Dear Parents,

Last Tuesday evening I had the pleasure of spending time with Jake and Shioni and their respective families at Silverwater Resort as part of the Bass Coast Young Leaders. What a fantastic program. The grade 5/6 classes and I had previously discussed lobbying Bass Coast Shire to get a skate park in San Remo. As part of this initiative a delegate of students will visit the local MP at his office lead by Jake and Shioni as well as have a tour of Parliament House in Melbourne which is a stunning building.

I look forward to catching up with you all tonight at the Family BBQ from 5-7pm. Our school leaders have been busily planning some events for the students and their siblings to join in and have some fun. The Fundraising Committee will be selling sausages, hamburgers and drinks for $1. If you would like to help set up, cook and clean up then let Roz or myself know. It is a great way to catch up and meet other parents.

We will also have 200 small numbered ducks for the bargain price of $5 per number from 1-200. Upon purchasing your favourite number or numbers (You don’t get to keep the duck) and all numbers being sold we will then pluck a duck from the pond.
$400 cash is the prize. The House Captains will be selling these near the bbq. You’ve got to be in it to win it.

Congratulations to Jordi Vanderkolk. She is off to the next level of Regional Swimming at Sale. We wish her all the best. I hope all the early morning training sessions that Kate or Andrew drive her to and her commitment helps her to swim a personal best. Go Jordi!

I have noticed that some students are wearing necklaces, dangly earrings and other jewellery items. If this pertains to your son or daughter could you please ask them to remove these before arriving at school. It is a safety issue but also in the school’s Uniform Policy it states that studs and watches are the only accepted jewellery items to be worn at school. It is difficult to console a child whose favourite necklace has been lost or broken. Your support would be appreciated.

Congratulations to Romeo, Jesse and Nate for demonstrating Respect and Responsibility 2 of our Values at SRPS. Well done boys I am very proud of you!

Don’t forget to enjoy the Labour Day holiday on Monday. I hope to catch up with my sons (it will cost me a fortune) and hopefully I will get more than a few grunts out of them.

Have a good week,
Sharyne
FAMILY BBQ & FUN NIGHT - TONIGHT  5pm—7pm
We are having a family BBQ and games night TONIGHT. There will be games set up by our school leaders for all children and parents and a BBQ dinner. This is a great opportunity to meet other families and enjoy a meal and lots of fun and laughter. There will be sausages and hamburgers, soft drink and bottled water available to purchase @ $1 each.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
Meeting  The next school council meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th March @ 7pm in the staffroom.  The executive committee will be voted in and sub committees selected.

GRADE 6 SURFING PROGRAM
The grade 6 students will participate in a Surf Education and Life Saving (SEALS) Program with Wonthaggi Secondary College as part of their transition program on Thursday 19th March. Forms have gone home today.

GRADE 3/4 CAMP 15th—17th APRIL
Notes went home last week for all grade 3/4 students to attend the camp in the first week of term 2. The medical and permission forms should have been returned by now together with the $30 deposit. The balance must be paid by Thursday 26th March. We recommend setting up an instalment plan either via direct deposit or by seeing Roz in the office.

O.S.H.C.
Just a reminder that we have places available in Before and After School Care. This is a fantastic service to provide child care while you are working or have an appointment as well as for the children to experience a variety of activities, craft, games etc. Book in with Jen on the OSHC mobile or via the school office.

UNIFORM SHOP
Uniform orders can be placed at anytime by dropping it in to the permission form box in the school office with payment or with a note of your receipt number if paid by direct deposit. All completed orders will be handed out by the end of the day if we have it in stock. New orders with our suppliers is made at least once per semester or as needed.

The uniform shop is open for viewing and checking of sizes etc Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 8:30am- 9:15am and 3pm-3:45pm only.

Sale Items while stocks last:
There are still a few SALE items on the rack in the office.

WONTHAGGI & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION 2015
FREE SKILLS TRAINING / NET-SET-GO & REGISTRATIONS
For the month of March our association will be holding a fun-filled skills hour from:
4pm – 5.30pm ALL AGE GROUPS & NEW PLAYERS WELCOME!
To be held every Thursday commencing MARCH 5th – March 26th 2015
Above enquiries – Vicky Donohue – 0430 150 551
REGISTRATIONS FEB 26th & MARCH 5th at courts 4-5.30pm
REGISTRATION Enquiries - Fiona Wilson - 0434 612 492
NET-SET-GO - Enquiries - Kylie Strickland - 0407 482 958

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our kids matter.
KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.

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WORKERS OF THE WEEK  Week Ending 27th February

P/1 W  Patika for working so hard to point under words when reading.
P/1 Y  Oliver for challenging himself in his writing.
1/2 S  Bindi for working super hard on her reading and showing great improvement.
3/4 H  Romeo for his enthusiastic and positive influence on our excursion. Great Effort!!!
3/4 M  Koda for her enthusiastic approach to learning.
5/6 G  Jorja for her consistent effort in all activities.
5/6 T  Jacqui for her positive attitude and great efforts to all classroom activities.

MARCH FOR MELANOMA
This Thursday March 5th, San Remo Primary will be taking part in the March for Melanoma. Students are asked to wear house colours Gold, Green, Purple or Blue. The march will take place at lunchtime this Thursday 5th March. Get your walking shoes and house colours on.

HOUSE SPORTS  Fri 20th March
All students are asked to wear their house colours. Parents are welcome to cheer and encourage all students. Helpers are essential for this day to be a success. Please contact Roz in the office or Alyce Truscio in 5/6 if you are able to volunteer your precious time.

FUNKY HAIR DAY  Thursday 12th March
Next week we will be holding a Funky Hair day to raise fund for Leukaemia (as part of Worlds Greatest Shave). Students are asked to bring a gold coin donation and wear their hair in a crazy, funky style or with washable hair colour.

NATIONAL RIDE2SCHOOL DAY  March 13th
As in previous years we will be participating the Walk and Ride to School program. Check the calendar on the front of the newsletter for the scheduled Ride/Walk2School days. We will be notifying you via Tiqbiz when each of our data collection days are happening.

FUNDRAISING
PUB RAFFLE  Our next scheduled Pub Raffle date is Friday 13th March. We are looking for volunteers to sell the raffle tickets. This has been a fabulous easy fundraiser for us each month for the passed few years.
What makes a positive school community?

"Mum! Miss Collins told me to be sure you go to the school for the meeting tonight. She says it's very important." "You're not in trouble, are you Oma? Teachers only ask parents to come to school when there is a problem, don't they?" "No Mum. She says she is looking forward to meeting you."

When Raseeda got to the meeting it wasn't as she had expected. Lots of other parents were there and they were talking with each other and with the teacher. It seemed quite friendly. The teacher explained what the children would be learning in school this term and then asked the parents to talk to two different people they didn't know.

Raseeda felt a bit shy about this. Luckily, the other parents at her table started talking to her. They asked her what school was like in her home country. "Oh, very different," she told them. "Our teacher talks and the children listen. They don't learn in groups. They start early and they go home at lunchtime." The other parents seemed interested.

Miss Collins also spoke with her. "Raseeda, I wonder if there's anything more you would like to know about how Oma is going or what we are doing at school? We want to be sure you feel welcome, so if there is anything the school can do to help you or Oma settle in, please let us know."

What feeling included is all about

Children come from a diverse range of different racial, cultural and religious backgrounds and abilities. They need a safe and supportive environment in which to develop and feel included. Positive school communities promote opportunities for families, children and staff to feel valued and included.

Some ways of showing people they are welcomed and included at school

- Develop inclusive policies and practices that reflect the diversity in the school community
- Provide information in appropriate languages, cultures, and colors
- Foster a supportive school culture and inclusivity
- Invite parents and community members to participate in school activities
- Encourage children to learn and appreciate other cultural and individual experiences

Being included and learning to include and respect others are very important for children's social development.

Being included promotes belonging and connectedness, which are also key factors for supporting children's mental health and wellbeing.