Dates to Remember

**July**

Monday 18th - China Delegation arrive

Tuesday 19th – Whole School Swimming Starts

Wednesday 20th – Grade 5/6 & China Delegation Healesville Sanctuary Foundation Kinder Walk

Thursday 21st - School Banking
  Whole School Swimming

Friday 22nd – EDEC Basketball Day
  Special Farewell Assembly China Delegation 2:30pm

Saturday 23rd – Movie Night * Zootopia *

Sunday 24th – China Delegation Depart

Tuesday 26th - Whole School Swimming

Thursday 28th - School Banking
  Whole School Swimming

Friday 29th – Grade 3/4 Bike Ed

**August**

Monday 1st - Curriculum Day
Welcome Back

A very warm welcome back to school to all students, staff and parents! It is wonderful to see the children’s beaming smiles. The weather has been bitterly cold and not given us a ‘warm welcome’ to term 3 at all!! I hope that everyone has had the opportunity to rest, relax and regain strength to tackle what is looking like a very busy term. All staff are certainly looking refreshed as many were extremely tired and fighting off bugs during the final stages of term two.

On behalf of the school community, I am extending a warm welcome to Tash Satler who has joined our staff to fill a short term vacancy created by teachers taking periods of leave. Tash is teaching grade FD.

Curriculum Day

At our last meeting of School Council, just prior to the end of term 2, School Council approved a curriculum day to be held on Monday August 1st 2016. As Maths is a school priority area, the curriculum day will be spent reviewing pedagogical approaches in Mathematics and the analysis of mathematical data to define students’ entry point to their learning. The day will be facilitated by Sarah Wintle and Meredith Smith. Students are not required at school for this day.

Parent Information Bulletin - Curriculum Overview

Each fortnight, the Parent Information Bulletin is uploaded to the website to provide parents with an overview of areas to be covered in class. This idea provides parents with the opportunity to seek resources to support their children’s learning and to engage in meaningful discussions relating to what children had done during the day at school.

The teachers plan weekly after school and provide a broad outline in the form of the Parent Information Bulletin on a fortnightly basis. The details are then uploaded to the website the following Monday/Tuesday.

Being an effective teacher requires the ability to be very flexible and adaptive because often things just do not go ahead as planned. Please also be aware that, particularly in the senior grades a topic may continue over several weeks. Please be mindful of these two points when reading the “Curriculum Bulletin”.

China

Next week we will welcome a delegation of twelve students and one staff member from our sister school, Yu Feng Experimental School, in Kunshan, Suzhou. I would like to thank the following students/staff and their families for offering their homes to host a member of the delegation:

Darcy Wyley, Ashton and Izzy Smith, Kaylee, Kiana and Tarlia Logiudice, Abbey Richardson, Sarah Chawkley, Dermot, Indiana and Zander Flint. Maddison, Brooklyn and Indiana Young and Tim Stapleton.

I would like to advise the school community that a welcome assembly will be held on Monday 18th July at 2.30PM in the Senior Learning Centre and the Farewell Assembly will be held in conjunction with our normal assembly on Friday 22nd July at 2.30PM. All welcome to attend.