Our Motto — Work Conquers All
Our Vision — Every child improving, every day in every way.

Principal Communication

Dates to Remember:
- NEXT P & C meeting 24th February - 6:00P.M.
- Movie and popcorn evening - 23rd of March

Thank you to all the parents who gave up time to come and listen to the information night. For students changing classes or beginning the school year, these nights are particularly useful. Some of the things discussed were the importance of eating healthy foods, with ideas for lunches and our rich tasks for term 1 and 2. The relationship between you and the school is both important and valuable, as we work towards a common goal, of improving the learning of your child/children. If you were unable to attend and want to know more about what was discussed there are some spare Power point handouts, you can collect from the office.

This year (after my foot has healed), I will only be having one day to get all the administrational and Principal work, completed. Therefore, if you need to see me, please make an appointment for the morning, or alternatively I can see you straight after school most days. My priorities of caring for and improving the outcomes of your child/children, have not changed, although my door will be closed this year, enabling me to juggle both jobs more efficiently.

Mrs Wex is having an operation next week. We wish her all the best and look forward to seeing her again, sometime next term. Karen Handford and Natalie Eisenmenger (Mrs E for short), will be rotating between Mrs Bishop’s class and Miss Matherson’s class. There is likely to be some mistakes with home readers and homework folders and we appreciate your understanding when these mistakes occur. Please make sure you let us know, if any concerns arise.

Just a reminder, we encourage all parents to pack fresh food, sandwiches, wraps, fruit etc., rather than packaged foods as they have a lot of preservatives and salt added. Some packaged foods advertise being natural or having fruit in them, which is just masking the fact they are really lollies with a lot of added salt (sodium) and/or sugar. To save time many families pack the lunches the night before.

The P and C meeting is on the 24th of February in two weeks. Without the P and C we are unable to apply for grants and obtain all the little extra things we can offer. Some of these things are, ipads, computers, gardening equipment, art equipment, fun days, excursions, extra funding for tuition and intervention - so please help by supporting our P and C Association.
Children in the older class have been working very hard and are beginning to move quickly between Indy groups in the mornings. I am very proud of the year 3’s who have settled in beautifully. Routines to help get children ready in the morning are on the board with a sign advertising, where the homework folders go. Parents who attended the parent information evening, had the homework expectations explained. People who were unable to attend can get a handout from the office.

The students from the student council are well on their way to achieving their target for this term. Thank you for your support with the free dress and the ice-blocks. Children looked amazing in their fancy and scary costumes.

Our homework routine is off to a great start. Most children are working hard to improve their reading and complete writing or number tasks each night. Thank you to parents who have been proactive in helping their child. If you are unsure of anything please see me.

The Prep children are gradually settling into the routines of our school. It is exciting to notice that they are already becoming independent and confident learners in our classroom.

Unfortunately I have had to send home a bigger and better show and tell and classroom helpers roster. Please discard the previous roster. The new roster is for three weeks, the next three weeks will go home at the end of week five. Not every child will have show and tell every week but they will have other responsibilities. The children do look forward to this time in the afternoons so I ask parents to help their child to be prepared for their show and tell.

Our first trip to the pool went very well. All children participated enthusiastically. Please remember to include a sun safe shirt in the swimming bag.

Don’t forget that library is every fortnight. Our next library day is 23rd February. Library books should be looked after in a library bag.
This year we are excited to be part of the Stephanie Alexander Gardening Program. In a few weeks Mrs Handford and Mrs Bishop will be off to Ashgrove School to learn more. In the mean time we will be getting our garden beds ready for new plants. Also we are becoming more aware of safety in the garden by wearing gardening gloves, hats and sensible shoes. We have also been practising carrying and using tools safely.

Children have been asked to bring an old shirt to wear while gardening. This shirt preferably should have long sleeves. This is to protect the school uniform from the red dirt in our gardens as well as protecting ourselves from the sun.

Any parents who would like to assist with our gardening program can see me or Miss Matherson for more details. Gardening day is Monday.

Our school participates in the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program. For over 80 years this program has been teaching Australian children lifelong money skills. This year, your child is invited to join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings. Information on how students can get on board with School Banking is included in the information pack attached.

For very ten deposits made through the school, students can redeem a reward from our Outer Space Savers range (pictured). In a school banking first, students who make 25 or more School Banking deposits in 2015 will automatically receive one entry into the competition draw to win a family trip to California’s Disneyland. Wouldn’t that be great!

If you need any further information on school banking, please see Robyn in the office.

Congratulations to this week’s stars - Katelyn Wyles for showing great organisational skills and persistence, in her artwork and Branden Fordham for his very neat bookwork. Lachlan Steinhardt received his award for being organised in class and demonstrating persistence while Anatoli Kuchtin had very neat writing in his bookwork.

We also welcome our new students, Preps Santino, Jack, Douglas and Laylah and Thomas, Tahya, Ryan, Kaitlin and Cohen who have joined us in 2015.