Dear Students & Families,

Last week Zenda Clarke visited our school. Zenda is a school reviewer who will help to look at what we achieved during the last 4 years during of our strategic plan. Our 2011-2014 strategic plan outlined the goals and strategies we set out to accomplish to improve our school. Zenda visited last week to see our school and to gather information and school data. She will return in two weeks to talk to a panel of school community members about what we accomplished, what challenges we face, and what new directions the school will take into the next 4 years. We welcome the input that parents provided in last year’s parent review survey, and the participation of Bruce Sorrell, our school council president, in the review process.

2015 School Council elections have been finalised. There were 3 parent and 2 staff vacancies. Due to there being 3 parent nominations and 3 vacancies, there was no need for an election. Congratulations to Katrina Jackson, Susan O’Brien and Bruce Sorrell on their election to school council. This year the number of staff nominations exceeded the number of vacancies and a staff election was held. Congratulations to Tina Davis and Bev Backman on their election to school council.

Matt
Meet the faces from Room 7, 2015.

We welcome three new students to our school this year. Skye, who is with us everyday and loves playing on the Ipad. Josh who comes on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and loves to go to the Engine Room and Ky who comes on Thursday and Friday and really likes riding the bikes.

We also have some “old, familiar” faces - Erin who you may sometimes hear make the bus announcements. Tim who is very good at running around in Blueearth. Nick who loves music sessions. Liam who loves our Tuesday morning cooking sessions. And Paige who’s favorite subject is Art. We are also very lucky to have Kelsey come and share Art, Cooking and Blueearth with us.

Jamie helps in our room on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and Kim comes in on Thursday and Fridays.
Sign of the Week

Bus

Seth Room 3
Noah Room 11
Luke Room 14
Mikaela Room 1
Ayden Room 1
Cameron Room 17

Raffle Winner Seth Room 3
Therapy Awards Sam Room 16
Emma Room 3
Maths at Home Winner Dylan Room 5

Therapy Awards
Sam Room 16
Emma Room 3

Students of the Week
Is your child turning 16 this year?

If so remember your child needs to register an “Intent to Claim - Disability Allowance” for the Disability Support Pension (form SA317). If not your child may miss out on payments. You can log onto the Disability section on Centrelink site on-line or by visiting your local Centrelink office. Once you have done that you can download the form from the Centrelink site. If you do not have a computer you can access one at Centrelink and print off the form, the staff will be happy to assist you. Alternatively contact me and I will print one for you.

A Youth Disability Supplement will be automatically added to the base pension for person’s under 21 years of age. The pension will be only deposited into an account in your child’s name. Some parents decide to open a joint account with their child so that the account can be monitored. Alternatively you can complete an “Authority to Enquire or Act on your Child’s Behalf” (form SS313). Parents/Guardians keep a look out for regular updates about your child’s entitlements.

Please call me if you have any questions, 5623 1385

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**Manage your bills with Centrepay**

Centrepay is a direct bill paying service offered to Customers receiving payments from Centrelink. Through Centrepay you can choose to pay bills by having a regular amount deducted from your Centrelink payment.

Please contact the school office for more information 5623 1385.

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**You are invited to join the 2015 Transition Dreams and Fears Program**

Preparing for your child’s transition from school can be very stressful for parents. As a parent of a child with a disability, you will typically have the greatest influence over your child’s future.

By joining the Transition Dreams and Fears Program you will:

- Be able to help your child make decisions about what to do after leaving school
- Have information to help with decisions
- Learn from other people
- Explore the dreams and fears you have for your child within a small group

Who: Parents of children aged 16 years or more

What: 8 sessions of 2 hours

When: Beginning of term two.

Cost: No cost

If you are interested in attending the sessions please contact Jemma to register your interest. We can then run a program that suits your location, date and time.

RSVP: By 25th of March, to Jemma Howard 0409 422 794 or jhoward@scopevic.org.au

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**No Canteen**

A start date will be advised.