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It is great to see students having healthy options for their lunch, however can I remind parents of Junior Primary students not to send cans (eg Tuna) to school. Please empty the contents into a small lunchbox at home first. We have had an incident of a child asking their friend to help open a small can and she badly cut her finger!!

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This year our fees were set at $219 per child. This is the minimum cost set by the Government and covers the education of your child for 1 year. We count on our families paying and budget accordingly, but unfortunately each year we have a number of outstanding fee payments. Currently we have 40% of our families who have not yet paid their school fees. This is just a reminder to people who may have forgotten and need a prompt!

I must also remind people that you may qualify for school card, so if you’re uncertain please contact the front office for assistance. The ability to pay fees off is also available!

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On Friday 5th September we begin our 4 YO programme for students who have turned 4 and intend to enrol at Ascot Park PS. The early years are crucial to the learning experiences of children and this programme aims to build on learning at pre-school, improve transition to school, establish relationships and enrich literacy and numeracy skills.

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Website Upgrade

As mentioned previously our school website is currently being professionally upgraded by DBG Company. I had a meeting last week to look at the final setup and signed it off this week. It will now take 3 to 4 weeks before it will be on-line. It looks great!!

Family Maths Challenge

Talk about the Maths Challenge as a family and see how you all solve the problems. Record how you do the challenge and then bring it into school (with name and class) and post it into the Maths Box in the office by Friday. We will acknowledge students’ and family efforts in the next newsletter.

Challenge # 7 – Stranded

a) There has been a flood near a local farm causing a herd of 48 sheep and 12 lambs to be stranded on top of a hill. The only way the farmer can rescue the herd is by using a tractor pulling the trailer. The trailer can hold only 6 sheep or 12 lambs at a time. How many trips will the farmer need to take to rescue his entire herd?

b) If the herd consisted of 480 sheep and 120 lambs, how many trips would the farmer need to make?

#6 Answer – WORDS

How did your family go with solving last time’s problem?

4081 = Four thousand and eighty one
18064 = Eighteen thousand and sixty four
4066761 = Four million, sixty six thousand, seven hundred and sixty one

Congratulations to Dee-Jaye Roach who correctly answered our Triangle Challenge.

PERFORMING ARTS – Heather Smith

Designed by Doyoun
GIRAWU THE GOANNA
(A Dreaming Story)

The goanna men would not share their water. A little goanna wife found out where it was. The warrior helpers showed her how to ram her yam stick into the spring. The spring became the Murrumbidgee River which flows into our Murray River. The goanna wives were so ashamed of their husbands for being selfish that they turned into birds and flew away.

Students viewed the story, designed their own goannas and discussed how we would make a new mural for our school. We also used the story to create, perform and record sound-scapes in music. In drama some students acted out the story while others used their drama to explore what happens in relationships when people are selfish and do not share. (Which was the teaching point of our Dreaming Story)

Designed by JingYa
STUDENT SAFETY ALERT
"Students and families are reminded to be wary of approaches from strangers, especially when they are unaccompanied or travelling to and from school. If they are approached students should not respond and should not accept offers of rides or gifts.

Students should seek the assistance of other nearby adults if they feel unsafe and should report the event to a trusted adult (parent or school staff member) as soon as possible.

SAPOL advises that taking out a mobile phone and calling police can deter the offender and they recommend the student making a formal report to their closest police station.”

Further information
Please contact your Principal Consultant if you are aware of any relevant information or require further advice.

Friday 5th September
Between 9:00am – 12:00pm

What’s happening?
✓ Play is the Way games
✓ All classrooms open; all students involved
✓ Numeracy and Mathematics being showcased
✓ Games that can support children’s mathematical knowledge
✓ Quick Smart sessions
✓ Come and see what happens in your child’s class
✓ Have a look at what other classes around the school are doing
✓ Whole School Assembly – students will share maths learning
✓ Join us for morning tea
✓ Join Mr Cox for a Principal’s Tour

8:55 – 9:15 Play is the Way Games and activities
9:15 – 10:05 All students involved in Maths lessons and activities
10:15 – 10:50 Whole School Assembly
10:50 – 11:30 Parents invited to Morning Tea - in Library
11:45 Principal’s Tour

United Taekwondo is now located at 4/880 South Rd Edwardstown!
We offer classes for ages 3 years to Adults.
Taekwondo helps with self-confidence, self-discipline and self-defense.
We would like to invite you to come and try United Taekwondo.
With an Introductory Offer of Two Weeks for $14.95 – That’s 6 Classes!
To book please phone 0414 468 533.

We hope you can join us on Friday morning, 5th September.
CPS CORNER

"Can we all just get along?" asks Guy Sebastian in one of his songs. These lyrics have been popping into my head a lot over the last two weeks in the wake of the loss of life on the Malaysian Airlines plane in the Ukraine, the takeover of a large part of Syria and Iraq by an entity calling itself the Islamic State, the ongoing fighting between Israel and Hamas over Gaza and the remembrance of World War I as it is 100 years since the start of that conflict. Although Guy Sebastian does not answer the question he raised, perhaps we can find some answers in our own school- and backyards.

There are many and multiple strategies for promoting peace and stability. From observing difficulties in the playground over the last two weeks I would like to highlight the strategy of “leaving people alone” or “giving people space”. Someone does something that another person does not like and the situation can go one of two ways – either the conflict gets resolved and there is a return to peace, or else there is an escalation in the conflict and things get worse. Whatever the rights and wrongs on the situation, in a case of rising conflict at least one of the parties needs to give themselves and the other party some “space” in order to give time to assess the situation and find solutions leading to peace. It sounds simple but in reality it is quite difficult. This time of space can be quite painful because it reminds us constantly that something is not right. There is pain in being together and pain in being apart.

This is where a third party needs to be involved. Sometimes this third party is asked to help and at other times the third party is forced to help in order to stop things getting worse. This third person or persons can help to ease the pain while solutions are looked for and found. Sometimes solutions are found quickly and at other times it can take days, months, years or even a lifetime! This can be frustrating but it is important to use your third party to take-away this frustration too. The third party may be the same person or it may be different people over the years.

My dog Toby and I have needed “space” from each other the last few days as I have been fighting a virus. Two things have gone out of whack – either he wants to play when I feel too sick to do so or I want to cuddle him when he does not want to be cuddled! In both cases we need our space. Fortunately my daughter has been able to be the third party to either play with the dog or talk to me. Thank goodness for third parties!

Til next time
Karen Tromans
CPSW