Dear Parents,

How lovely that our Kindergarten children are so settled that they can now leave at 3 o'clock and line up in the morning under the COLA (Covered Outdoor Learning Area) at the 8.55 am bell. Please impress on your children that if they are having any problems in the playground, they should see one of the teachers on duty, who can then help them sort out any difficulties.

Camden Park Environmental Education Centre: Belgenny Farm

*Years 1-6*

The staff and students all seem to be eagerly looking forward to our excursion to Belgenny Farm this Thursday. We will be leaving school as soon as rolls are marked and returning by bell time in the afternoon. Please send in your note and $5 if you have not done so yet.

Homework

Thanks to all the parents who have replied about Homework and Maths Texts. Your prompt reply will ensure that books can be ordered and delivered as soon as possible. Kindergarten will not start their homework until next term but book orders need to be placed now.

Crossing Safety

Teachers are at the school crossing each afternoon to see to the safety of the students. Last year we had a small band of dedicated volunteer parents who supervised the crossing from 8.30 am each day. There have already been reports of some near misses in the morning. If you are able to help out with morning supervision, please contact Alicia Ryan on 0406018929 or leave your name and best contact phone number at the office.

Parent Information Afternoon

These sessions are for teachers to give important *general* information about what is happening at school in their stage team and individual classes. It is *NOT* a reporting time for your child's progress. If you do have concerns about your child, please make an appointment to discuss matters with the class teacher.
**Parent/Teacher Discussions**
As mentioned above, there are appropriate times for discussions with teachers. Many parents are holding up teachers as they leave the assembly or in the wet areas outside classrooms. It is very hard to be rude as we know that your concerns are important but so is the supervision of classes.

We ask that ANY SMALL matters that may only take a minute to discuss with the teacher be put in writing and given to the teacher. Any other more pressing matters will need to be addressed in an arranged meeting.

**Contact Details**
Please take the time to update your contact details as it is most important that we are able to contact you in the case of illness or injury.

**Scripture**
Scripture classes for Year 1-6 begin this week. Wednesday 1pm to 1.30 pm. Class teachers supervise all groups and lessons are conducted by authorise members of the particular religious denomination.

**Mrs Wilson**
Mrs Wilson is making great progress and is expecting to return (without crutches) at the beginning of Week 6. She has been missed by staff, students and parents and we all wish her a complete recovery.

Best wishes
Maree Raynham
Relieving Principal

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**Principal's Awards**
Cillara Anderson  Hayley Anderson
Cain Anderson  Ar-Rafee Hossain
Kaiya Cutforth  Karen Habib
Scarlet Reberger  Sarena Sakander

**Grange Achievement Award**
Tasneem Hossain  Stiven Mossad

**P&C Award**
Narharin Hossen Manha  Rohan Ali
Elle McQuillan

**Bronze Award**
Jessica Su

**Silver Award**
Jana Islam  Rabaab Chowdhury

**Gold Award**
Sarena Sakander

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**P and C**
Welcome back to the new school year. We have high hopes for a great 2016. Our first Meeting of the year will be this Friday at 2 pm in the Staffroom. All welcome! If you have any items for the agenda please put them in writing and leave them at the front office or give them to me in the afternoon (outside staffroom/Kinder Block).

The nomination for elections at the AGM will be discussed this week and advertised in the next Informer as well.

Best wishes,
Jo Shearer,
President P and C
First Holy Confession and Holy Communion

Catholic children in state schools in Year 3 or over are due to be prepared to receive the Sacraments of Forgiveness and Holy Communion. An enrolment and information meeting for parents will be held on Monday 15th February at 7.30pm in the Parish Centre of the Holy Family Church, Oxford Rd Ingleburn. Baptism certificates are required for enrolment. For enquiries please contact Fr Peter on 9605 2785

SCHOOL BANKING

- NO school Banking on Thursday 18th February due to Year 1-6 excursion.
- Applications forms can be collected from the office.

Spare Uniforms

The school office keeps a few items of clothing to be used when any child requires a change of clothes during the school day. Presently, supplies are very low, particularly of boy’s shorts. If you have any school shorts that your son has outgrown, or any other school clothing, please consider donating them for us to use.

Also, if you have items of clothing that have been loaned to your child, please return them to the office.

LOST PROPERTY

We already have a lot of items in the lost property containers. Please ensure your child’s belongings are labelled with their name so that items may be returned to them. If you are missing an item, please check the containers in the office.

Parents, please observe the parking sign for the school car park.

STOP! NO ENTRY
Staff Parking Only
Between 8AM – 4PM
on SCHOOL DAYS

Skool Bag App

The Grange Public School uses the Skool Bag App to communicate with parents. On the app you can access the newsletter and calendar events. Parents are also able to notify absence from school and change of details please see attached flyer.

REMINDER – SCHOOL START and FINISH TIMES

8.30: Teacher starts playground duty (no child should be at school before this time)
8.55: Bell to go to lines
11.00 – 11.55: Lunch
1.35- 1.55: Recess
3.00: School dismissed. Parents, please pick up children promptly.
For Parents

If you are a Parent and your school has Skoolbag, you can install the app on your phone or tablet device by following these instructions:

For iPhone and iPod users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "Install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open".
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 8.1 Phone and Windows 8.1 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 8.1 Windows Phone or Windows 8.1/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 8.1 version Windows Phones, or Windows 8.1 and 10 devices.

If you have any questions please email sales@skoolbag.com.au