**From the Principal’s Desk**

Last Saturday the asbestos eve above the bubble taps was removed and replaced with cement sheeting (not containing asbestos). An Occupational Hygiene Field Technician tested the area and found there was no asbestos present. I am still following up the issue of lead paint residue. The bubble taps will remain out of bounds until we receive confirmation that the area is safe.

**Parent Information Evening**

We have scheduled a parent information evening for this Wednesday 15th October (tomorrow night) at 7.00 pm to discuss the Peer Review Report (this report will be the basis of the school new ‘Strategic Plan’) and discuss the possible structure of the school with our enrolment increasing to almost 40 students in 2015. We can also report on the Parent Opinion Survey which we received last week. We intend to finalise the school structure on our curriculum Day on Monday 3rd November. *We would like to have as many as possible of our parents attend.*

**Student Achievement Awards**

*Year P – 2*
Cameron Horton - For applying himself in his learning and adjusting really well into his new school.

*Year 3 – 6*
Tana Males - Always trying to do her very best.

**Reading awards**

Congratulations to Keira Watts for 175 nights.

**For Your Diary**

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**Portraits**

We have four sets of vouchers for photographic portraits left over from the Trivia Night. We are happy to give these away to out parents. All vouchers have considerable discounts and they expire at the end of October. See John if you are interested.

**Excursion**

We have organised an excursion to the Melbourne Museum to study Dinosaurs on Wednesday 19th November. We will be travelling by bus leaving at approximately 9.15 am and will return before 3.30 pm. The cost will be $20 per student. Students must bring play lunch, lunch and a drink.

**Parent Opinion Survey**

permission form will be sent out in a couple of weeks time.

Thank you to the parents who took the time to complete and return the ‘Parent Opinion Survey’ last term. The results came back late last week and are excellent with 17 of 18 categories above the 75th percentile including 4 above the 90th percentile. (Those being parent input, reporting, extra curricula and student safety). Extra curricula has moved from way below the 10th percentile, clearly clarification of what constitutes extra curricula has had a significant impact. The only area which we need to examine is connectedness to peers which was just under the 50th percentile. On examination of the actual results no parents responded strongly disagreed, modestly disagreed or mildly disagreed. Five neither agreed or disagreed while 10 strongly agreed, modestly agreed or mildly agreed. My experience is that when people are not sure of the answer they sit on the fence and put neither agree or disagree. We will follow this up at the ‘Parent Information Evening’ tomorrow night.

**Book Club**

Book Club was sent out with last weeks newsletter. Orders must be back at school by next Monday 20th October. The Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program resumes this Friday. For new parents, students will...