Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Welcome to Week 9. I am looking forward to catching up with many of you at our Easter Hat Parade today. It should be lots of fun.

Last week principals in our area met with the Local Area Commander of Police and our Police Liaison Officers. The main focus of our discussion was Cyber-Bullying. The rise of social media networks has created a space for rapid communication which is a good thing. Unfortunately there are always people who will abuse systems, and this is the case with Cyber-Bullying. I watched an edition of Compass on the ABC last Sunday which addressed the issue and highlighted some innovative programs that are being used in schools. Next term I am hoping to run some workshops in conjunction with the police for students and for parents. I’m sure that if we all work together we can make a difference in this very important area.

Next week Year 6 will be going to camp. Some students will be going to Wooglemai and some to Jervis Bay. I will be visiting both camps and I’m sure that the children will make many happy memories.

We have several swimmers competing at the state carnival next week. I know that you will join with me in wishing them well. We look forward to hearing how you went, and I’m sure that you will be great ambassadors for our school.

The bush dance is next week. Please try to come along if you can. It promises to be a great night.

This week I thought I’d share a piece by Diane Loomans with you. “If I had my child to raise all over again, I’d finger paint more, and point the finger less. I would do less correcting and more connecting. I would take my eyes off the watch and watch with my eyes. I would care to know less and know to care more. I’d take more hikes and fly more kites. I’d stop playing serious, and seriously play. I’d run through more fields and gaze at more stars. I’d do more hugging and less tugging. I’d build self-esteem first, and the house later. I would be firm less often and affirm much more. I’d teach less about the love of power and more about the power of love”.

Happy Easter!

Yours faithfully,
Andrew Best

Voluntary school contributions of $43 per child or $65 per family are now being accepted by the school office. As the money goes towards stocking our library, any contribution received will be recognised by a name plate inside one of the library’s new books.

To have your child recognised for his/her school contribution, any money received by the end of Term 2 will automatically result in a book donated in your child’s name. Your child will select the book of their choice and be given the privilege of being the first person to borrow the book from the library.

Thank you for your voluntary support of the school.
Congratulations to the following students who were recognised at their stage assemblies for their recent efforts.

**Week 8**

**KF** Jordan K  A wonderful effort with reading & writing  
**KF** Shanice M  A wonderful effort with her writing  
**KF** Liliana G  Fantastic work during number groups  
**KL** Tilly M  Always taking pride in her work  
**KL** Ethan M  Excellent participation in all activities  
**KL** Toby D  Being a wonderful classroom helper  
**KM** Jasmine S  Outstanding homework & neat bookwork  
**KM** Jennifer J  Beautiful handwriting and excellent work habits  
**KM** Oscar L  An excellent attitude to all class activities  
**KT** Eryn W  Working hard during number activities  
**KT** Alec C  Being an attentive listener and always working hard  
**KT** Ruby C  Fantastic writing and having lots of detailed pictures  
**KTM** Sienna N  Being a wonderful helper  
**KTM** Jayden T  Trying hard with his work  
**KTM** Chloe M  Behaving beautifully all the time  
**1E** Jayden T  Working hard in all areas  
**1E** Olivia V  Excellent effort in all areas  
**1G** Bronte M  Enthusiasm during fitness and dance  
**1G** Aaron H  Enthusiasm during fitness and dance  
**1HP** Ethan M  Being a hard working and conscientious student  
**1HP** Olivia B  Excellent presentation of work  
**1M** Georgie W  An excellent description of herself  
**1M** Zach E  A fantastic description and a great effort with spelling  
**1S** Adeola A  Excellent work during reading groups  
**1S** Logan F  A great improvement in her reading  
**1/2J** Ben K  Excellent work in maths counting money  
**1/2J** Jake S  Excellent work in all areas  

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A big thank you to Tamlyn for designing our Bush Dance Posters. They look fantastic!

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A team of 32 will represent the school at the Razorback Zone Cross Country Carnival in May. Training for the cross country team will commence soon.

Cross Country Champions

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The first 4 placegetters in the 8/9 years, 10 years, 11 years and 12/13 years age groups compete at the zone carnival. Please note that 7 year olds do not compete at the zone carnival. Also 8 and 9 year olds race together at zone level and beyond. At our school carnival we run the 8 and 9 year olds separately for safety reasons due to the large number of runners. These events are timed and the fastest four finishers in the two races represent the school in the 8/9 years at zone.

Cross Country Team

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Signed: ________________________________ (Parent / Caregiver)   Date: __________

STUDENT: ___________________________________________   CLASS: __________

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ICAS Competitions for Years 3-6

RETURN THIS SECTION IN AN ENVELOPE WITH PAYMENT MARKED ‘ICAS’ TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY 10TH APRIL.

I would like __________________________________________ of _________ to participate in the ICAS competition.  

(Student’s name)   (class)

Please find enclosed $______________ cash/cheque/EFTPOS entry fee for the following competition/s (please tick):

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Signed: ________________________________   _______________________

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