**“With God all things are possible.” (Matthew 19:26)**

Dear community members
We welcome you all back from the holidays and I trust everyone had a safe and peaceful break. The busyness of the school year continues during Term 3. We have introduced Indonesian to the Curriculum for the last two terms. Mrs Kate Jackson will be teaching this subject every Thursday for all students from Prep to Grade 6.

**Welcome Back Mrs Emma Coad**
It has been a great delight to welcome Emma Coad back to our school after being on maternity leave for the past three terms. I know the students are very pleased to see her and have her back at our school. Emma will be teaching in Grade 3 every Thursday and Friday.

**Term 3 School Captains**
We congratulate Kalvin Pitt (Captain) and Tara Watzl (Vice Captain) for being elected as our Term 3 School Captains. I am sure they will display great leadership with this role. I would like to thank Joseph Kelly and Aidan Lietz for their leadership as Term 2 Captains.

**Optional Parent/Teacher Interviews**
Optional interviews were held on Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. I would like to thank all teachers for the time and effort in preparing for these interviews. I remind parents that all teachers are available to meet with parents any time during the year to discuss the progress of your child.

**Grade 5/6 Parent Information ICT Evening – Tuesday 4 August**
Next Tuesday at 6pm, there will be a Parent Information session for all Grade 5/6 parents in the Hall or Grade 6 classroom. This will be an important meeting as we are looking to role out school owned iPads to all students in Grade 5 and 6. This will then give the students the opportunity to take the iPad home during the school year.

**Concert/Grandparents Day – Wednesday 12 August (11am – for Grandparents and significant others) and Thursday 13 August (6pm – for Parents and siblings)**
This year we will be holding a Grandparents’ Day (and Significant Others) and a Concert for families in our School Hall. This should be a fantastic event with all students being involved.
The Grandparents’ Concert will consist of a special prayer, the concert and morning tea. The Family Concert will consist of a prayer and a concert (gold coin donation).

The dates and times for these particular functions are:
- **Grandparents’ Concert** - Wednesday 12 August at 11.00am
- **Family Concert** - Thursday 13 August at 6.00pm

More information will be given out in the next couple of weeks.

**Congratulations George McLeod**
I would like to congratulate George (Grade 6) for representing Tasmania in the School Sports National Football Carnival in Geelong during the first week of term. Tasmania won two games convincingly (against ACT and NT) and lost narrowly to WA, NSW and Qld. The team also won the Richard G Newman Shield for Sportsmanship. Well-done George!
St Mary MacKillop Feast Day
The Catholic Church celebrates the feast of St Mary of the Cross on Saturday 8 May. As a school community we will be celebrating this event with a Mass on Thursday 6 August at 10.30am in the Hall. Parents and community members are invited to attend this Mass.

Fire Education – Monday 17 August to Friday 21 August
All students (Kinder to Grade 6) will participate in several Fire Education lessons during this week. This is a very important program that the school participates in every two years.

Book Week Parade – Tuesday 25 August – 9am
We will be holding our annual Book Week Parade on Tuesday 25 August at 9am in the Hall. This is a fantastic day where the majority of students dress-up as their favourite book character. Some prizes are presented for best dressed at the parade. I invite all parents to attend.

Whole School Photo – Wednesday 26 August
We will be having our whole school photo taken on Wednesday 26 August at 9am. I ask that all students please wear their full school winter uniform and to arrive at school on time on this day.

Canteen
I would like to thank the great work the new Canteen Committee have done in updating the menu. The children really love the ‘yummy’ healthy varieties. More parent help is still required for the Canteen. I would hate to see the Canteen close because we can’t get enough parents/grandparents/etc to help. The Canteen is open every Thursday for all students. If you have the time to help then we would really appreciate volunteers. Please fill out the tear-off slip attached to the newsletter and return it to the Office if you are able to assist. Also, please note there is an updated Canteen Menu for Term 3 that was attached to our last newsletter. This can be accessed on our website in the NOTICES section.

Entertainment Book Fundraiser
We are wrapping up our Entertainment Book Fundraiser so they are only available for a little longer from the School Office. Or you may prefer a digital membership - this allows you to redeem offers directly from your smartphone which means you’ll have your book with you wherever you go!
Thanks to everyone who has purchased one of these books. $13 from each sale comes directly to the school! Your support is greatly appreciated!

Woolies Earn and Learn Program
We are excited to be taking part in the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program. You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths between Monday 15 July and Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies. The more we collect, the more we can redeem. There are thousands of products available through the Woolworths Earn & Learn Program, and we'd like to get lots of new gear! Products in the range include resources for Mathematics, English, Science, Art, through to sports gear, library supplies and more.

We are grateful for your support and look forward to a successful program. If you have any questions, please ask at school.

God bless
Nick McGann
Principal

"You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. This is how prayer works." - Pope Francis
This term in Kinder we are investigating the life cycles of plants, chickens and frogs. Just before the school holidays we planted some garlic bulbs (which Mr. Egan gave us) into the big garden bed outside. We also planted some garlic in small pots in the classroom and when we came back to school after the holidays the garlic inside had grown very well. We were able to see the roots growing outside the pot.

We have also been caring for all the beautiful plants on the mountain by keeping them watered.

Enthusiastic Kinders planting broad beans and garlic in our garden bed outside.

From the happy gardening team in Kinder!
**SHORT STORY COMPETITION 2015**

Do you like writing? If you can write a terrific story of no more than 500 words around the idea of a mysterious light, or something that lights up your life, you could win a book voucher of up to $30 in value!

This competition is open to students from Gr 3 - 6

Entries can be handwritten or typed/printed but must be all your own work.

Hand your entry to your teacher or to Casey at the office.

**CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES:** FRIDAY AUGUST 14TH

**WINNERS ANNOUNCED AT THE BOOK WEEK PARADE - AUGUST 24TH**

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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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Parents and Friends Meeting Monday 3rd Aug
7:00 pm – Dillon Building

Agenda –

Welcome, Prayer & Apologies
Minutes & Business Arising

Correspondence

Reports -
  Principal
  President
  Treasurer

General Business

  Calendar of Events for Term 3 and 4
  Fundraising

Next Meeting
Close
CANTEEN HELP WANTED

To ensure the Canteen can open each week we are asking for volunteers to assist with making and packing lunches on Thursdays (from around 11:30).

We will also require at least one volunteer for over the counter sales each week.

If you are interested, please fill out the form below and return to the School Office, to enable a roster to be drawn up for Term 3.

➢ All volunteers are required to obtain a Working with Vulnerable Children check as required by law. Information for this can be obtained from the School Office.

➢

Thank you

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CANTEEN VOLUNTEER RETURN SLIP

Name:__________________________________________________________

Contact number/email:__________________________________________

Please circle

I am able to: Make and pack lunches Over the counter sales Both

I am available: Once a fortnight Once a month Once a term

Dates available: ________________________________________________