for her to be mean?"
"Maybe I could invite her over to play after school?"	<i>Affirms:</i> "That sounds like a great idea to me."

This resource is part of the KidsMatter Primary initiative. We welcome your feedback at www.kidsmatter.edu.au



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PARENTS & FRIENDS FATHERS' DAY PHOTOS:

Name _____ Name of Child _____

I would like to purchase _____ 6x8 photo's at \$5.00 each.
 Could you return to school as soon as possible with money.

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