We hope everyone had a great break and are ready to head into a busy term three. There are several important things to report since late last term.

We are pleased to welcome Meg Haycox to the school. She will replace Janine while she is on family leave. The quality of applicants was very high and we are very happy to have Meg become part of our team. She will begin on Monday 28th July and spend two weeks shadowing Janine to learn her role before Janine leaves on Friday 8th August.

The building program has been in full swing over the holidays with most of the works completed. The painters started yesterday and the carpet will be laid next Monday. The new blinds will hopefully be installed late this week or early next week.

We have not used all the budget and we will identify some other improvements in this building in the coming weeks.

Until further notice please do not use the entrance near the office as the tradesmen are still working in the passage/office area.

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Religious Education

We understand that these dates will not suit everyone but please make your appointments this week.

Thank you to everyone who fed Sooty over the holidays, it is much appreciated!

Religious Education will re-commence this term with Miss Von. Only parents who have returned the permission form indicating they wish their child(ren) to have RE will participate. Those students not participating will be supervised by teaching staff with non core curriculum activities.

We welcomed back Gayle Burley today after a long lay off after hip surgery that included some complications and setbacks. We all promise to look after her!

Our fifth annual Trivia night has been confirmed for Saturday 9th August at ‘Seasons’ in Riddells Creek. The cost is $50 a head for a two course meal as well as tea and coffee, drinks at bar prices. As always it is a great night with lots of laughs and prizes.

Bookings can be made with Kari Males. It has been a sell out the last couple of year so get in early and don’t miss out.

As reported in our last newsletter we have a new borrowing policy for the library. After a blitz we recovered a number of books that had been missing for some time, some from homes and some from in the library where it is likely the books were not returned correctly. This can be both teacher or student error. We will endeavour to be more vigilant in this area. Also overdue book slips will be sent home every Friday so parents can follow up unreturned books promptly.

Any overdue books from last term or previous to last term have been removed from the system and are deemed lost.

Birthdays

From the Principal’s Desk
With the help of parents we have changed some aspects of the student reports as indicated in previous newsletters. A sample was sent home two weeks ago.

Teachers have been spending a lot of time preparing the reports and have already made the following observations.

The hoped time saving in preparation of the reports has not been as much as we thought it would be.

It is difficult to write a lot about ‘areas for Improvement’ when there are students who are doing exceptionally well. We accept we are very lucky that we have so many students in this category. This still doesn’t make it any easier to write about. Some of these children will have quite short comments in this area. Could parents please accept that is an indication that your child is doing very well, not that the teacher has nothing to say. Nit picking about the tinniest floors in a students performance is not helpful just to fill up space. Any questions parents have about this can be addressed at interview.

Students who have some challenges ahead have several comments in the ‘areas for improvement’. Invariably his is the very same list that appears in the ‘discussion points for interview section’. This is a double up which is not more work but can look pretty silly.

We will have another parent meeting a week or two after the interviews and see if any further changes would be helpful.

Congratulations to the following students:

Clancy McLaughlin 50 nights
Melissa Salmon 50 nights
Chiara Rooke 75 nights

What’s on this month?
- $14 Lunch Specials
- $7 Coffee & Cake All Day
- Kids Eat Free from 5pm-7pm
- Wednesday Oyster Night
- $15 Pasta Night Thursdays

Winter Takeaway Special
Order 2 pastas off our Pasta Menu and we’ll throw in a garlic bread and a pudding FREE!

Bring in this voucher when dining to get your COFFEE Free!

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