DATES TO REMEMBER:

FRIDAY 17th OCTOBER
TUESDAY 21st OCTOBER
THURSDAY 23rd OCTOBER
FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER
FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER
THURSDAY 30th OCTOBER
MONDAY 3rd NOVEMBER

NETBOOK PAYMENT DUE
YEAR 5 & 6 SWIMMING
YR 1 BUGS INCURSION PAYMENT DUE
FINAL 2015 YR 6 CAMP DEPOSIT DUE
2015 PREP VISIT
YR 1 BUGS INCURSION CURRICULUM DAY (no students at school)

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Buildings and Grounds

Many grounds improvements occurred over the holidays: asphalting, landscaping in preparation for the indigenous garden and additional artificial turf. A new stove has been purchased and installed in the canteen. Two projects funded by the Parent Association, the new shade sail over the sandpit and the basketball backboards in the gym were also installed. It is hoped to get some painting done over the summer holidays. Council is planning a major redevelopment of the senior playground next year.

Education

The year 4 camp was very successful. Many thanks to the staff and parents who attended. The staff are working on curriculum planning for 2015 in light of the transition to the Australian Curriculum. The pupil free Curriculum Day on November 3rd will focus on using ipads to enhance engagement and improve student outcomes. The day will be facilitated by Phil Christofaro.

Canteen

Council is pleased with the upturn in the Canteen over the past term. As a result the manager's position will be advertised for a 2 year period to commence at the beginning of 2015. Volunteers are urgently required to maintain the level of service.

Parent Association

The PA is organising sausage sizzles for the upcoming Disco and Election Day. They are also seeking donations for the Fete Special Effort.

Student Leadership Group

A Disco has been organised with proceeds to go to World Vision for our sponsored child. The money collected from Footy Day has been forwarded to Diabetes Victoria. Members of the group visited Werribee Zoo as part of a sustainability project.

General Business

The Cleaning Contract is due to expire shortly. Council is following the process required to engage a cleaning company for the next three years. The school is satisfied with the current contractors. Major works have occurred at the pool. A new sanitation system has been installed. Results of the Parent Survey were tabled. Council discussed how these results could be improved in the future:
- Promotion of positive activities
- Increased electronic communication with parents
- Assisting parents to understand the questions
Parents Association fundraising activities for term 4 are:

- Tigers club raffle 31st Oct, 7th & 14th Nov
- Disco sausage sizzle 21st October
- State election 29th November sausage sizzle
- Fete day special effort / stall 5th December

**Student Disco Sausage Sizzle**

Back by popular demand, the PA will again be running a sausage sizzle and selling soft drinks during the Students Disco on Tuesday 21st October. Sausages and drinks will be ready for sale from 5pm until stocks run out. There will be no sausages or drinks for sale at the conclusion of the year 4-6 disco.

**Parent Survey**

Many thanks to the parents who took the time to complete the Parent Survey last term. Despite all our efforts the response rate was 71%.

The results, although somewhat disappointing, indicate a significant number of parents marked the neither agree nor disagree column for many questions. We really want to know how we can communicate more effectively with our community.

One of the low scores on the survey was the extra curricula question. In discussing this with School Council the feedback was that parents were disappointed the school had not had a concert in the last two years. This is due to the lack of a suitable venue (the Event Centre refurbishment is still ongoing) J Rock is no longer on offer due to the organisation not getting financial support. We do strive to provide a number of extra curricula activities including Hooptime, sports clinics, Chess Club, Choir/Band, instrumental and singing lessons, camps, Disco, excursions/ incursions and swimming.

We welcome constructive feedback on how we can improve parent perception of the school. Please speak to a staff member/ school councillor or email the school.

**Camp Extension**

We have now extended the Year 6 2015 camp deposit date until: **FRIDAY 24th OCTOBER, 2014**

Please speak to any of the current year 5 or 6 teachers if you have any concerns or queries about the camp!

Or talk to the office about a payment plan.

**NOTE:** Final payment for camp must be paid by Wednesday 17th December 2014.

**Canteen**

Leanne Duncan has been working as our canteen manager since the start of term 3. She has been working hard to provide a range of healthy and tasty options for our students. At this stage there are often days when Leanne is short of volunteers and she desperately needs more helpers if she is to keep up the excellent standard.

If you are able to help out, please call in to see Leanne in the canteen or give the office a call and they will give her your name and details.

**Active Kids Program**

Last term our Year 4 students participated in the ACTIVE KIDS program. This program is initiated by Wyndham Council and aims to promote physical activity, nutrition and awareness of local activities and facilities. Due to our participation, we have received an assortment of sports equipment – 2 cricket sets, 4 footballs, 4 basketballs, 4 netballs and 2 bocce sets. This equipment will be distributed for the grades to use.
RIDING BIKES AND SCOOTERS TO SCHOOL
PREP – 3 NOTIFICATION

It is mandatory that all students are wearing an approved safety helmet while riding their bikes or scooters to and from school. In the interest of community safety, students are also expected to get off their bikes and scooters at the school gates and walk their bikes and scooters in the school grounds, not ride.

Students from Prep-3 can ride their bikes and scooters to school but they must be accompanied by an adult at all times. If you have a child in grade Prep-3 who will be riding a bike or scooter to school under adult supervision, please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office.

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My child/ren

Name_______________________
Grade ______________

Name ______________________
Grade ______________

will be riding their bike/s or scooter/s to school under my supervision during 2014

Parent signature_____________________