Dear Parents and Caregivers,

School Evaluation and Planning
Thank you to all parents who have participated in our evaluation and planning process. We are currently reading through the feedback sheets and will incorporate your comments into planning. It is very pleasing to note that there are very many strengths and positives. One area that most parents would like reviewed is homework. We will take that on board and make some changes again for 2015.

Before the next Informer, your children will be bringing home their school report for semester 2. There will be a letter accompanying the report which will explain some of the features included. Please take the time to read through the report with your children.

Vote for School Captains
The following students in Year 5 have been nominated for Captains and Vice Captains in 2015-Vincent Qiu, Anthony Cucchiaro, Rayyan Hossain, George Papahristou, Shakeel Abdussamad, Katherine Hewat, Aqsa Noor, Monica Rajpal, Hayley Morris, Maddison Bucknall, Nikita Wormald and Tamara Michael.

All children in years 2 to 5 will be listening to speeches presented by these nominees next Thursday at 12 noon and then voting for those they believe will be responsible leaders for our school. Parents are welcome to attend.

Parent Helper Morning Tea
The school highly values our parent helpers who work in partnership with the school to achieve higher learning outcomes for our students. We would like to welcome more parents into our classrooms next year.

The thank you morning tea will be held on Friday, December 5 at 11am in the Parliament Room.

If you have been a helper and have not received an invitation, please come along.

Calendar

WEEK 8
Tuesday 25th November
NO Canteen
Wednesday 26th November
Kinder Transition 10am – 11.15am
Friday 28th November
School Spectacular Excursion
Whole School assembly 9.15am

WEEK 9
Monday 1st December
Active After School Sports K-2 ends
Tuesday 2nd December
NO Canteen
Wednesday 3rd December
*Active After School Sports 3-6 ends
*Year 6 to 7 High School Orientation
Thursday 4th December
Reports sent home
Friday 5th December
Parent Helper Morning Tea 11am
Parent Social Group
Last Friday, a focus group of interested parents met to discuss school programs. One of the outcomes has been that some parents would like to begin a social group to involve ESL parents and any other interested parents. A meeting will be held in the staffroom following assembly this Friday at 10.15am. Everyone is welcome.

Family Christmas Night
For the past two years, our P&C has held a family night celebrating our school culture at the end of the year.
This year our Family Christmas Night will be held on Friday, December 12. All sausages will be Halal with alternatives available on request. The flyer with this Informer contains the details.

Best wishes
Lynne Wilson
Principal

Merit Certificates must be handed in by Thursday this week.

WEEK 10
Tuesday 9th December
Presentation Day Celebration of Learning
Wednesday 10th December
Last Scripture for year
Thursday 11th December
Year 6 Farewell
Friday 12th December
The Grange Has Got Talent

WEEK 11
Wednesday 17th December
Last day for students 2014

Thursday this week
Spider Day
Spider drinks available for $1.50

Active After School Sports
The last days for Active After School Sports this year will be:

K-2 Monday 1st December
3-6 Wednesday 3rd December

At the end of 2014, the Active After School Sports Program will conclude and will be replaced with a new Sporting Schools initiative.
More information will be available in 2015.

Principal’s Awards
Zoe Prilis          Dominic Haines
Virginia Papali       Ruth Papali
Kaia Cutforth       Ella-Harlow Bowers

Grange Achievement Award
Tamara Michael       George Papahristou
Rahat Morshed       Aysha Sajid

P&C Award
Brandon Trieu       Talin David
Flynn Dean-Oddy     Ar-Rafe Hossain

Bronze Award
Markanthony D’Emanuele
Anthony Le

Silver Award
Taharin Khan
FAMILY CHRISTMAS NIGHT

WHEN: Friday, December 12
from 6pm until 8.30pm

WHERE: The Grange School Playground

COST: $15.00 per family ticket

$5.00 Individual ticket

Grandparents - Gold coin donation

Children are to be accompanied by an adult

Sausage on a roll $3.00  Can of drink $1.50
All sausages will be Halal - Non Halal by request
Bottle Water $1.00  Ice block $0.50

Tickets may be pre-ordered NOW.

Return the form below to the school office.
Please support our school. Come and have a fun family night!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Student Name: ________________________________ Class: __________

FAMILY PASS: $15.00 each........................... No.____ TOTAL $_________
(Immediate family only)

INDIVIDUAL PASS: $5.00............................. No.____ TOTAL $_________

GRANDPARENTS: Gold coin donation............ No.____
TOTAL ENCLOSED $_________

Estimated number of family members attending
(for catering purposes)    Adults_______ Children_________


Key points to remember around schools

2. Driving near school buses
   - There is a 40km/h speed limit for traffic passing a school bus that is setting down or picking up school children.
   - This speed limit is for all traffic travelling in the same direction as the bus, whether the bus is stationary or moving.
   - The 40km/h speed limit must be obeyed when the rear or near-exit lights on the bus flash.
   - Flashing headlights on these buses also alert oncoming motorists that children are close by.
   - As a driver, remember: When the lights on the bus are flashing, you must slow down to 40 km/h.

3. On and off the bus safety
   - Your child must be at risk in the minutes after getting off the bus. You can reduce this risk.
   - Meet your child or arrange for another trusted adult to meet your child at the bus stop, NEVER on the opposite side of the road.
   - Wait until the bus has been driven away before choosing the safest place to cross the road, then follow the usual road crossing procedures with your children.
   - STOP! One step back from the kerb.
   - LOOK! For traffic to your right, left and right again.
   - LISTEN! For the sounds of approaching traffic.
   - THINK! Whether it is safe to cross.
   - Teach your children to keep turning their head in both directions to look and listen for traffic as they cross the road.
   - While waiting at the bus stop, stand well away from the passing traffic, never wait right at the kerb.
   - Remind your children that when a bus is fitted with seatbelts, they must buckle it up.
   - Until they turn ten, hold hands with your child as you cross the road.

4. Hold your child’s hand
   - As pedestrians, children can be easily distracted and are often too small to be seen by drivers.
   - They may be unable to predict or identify dangers and tend to act impulsively.
   - Talk with your child about safe behaviour on the footpath – it’s a safe place to play. Include discussion on the dangers of vehicles that may be entering or exiting driveways.
   - Until your child is at least eight years old, hold their hand:
     - on the footpath,
     - in the car park,
     - when crossing the road.
   - Up until at least 10 years old, supervise your child very closely, holding their hand when crossing the road.
   - If you cannot be with your child, organise for another trusted adult to accompany them.

5. Helmet and safety on wheels
   - Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place – it’s the law.
   - Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian and New Zealand Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head.

6. Driving and parking safely near the school
   - School opening and closing hours are busy times for pedestrian and vehicular traffic outside the school.
   - Always take extra care in 40km/h school zones, which operate on gazetted school days.
   - Park safely even if it means walking further to the school gates.
   - Observe all parking signs. They are planned with children’s safety in mind.
   - NEVER double park as it puts children at risk.

7. Safety around school crossings
   - Ensure that your child always uses the school crossing as this is the safest point of entry to the school.
   - Where there is a school crossing supervisor at a school crossing, pedestrians must walk on the footpath, at least one step back from the edge of the road, until the school crossing supervisor indicates that it is safe to cross.
   - Drivers must not proceed until the crossing supervisor’s hand-held sign is no longer displayed, or until the crossing supervisor indicates that the motorists may proceed through the crossing.
   - At an unsupervised children’s crossing when ‘CHILDREN CROSSING’ flags are displayed, drivers must stop at the white line if pedestrians are waiting to cross at the crossing. Drivers must remain stationary until the crossing is completely clear of pedestrians.
   - Drivers need to know that a child’s crossing is a part-time crossing that operates before and after school hours, and at times when children are using the crossing, such as for excursions or during lunchtimes.

8. 40km/h school zones
   - The 40km/h school zone slows traffic in the vicinity of the school.
   - Most 40km/h school zones operate between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm to 4pm. The 40km/h school zone speed limit must be observed even if school children cannot be seen.
   - A 40km/h school zone operates on all gazetted school days including staff development days (prior few days).

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