Message from the Principal

The school community may have noticed that the builders are winding up the work they are doing on our site. Building A which houses our office and classrooms is complete and Building B which has our gymnasium, canteen and music/drama space will be finished by Friday and ready for use by the middle of next week. This also means our canteen will be operating from the first week in March once the Health Inspector issues their approval.

With the hot weather over the last week a number of parents have asked about whether we are installing shade areas. Shade areas are not provided by the Department of Education. As a result we are looking at installing some shade protection during term 2 or 3 for next summer. This is quite an expensive exercise and will cost the school in excess of $50,000 to provide basic shade areas.

Next week we will be having parent /teacher interviews; this is an excellent opportunity for our teachers to find out information about your child in order to support their individual learning needs. It is also an opportunity for you to gain an insight into your child’s teaching program for the year.

Finally when dropping your child off or picking them up by car please be conscious of all road rules and regulations that apply around the college and try to be as polite as possible to other road users; remember you are your child’s best role model.

Have a great weekend.

Peter Devereux
Principal
Congratulations to our Students of the Week!

Arrivals and Departures
We ask parents and students to enter and exit the school building, using the doors located at the back of the school (facing the asphalt playground area). We encourage parents to arrange a meeting area to collect your child at the end of each day.

Students must be signed in and out at the college office when they are late or are required to leave early.

Education Maintenance Allowance
EMA forms are available from the General Office. If you would like your money to go directly to our school to pay for school expenses eg. excursions and camps, please tick the box on the EMA application form as shown below and your school account will be credited.

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Extreme Weather Conditions
We encourage parents to apply sunscreen to their child before attending school. Parents can also put spare sunscreen in their child’s school bag for re-application before outside play.

It is important for students to keep up their fluid intake. The college encourages students to bring a refillable water bottle to school.

A reminder to parents that school hats are compulsory during Term 1 and Term 4.

One wet, cold or extremely hot days, students remain indoors. After eating they engage in quiet, sensible activities. They are supervised at all times by teaching staff. Children may bring along a suitable game or colouring book to share on these days.

Collection of your child by someone else
From time to time parents are unable to pick up their child from school and may arrange for a relative or family friend to collect their child.

The college must be informed of any changes to how your child is collected from school.

Medical Conditions
A big thank-you to all parents who have provided the college with action plans and medication for their children with medical alerts.

If your child has a medical condition and you have not informed the college please speak to Shirley as soon as possible.

Family Details
The college urges parents to keep up-to-date contact details for your family at the college office.
Home School Communication

Building a strong sense of community and belonging is essential particularly when a child starts a new school. One way in which you can assist in your child’s transition into our new school community is by communicating regularly with your child’s class teacher.

It is important that any homework set by the class teacher and any messages in regards to behavior is followed through to ensure consistency between home and school.

Our teachers are always available for quick discussions or queries both before and after school. If you have an issue that you wish to discuss privately with your child’s class teacher please see them to make an appointment time. It is important to address any concerns or queries with your child’s teacher before making an appointment with any of the Principal Team.

Your child’s teacher has a better understanding of your child’s learning and behaviour. If you require further assistance do not hesitate to contact the School Reception to make an appointment with a Principal Team Member.

Prep-Grade 2 Update

We are very happy with the start that the Prep-Grade 2 area has had this year. As a new school we are pleased how well the students have settled.

Students have been developing class rules, mottos and establishing classroom expectations in their ‘Learning to Learn’ unit.

All students are now taking home books to read and Oxford words to learn. We encourage students to read their books ‘again’ and ‘again’, look at the pictures and point to the words.

Prep students will be starting full-time (9.00am-3.30pm) as of March 4th.

Exciting times ahead....

Rita Mather  
Prep-Grade 2 Coordinator

Grade 3 – Grade 6 Update

The grade 3-6 students have had an exciting start to 2013. Adapting to a new school, making new friends and meeting new teachers has all been done with enthusiasm.

After completing the ‘Learning to Learn’ program we had our first 3-6 assembly for the year where we shared our class mottos, mascots and class mission statements. Assembly is a great place to celebrate student work and reinforce expectations of the students in class and out in the yard.

We have all now settled into establishing strong practices in reading, writing and numeracy. Our inquiry topic for this term is a health based topic where the students look at how they can be the best person possible.

Ian Murdoch  
Grade 3-6 Coordinator
Child Safety

School Crossing
Wyndham City Council have committed to a school crossing opposite the Kindergarten. The college has been advised that students will have access to the crossing in coming weeks.

Bikes and Scooters
The college requests students do not ride bikes or scooters to school. This is due to student safety and no secure location to house such equipment.

Parking
The college would like to remind parents about the dangers of double parking.

A reminder that parking is available to parents on Crossway Ave.

Please beware that Wyndham City Council will randomly send parking officers out to college to police road safety and fines will be issued for breaches.