Welcome one and all to our new and improved newsletter. This is the first edition of our ‘spotlight’ version where certain staff or students will have the chance to contribute to the newsletter for the week.

This week we feature items from the Infants Class.....

**Spelling:**
Year 1 and 2 students (stage 1) will be receiving spelling words next week. These are based on our sound of the week starting with “a” for apple. Kinder students will be given 2 sounds to practise every day. This means they will need to write out the letters and practise the sound they make. This year the spelling groups are named after fruit. Home readers will be sent home soon.

**History:**
As you would have noticed, notes were sent home about where families originated from. We will be locating these on a map to refer to over the course of the term. Please return those completed notes by Monday the 15th February.

**Science:**
Stage 1 students began their Science unit on Wednesday. Students have permission to bring in a toy with moveable parts for Wednesday of next week (the 17th February). For example, a jack-in-the-box, train, wind-up toy etc.

*Psalm 27:14 NKJV*
From High School Science

This term in science the stage 5 students will be learning about genetics and the theory of evolution. With the split stage 4 and 5 for practical lessons our students have been making some edible DNA molecules. Hoping to have a robust and open discussion on evolution and what we as Christians believe based on countless evidences.

The stage 4 students will be learning a unit on how to work scientifically using various laboratory equipment. The student’s goal this term is not to be vague while explaining various experiments but to be precise. They have been encouraged not to use words like "that stuff" or this "thing-a-majig" or even "that thing which is round".

Stage 4 and stage 5 have been given homework and are expected to be prompt in submitting them every Tuesday.

Once again can I encourage the students that if they are away during Science lessons it is their responsibility to collect missed work from the teacher.

Hoping to have a great year!

House Captains for 2016

Congratulations to the students who were elected this week as the house captains.

Abednego (green) - Lil Hay and Matthew Everingham
Meshach (red) - Taylor Murray and Josh Everingham
Shadrach (blue) - Kye Everingham and Luigaidh Jennings-Gallagher

Go Teams!!!
HEAD OF SCHOOL NEWS:

As I write this article for the newsletter I am aware that the School Swimming Carnival is on Friday of this week. The students are getting excited about this event and we will report fully on the results in next week’s newsletter.

This week at our whole school devotion on Monday morning Mrs Chernov spoke about the Bible verse "Be kind to one another...". As a School we are very focussed on caring for each other because we have experienced the care and love of God in our own lives and want to spread this love to those in our care.

Last week the students in the Secondary School helped to assemble all the new tables for use in the Visual Arts and Design and Technology lessons. We are grateful to Mr John Everingham for sourcing these tables and work stools. They are already making a great difference in the D&T/Art room.

I would like to point out that the School has a “No hat – No play” policy. Some students seem to think that that means that they can just stay in the undercover areas and then they don’t have to wear a hat. This is not the case. The undercover areas can only be accessed by walking in the sun, so hats are needed even if just to walk across and back. It is particularly important that secondary students wear their hats to set an example to the younger students. Parents please ensure your children each have a school hat, that it is named and that they take it to school every day.

"Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.” Ephesians 4:32

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