Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final term of 2016. Congratulations to all Western Bulldogs supporters and commiserations to all those Sydney Swans supporters. It seems that fairy tales can come true!

Whilst term four is always incredibly busy please remember that it is really important to finish strong! Continue to listen to your children read every night and ensure they come to school EVERY DAY so they can make the most of every single learning minute.

Our students and staff have returned from the camp in Korea and it has been an incredibly rich learning experience for them. We are really hoping that this will be the first of many cultural tours to Korea and visits to our sister schools.

This year our school has been working hard on the new departmental child safety standards. As part of this process the school has developed a new Child Safe Environment Policy and a Child Safety Code of Conduct, as well as reviewed existing policies including: Mandatory Reporting, Student Engagement and Wellbeing. These policies are all available on our website and I encourage everyone to take the time to read them.

The Student Engagement and Wellbeing policy and guidelines, the Child Safe Environment policy and the Child Safety Code of Conduct will be given to all new families and staff as part of the enrolment/induction process. If you would like a copy of these policies please ask at the front office.

We have a very busy term ahead of us, and of course we are all looking forward to the school fete on Saturday. The fete is one of our major fundraisers as well as a fun community event. We would love to see you all here on Saturday. I’d like to say a big thank you to our amazing and hardworking fete committee who have put in many hours to organise the fete for us and to all businesses who have donated items to support the fete.

Our grade six students have less than 11 weeks left of primary school. We will be sad to farewell them of course, but know that we have certainly provided our students with a strong foundation for them to continue their growth and learning. The grade six graduation will be on December 8 – please check the back calendar for all important dates and events.
News from Nadia cont.

We also have our mini Olympics this term for students in grades prep, one and two and bike education for grades 5.

We welcome our new 2017 preps next Tuesday 18th, 2:15-3:00pm for the first of their transition days. We look forward to welcoming our new students.

Please remember that Monday October 31st is a pupil free day, as teachers will be working on the new Victorian Curriculum that we will be teaching in 2017. The OSHC program will be operating on this day if you require care for your children. Enrolment forms for this day can be picked up from the office or OSHC room.

Road safety - each of our students is so very precious and it worries us each afternoon while we are on duty to see adults leading children by the hand as they dangerously cross the road and not use the supervised crossing. Please ensure you use the crossing when you cross Carruthers Drive and send the right safety messages to your children. Also it is very busy in the car park alongside the school with this being a popular pick up spot. Please remind your children to wait on the foot path for you to collect them, rather than them waiting on the road. If someone else is collecting your children for you, please remind them about this very important safety message.

Punctuality - In the mornings we have students arriving as early as 8am. There is no-one on yard duty until 8:30am. We have before school care available for our families who need to bring their children early because of their own work or family commitments. Please don’t send your child too early to school.

Breakfast Club is running again in Term 4 on Thursday & Fridays 8:15—8:45. All students are welcome.

Please remember we have an iPad 1:1 information session in the library (5.30-6.30pm) for 2017 PLT 1 families on Monday 17th October.

Nadia
Social and Emotional learning for students - Social and Emotional learning for students... Friendship patterns in primary school.

Children choose friends who have similar interests and enjoy similar activities. During primary school close friendships are most often with a child of the same sex. This is related to children’s preferences in play. Boys tend to prefer active kinds of play in groups, whereas girls typically prefer gentler games in pairs or threes and use talk more than action. Such preferences may be especially strong around the ages of eight and nine when many children become more aware of social expectations regarding girls’ and boys’ behaviour. These expectations can create difficulties for boys who are interested in gentler kinds of play and for girls who prefer the kind of active play that is usually associated with boys.

Friends cooperate and communicate more with each other than with other children. They also have conflicts more often, but usually manage to settle them without upsetting the friendship. Friends influence each other’s behaviour. Over time they may take on similar mannerisms, language and preferences. Although friendships usually have positive effects, friends who have behavioural problems may encourage problem behaviour in one another.

As children’s interests and developmental needs change, their friendship patterns may also change. By the middle of primary school it is common for children to form small friendship groups based around similar interests. These groups often establish their own rules about who can join them. Setting rules and learning to negotiate them is important for helping children to develop their understanding of social relationships. However, when children lack cooperative relationship skills it can lead to friendship groups being dominated by some children and excluding others.

Key social skills that help with friendships include: cooperation, communication, empathy, emotional control and responsibility.

Positive social skills which lead to forming strong friendships: Starting conversations, taking turns, expressing feelings, sharing, apologising to others, following the rules of the game, asking questions, complimenting others, accepting others, listening to others, playing fairly, cooperating, being a good loser, refusing to join others’ negative behaviour.

Walk to School – VicHealth’s Walk to School month encourages primary school children to walk, ride or scoot to and from school throughout October, to help them get the 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day. Walking to and from school can also give you more time to connect and chat with your kids, and the opportunity to meet up with other local families along the way. If you can’t walk all the way, your child can still get involved – simply drive part of the way and walk, ride or scoot the rest! We encourage all our families to participate in Walk to School and enjoy the warmer morning by walking to and from school even if it is only part of the way.

Family Photos – We apologies for the mix up of dates for the Family Photos. Grade 6 & most families will have their photos taken on Wednesday October 19th. However due to this week’s swimming and the Year 4 camp we have had to ask the photographers to return on Monday October 24th to pick up the remaining families.
Get Ready for the Cambridge Primary School Talent Quest!

The student leadership team is organising a talent quest to be held over lunch time in two weeks’ time.

We will be holding heats for students between Monday October 25 and Wednesday October 27 with the grand final being on Friday October 28.

Each of the heats and the grand final will be held in the big gym over lunch time, with the winners presented at assembly on Monday November 7th.

We have encouraged students to sign up for the talent quest and we look forward to celebrating Cambridge Talent!

People can come and watch the heats and final.

It will cost people 20 cents to watch the heats and 50 cents to come and watch the finals.

Posters will be put up in each classroom and around the school reminding people of the following dates:

Monday 25th October (P/1/2 heats)
Tuesday 26th October (3/4 heats)
Wednesday 27th October (5/6 heats)
Friday October 27th GRAND FINAL
Monday November 7th – presentation of winners at school assembly
2016 FETE—Saturday 15th October

Pre ordered wristbands & fete money will be available at the ‘pre-order’ desk outside the main office on Saturday. Pre-ordered show bags will be available for pick up from the show bag stand. There will be some show bags available for sale on the day. Any new wristbands & fete money can be purchased on the day. The raffle will be drawn approx. 2:30pm Saturday. All performances will be in the Truman gym (small gym). Please return all sold & unsold raffle ticket books.

PLT 6 & family photos

We have booked our **PLT 6 & family photos for October 19th**. Unfortunately this will clash with our **PLT 4 camp**. Family photos for **PLT4 & their siblings** have been rescheduled for **Monday 24th October**. Photo envelopes have been sent out. Please bring them on photo day with the correct money.

Communication & Correspondence

We would like to remind parents & carers that if you need to collect your child from school early our procedure is that you need to come to the office & collect an early pass to take to your child’s teacher in the classroom. Sending the teacher a note to ask the child to wait at the office isn’t part of our procedure anymore as it takes other students out of the classroom and away from their learning. We thank you for your support with this.

Our office hours are 8.30am till 4.30pm everyday except we will be closing the office at 3.45pm on Thursdays and 4.00pm Fridays. This allows us to have staff meetings and staff training.

We are trying to minimise messages passed to students in the classroom. We understand that sometimes emergencies happen and you need a message passed to your child. Any late bookings for After School Care will be announced at the end of the day.

Hats on Term 4

We have slouch hats available to buy at the office. They are $15 each. Our **legionnaire hats** have now arrived also.

Also our school bags are now available to buy at PSW, our uniform suppliers.
News from the Professional Learning Teams (PLTs)

PLT PREP
Welcome to Term 4! This week we are participating in our swimming program at AquaPulse. The students have enjoyed this extra-curricular activity with their peers. This term hats need to be worn outside. Please ensure your child has their hat at school every day and it is clearly named. Don’t forget to name your child’s jumper as the weather heats up and they remove it. A named jumper is much easier to return to their own than an unnamed one!

This term in the classroom we will be preparing the students for the move up to grade one. A whole school transition will occur later on in the term. More info on this will be in later newsletter. If you have any questions about this please see your child’s teacher.

PLT1
Welcome back to Term 4 we are looking forward to a fun and exciting final term of 2016, with lots of extra curricula activities and learning. The students will continue to apply different reading strategies to assist them with reading, with a focus on accuracy and comprehension. Students will also continue to develop their writing abilities. During numeracy this term we are focusing on place value.

We have introduced our new inquiry unit ‘My Personal History: What remains of the past, what has changed and why?’. In the upcoming weeks children will be participating in interviewing a grandparent, parent or friend to gain insight into life in the past. This week the grade 1’s are looking forward to the school fete on Saturday 15th of October. Thank you to all those parents for their donations for the lucky dip. The grade 1 teachers are looking forward to a successful and productive term 4.

PLT 2
Term 4 already! We hope everyone had a safe & relaxing holiday. We are currently learning about the earth’s resources and why they are important. We had a great rotation activity on Thursday, where all the grade 2 classes were mixed into new groups to complete an inquiry activity. We introduced them to some of the earth’s resources and the students had to cooperate to order the resources from most important to least important. It was great to see the discussion and collaboration that was happening between students from different classes!
PLT 3
We have had a wonderful start to term four in grade three with all of our students’ coming back ready and raring to go for a jam-packed full last term. There will be many different activities happening this term. Students will be involved in an incursion all about financial mathematics and money saving, and a multicultural celebration day where we will showcase the many cultures and religions in our grade three cohort.
Grade four camp notes have been handed out and should have been returned by Friday 7th October. If you are yet to return your child’s note or have any questions about the camp please feel free to chat to your child’s classroom teacher.

PLT 4
The grade 4s started the swimming program this week, which has been exciting! We have the fete on Saturday, which will be filled with activities, attractions, performances and delicious food. Some of the grade four students will be performing, including the choir, members of the drumming club and 4B and 4F.

Next week, many of the students will be attending Camp Oasis from Wednesday - Friday. Just a reminder that students should arrive at the school on Wednesday between 8:30 and 8:45am, which will allow enough time to organise luggage and medications (there will be a drop off table set up for medications to be checked in). The students will be having an assembly on Friday to answer any of their questions and remind them of what to bring etc. We are all looking forward to camp and are sure it will be a fun and rewarding experience for everyone!

PLT 5
It has been a positive start to the term for the students in Grade 5 and as usual it will be a busy time. Everyone is looking to the Fete this Saturday and I’m sure students will bring in some great home baking for the Y5/6 Cake Stall. It will be good to see everyone there on the day.
We had a number of students within our grade attend the regional athletics this week, testing their skills and abilities against many other top athletes from around the area. Big congratulations to all those who took part.
The inquiry topic for the term is “Civics and Citizenship” where students will learn about the various aspects of leadership and skills required from famous people through to local council and school community leaders. This will give them valuable insight as they start making applications for the Y6 leadership roles for 2017.
We are hoping to have an excursion at some stage during the term and once this has been clarified the information will be passed on to our parents.
Lastly, we look forward to the safe return of our group of students who have been in South Korea over the past couple of weeks. I’m sure they have had a wonderful experience; one they will never forget.

PLT 6
During term 4 grade 6 students will be focused on preparing for transition from primary to secondary. The class activities will reflect this in many different ways. Please add the graduation date to your diaries, it is on the 8th of December and will be held at South West Christian Church on Hogan’s Road, the same venue as last year. This proved to be a great space. Later in the year students always look forward to our excursion to Adventure Park, permission notes will be heading out for this later in the year.
Hello I’m Gus and Tuesday October 11th I participated in the Regional Athletics at Keilor Park, competing in Shot Put. I threw 10.9m winning myself a first place and a GOLD medal in this event. I will be participating in the State Athletics on October 24th. I hope I do well.

Our boys relay team also won their way through to the next level & hold a new record. Below are their individual results.

Evan(U12/13B): 1st in Shot Putt, 2nd in LJ and 1st in relays
Matthias(U12/13B): 1st in TJ, 1st in relays
Ruth(U10G): 1st in TJ, 2nd in 800m
Thomas Brown(U12/13B): 1st in relays
Jerome(U12/13B): 1st in relays
Monique Gaviriadis(U12/13G): 1st in Hurdles, 2 nd in High Jump.
Jake Gaviliadis(U10B): 2nd in shot putt
Gus(U9/10B): 1st in Shot Putt

Great achievements by all our of students who competed on the day.
In term 4 all students will be investigating Earth Space Sciences. Here is a list of topics for the term:

Thanks
Susie Blake, El Briffa, Gaye Aldridge

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In term 4 all students will continue to focus on experimenting with pronunciation and intonation in Italian. The focus is on listening to the sounds, shapes and patterns of Italian through activities. Here is a list of topics for the term:

- Prep : La mia famiglia—the family
- One : Il corpo—the body
- Two : L’orologio—time
- Three & Four : Writing letters to our Sister School

Grazie
Signora Tregilgas & Signora Antonello
PARENTING RESILIENT KIDS

We are inviting parents and their primary-school aged children to take part in a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to parent with confidence and stay connected with their pre-teen child.

THE RESEARCH ABOUT?

You are invited to participate in research being conducted by Monash University, led by Dr Marie Yap. The research aims to evaluate whether our new online parenting program can help empower parents and in turn build their child's resilience.

WHAT IS INVOLVED?

You will be randomly allocated to one of two groups, to receive either:

1) An individually-tailored, interactive online parenting program that will give you practical strategies you can use to parent your child more confidently;

OR

2) An information package of 8 weekly factsheets about child development and well-being.

- We will give you a 5-minute call once a week until you have completed your allocated program.
- We will ask both you and your child (if they agree to take part) to complete some online surveys at the beginning, and after 3 and 12 months.

In total, participation in this research will take a few hours of your and your child’s time over 12 months. To say thank you, you will be reimbursed with e-gift vouchers.

All components of the online program can be done using a computer, tablet, or smartphone.

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Parents or guardians of a child aged 6-11 who live in Australia, are fluent in English and have Internet access.

HOW DO I FIND OUT MORE?

To find out more, or to register to participate, please go to www.parentingresilientkids.com.

For further details, please contact the researchers at med-resilientkids@monash.edu or on (03) 9901 2292.
## Calendar and Important Dates ~Term 3 2016

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**Cambridge Fete**  
Saturday 15th October  
10am—3pm  
Everyone Welcome