Dear Students & Families,

This week we welcome next year’s prep students and their families to our school. For the next 6 Thursdays, our 2016 prep students will come to school and experience school life. They will be accompanied by their families and, in many instances, their early childhood workers. We look forward to getting to know our new preps and wish them luck in the next step of their educational journey!

Last week a number of senior students participated in the Licola camp. Licola is run by the Lions Club and provides a range of great school camp experiences. Students enjoyed canoeing, high ropes, the giant swing and bush walking as well as a number of other great activities. Our students were able to interact with other special school students from Gippsland and Geelong. Both staff and students report that the camp was extremely successful. Well done everyone.

Families may have heard of the Equity funding that has recently been made available to schools. We use this money in part to subsidise the cost of your child’s camp and excursions to make them relevant, frequent and affordable. Please remember to return permission slips to the school in a timely manner. Families experiencing financial difficulties are encouraged to contact the school so we can explore alternative payment methods.

Matt
Stage 1 Courtyard Redevelopment

In the next few days, the softfall will be completed and Stage 1 of the Courtyard Redevelopment will be ready for play. The new equipment includes a Cosy Dome, Rota Rock, Wave Area and Junior Trekker, all of which will test motor skills, challenge balance and provide much fun. Plans for the future will see the installation of a water play area, boat, climbing frame and musical instruments. Eventually the new courtyard will truly stimulate all the senses!

The recent warm and sunny weather has made the start of term 4 great for Bluearth sessions. Students have all been excited to get outside in the fresh air and participate in fun activities. Recent games have included pretending to be a sailor in Shipwreck, challenging themselves on the obstacle course, and senior students aiming to be the ultimate survivor while running and avoiding numerous balls in a game of Hero.
Sign of the Week

Don’t Know

Raffle Winner

Seth
Room 3

Josh
Room 7

Mia
Room 16

Cody
Room 17

Students of the Week

Seth
Room 3
The Royal Flying Doctor Service (RFDS) will be visiting our school for the day on Monday 26th October. They will bring a plane simulator which the students will be able to board and experience first hand the purpose of the RFDS ambulance. Students will also learn a little about the 87 year history of the group. Students who wish to participate in the visit will be asked to pay $5 to help cover the cost, please return permission forms ASAP.

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- toy cot/bed
- plastic farm animals
- toy cars
- large buttons
- plastic bugs & Beetles
- stuffed toys
- shapes
- gift boxes
- grey leggings
- baby doll
- camp matt - that rolls up
- large stuffed elephant
- plastic zoo animals
- plastic spiders
- wig - ladies hair style
- toy food
- rubber ducks
- wig - mens hair style
- plastic African animals
- monster masks
- toy trucks
- cowboy hats
- plastic zoo animals
- abacus
- plastic spiders
- small picnic basket
- hand puppets
- fishing games
- compasses
- puppet on strings
- beads

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