

LAST DAY TERM 1 THURSDAY, 28 MARCH
EARLY DISMISSAL **2.30PM**

FIRST DAY TERM 2 MONDAY, 15 APRIL



Thank you to staff, students and families who have made the start of the school year such a positive one!!!

We have had such a busy but productive term. A highlight would have to be the Grade 6 leadership conference, which has produced our new school values of Respect, Honesty, Pride and Success. The high quality student led assemblies are a direct result of the leadership skills students acquired over the 3 day conference which will continue to be refined and developed throughout the year.

Our grade one students have completed a successful unit on community helpers. The students swapped their school uniforms to become representatives of the police force, fire brigade, as well as doctors, nurses, posties and....you name it.....we had them!!!! I am impressed with the skills of our parents who dressed their children in amazing costumes. We have noted your skills and will be tapping you on the shoulder for our concert next year!!!!

Our Annual Report to the community for 2012, will be available from the office and also on our school website. If you would like a hard copy, you will need to leave your name at the office.

On a final note, congratulations to Rachelle Hedger, Assistant Principal who will be Acting Principal at Diggers Rest Primary School, for Term Two. Rachelle will be missed by colleagues, students and parents but I know she will make the most of this fabulous opportunity and lead their school community with professionalism, integrity and a high level of expertise.

Have a safe and happy holiday and for those celebrating Easter....Happy Easter and may the East Bunny or Easter Bilby be generous to you!

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Junior School Report

At the grade 6 conference last month, our students were introduced to the '7 Habits for Happy Kids'. The habits were introduced through a book by Sean Covey, which provides a story and discussion points for children of all ages, explaining how these 'habits' can lead to happier and more fulfilled lives. Although this activity was originally completed by senior school students, there are certainly important lessons here for junior school students. The '7 Habits for Happy Kids' are listed below:

Habit 1 — Be Proactive - You're in Charge This means taking responsibility and initiative. Not blaming others and doing the right thing without having to be asked.

Habit 2 — Begin with the End in Mind- Have a Plan This means setting goals and making plans to achieve those goals. This could be as simple as laying your school uniform out the night before school or writing a shopping list! This habit also includes looking at your contribution to your class, your school and your community.

Habit 3 — Put First Things First- Work First, Then Play This habit is all about prioritising. It involves being disciplined and spending time on things that are the most important first.

Habit 4 — Think Win-Win - Everyone Can Win This can often be a tricky one as it involves thinking of the needs of others before your own needs. It's about consideration for others and an understanding that we can't always have our own way. It is also about compromise and finding solutions where everyone can be happy.

Habit 5 — Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood - Listen Before You Talk This involves listening to others with your head, heart and mind.

Often, whilst attempting to make our point known, we don't take the time to listen to others. This habit is about having the confidence to voice our opinions, but also taking the time to listen wholeheartedly, without interrupting.

Habit 6 — Synergize - Together Is Better We have probably all heard the saying 'there is no i in team!' This habit is about valuing the strengths of others and the importance of teamwork. It is knowing that often we can arrive at better solutions and outcomes when working with others.

Habit 7 — Sharpen The Saw - Balance Feels Best This habit is around looking after yourself. It is around having a healthy balance in your life by eating the right foods, spending time with friends, exercising and getting enough sleep. By paying attention to all of the different elements of your life, you will feel happier and more well rounded.

The habits may be a discussion starter for your families. They have certainly helped to frame a lot of the discussions we have been having in the junior school! For more information, please go to

<http://www.theleaderinme.org/the-7-habits-for-kids>.

Rachelle Hedger
Junior Sub School Leader

Early next term we will be sending home student/family information that we have on record for you to update. It is very important that we have updated information in case of emergency. When you receive the information could you update it and send it back to the office asap so we can then have the correct information on our records.

Senior School Report

Year 4

Have you ever wondered how far it was from your front door step to your classroom? Well the year 4 students are learning about length. They are looking at different ways that you can measure things. Why not try this activity at home.

Using formal units (cm, metres, kilometres) and complete the table below.

Activity	Estimate	Actual distance
How far do I travel every day to school?	Estimate how many kilometres it is from your house to school?	Use the internet, Melways directory or another resource to find out the distance travelled in kilometres

Year 5

I was fortunate to attend the year 5 CERES excursion last week. It was a wonderful learning opportunity for our students and for me also! I discovered a lot of new learning about energy and sustainability. We participated in a variety of workshops that were very thought provoking. The activity that we participated in was we had 5 mirrors and had to position the reflection from the mirror to a pot that had a thermometer in it. We had to check the thermometer prior to shinning the reflection on the pot. To my group's surprise, in a short period of time the temperature of the water changed by 10 degrees! CERES is a great educational experience for all students. It is also opened on the weekends for all to enjoy.

Brain buster: What temperature does water have to be before it is boiling?

Year 6

Habit 6 – Synergy – Together is better

Synergy means "two heads are better than one." Synergize is the habit of creative cooperation. It is teamwork, open-mindedness, and the adventure of finding new solutions to old problems. But it doesn't just happen on its own. It's a process, and through that process, people bring all their personal experience and expertise to the table. Together, they can produce far better results that they could individually. When people begin to interact together genuinely, and they're open to each other's influence, they begin to gain new insight. The capability of inventing new approaches is increased exponentially because of differences. Our year 6 students have been working hard on this habit and we look forward to hearing about some of their successes.

<http://www.seancovey.com/>

Challenge: Think of a time when you have worked collaboratively with your peers to achieve a successful outcome?

Our school selected from thousands of valuable school resources – from art and craft, to mathematics and science equipment, to outdoor resources & construction materials thanks to our parents who shopped at Woolworths and saved the Earn & Learn vouchers last year and..... **It's on again.** We have registered so watch this space for more information on when to start collecting vouchers from Woolworths.



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Earn & Learn**

Check your school is registered today