From Kerrie’s desk

Welcome back to all of our parents and students, we hope you had a fantastic holiday together! I was very excited to watch my beloved Bulldogs win the premiership on the weekend. I know we have a few Bulldog families at school, hope you enjoyed it too. I would also like to thank the one student I know who barracks for the Swans, Sheridan, who came up and shook my hand and congratulated me. Thanks Sheridan, this was really appreciated and showed great sportsmanship, I know you are a very passionate supporter.

I hope our 3/4 campers relaxed over the first weekend of the holidays. I hear it was a fantastic experience and teachers were very proud of all students involved.

We have a very busy term 4 planned for your children. Prep to 2 students have an Athletics Day next week and a Swimming Program next month. Our 5/6 students already have some exciting activities planned; including an excursion to Scienceworks, a Science Day at Western Heights College and, of course, Graduation celebrations. A term 4 calendar will be sent home soon.

It’s hat time! Please remember as stated in the last newsletter of term 3, from now on all students need to wear a broad brimmed hat when outside. UV cannot be seen or felt and can be damaging without us knowing. Even today, the Sunsmart website states that sun protection is required in Geelong today from 10:20am to 4:20pm. We will give you a couple of days to find hats again but, starting from Monday, students who aren’t wearing a hat will be required to play under cover.

Building works - As you will have noticed, there is lots happening in our grounds at the moment. The kids love the new synthetic turf between the courts. It seems to be perfect for cartwheels!

The builders are working hard to complete the Devon St paths so we can have access to the playground and entrance way again. Hopefully, this will be early next week.

The oval will be out of action until next year. However, when we return we will have a new cricket pitch, synthetic turf in the goal squares and a new grass everywhere else. A sprinkler system is also being installed.

Thank you to school community members who reported some unsafe behaviour in our school grounds over the holidays. Please remember to call 000 if you see anything suspicious.

Litter - I would like to congratulate you and the students on the great start they have made in keeping the playground litter to a minimum. We had a whole school meeting on Monday morning and talked about making a bigger effort to be proud of our school, look after the environment and think about where our litter ends up (in the bay). I’m congratulating parents as you are important role models for this behaviour. Please keep encouraging your children to ‘bin it’! (As I’m writing this on Tuesday afternoon, a huge storm has come through Hamlyn Heights and blown our bins over! Oh well……….)

Mathletics- Congratulations to students and families on the huge improvement in using Mathletics at home. It’s amazing to see the work that some students and classes are completing and I’m sure this will help improve your overall maths skills, it’s a great program. Thanks to Mrs Hickleton for her work in supporting us in this improvement.

Kerrie Duan
SCHOOL NEWS

MATHLETICS

Congratulations to Mathletic’s Award Winners for the last week of Term 3.
A reminder that points are tallied from Monday to Sunday (hence the reason for this appearing this week).

Jaiden C (PrepU)  1680 points
Charli Q (1H)  2296 points
Oliver G (2L)  11728 points
Tamara V (4/3P)  3290 points
Chloe R (6/5D)  8408 points

Class winners this week -
Prep U (3990 points) 1H (9624 points)  2D (37095 points)  4/3T (14371 points)  6/5D (47436 points)

Congratulations to 4/3T who won the class trophy for the first time - a great combined class effort!
2D also need to be mentioned for having 15 of their 20 students reach 1000+ points - what we want to see.

More students earning points = more students practicing their Maths - YAY!!!!!

THE FOLLOWING STUDENTS DID THE ALL TIME BEST FOR TERM 3. THEY RECEIVED 1000+ POINTS EVERY WEEK IN TERM 3 - 10 WEEKS IN A ROW! A FANTASTIC EFFORT.

Tamara V  4/3P
Isabella G  6/5G
Ilija S  6/5H
Marcus Z  6/5H
James M  6/5S

Two of these students, Isabella and Marcus also received Achievement Awards from Mathletics for stellar performances in Mathletics this academic year.

A few holiday shout outs to Tamara V, Noah D, Ilija S, Talia B, Tiahna S, Mikayla S, Raphael B, Marcus Z, Harrison G and Jenna B for continuing to practise over the holidays and earn value points at the same time - well done!

This term we will be highlighting the top classes each week - the classes with the MOST students per class earning 1000+ points. Look out for this next week when Term 4, week 1 results are published.
School Canteen
The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menus have gone home and are also available either on the School Web page or outside the canteen. Special lunch orders have gone home today. They need to be returned next Wednesday 12th October. Could all parents please write lunch orders on a brown paper bag.

Grade 6 clothes
We still have a selection of Grade 6 t-shirts if anybody needs one for Term 4.
1x Size 16
2x Size 14
1x Size 10

Also have one last hoodie left if there is any Devon students who have misplaced one.

Grade 6/5 News:
- All 6/5 students are attending Western Heights his Friday for a day of Science related activities. We will leave 9:10am & return 2:24pm. Students will need to take their bags with drinks & lunch as usual (no permission/cost ).
- Scienceworks excursion is on Thursday 13th October which is next week! Please return permission forms or see the office if you need another copy.
- Students will be attending the Reader’s Cup at Western Heights next Tuesday 11th October to support the 2 HBPS teams competing in the interschool reading contest. Good luck to the teams! Nerds + Words = Bookworms (Jessie M, Jett, Lachie M, Chloe R) & The Bookie Monsters (Sheridan, James, Ilijia, Tess).

Twilight Netball
Netball at the Hurst Reserve courts begins next Thursday. Today players organised teams with their friends. There are still places for players in all age groups. If students wish to play and haven’t put their names in a team, they need to see Mrs Davidson tomorrow or early next week. Game times are published in the newsletter each week. Training will be on Wednesdays, from 3.20 to 4.00pm, starting next Wednesday. Players are encouraged to train but it isn’t compulsory.
If the temperature is above 30 degrees training and games are cancelled, following Netball Victoria’s guidelines for junior competition.
It is important to remember your $3 game fee and sports bottle of water each week.
To assist with organisation, players may pay their game fee at school and be marked off.

PARENTING CHILDREN WHO WORRY TOO MUCH
FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF CHILDREN AGED 2–12 YEARS

Come along to find out strategies to help your child worry less and stay positive.

Seminar
Tuesday 25th October – 1pm to 2.30pm
Northern Bay Family Centre, 29 Goldsworthy Road, Corio

This seminar is FREE but BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL

Just a reminder that swimming notes are due ASAP. Please advise your classroom teacher of your intentions: if you plan to participate or not!
Remember CSEF is Available to eligible families.
This past week in OSHC…

Welcome back everyone!

Wow can you believe it is term 4 already. I am sure you all return well rested and ready for a busy term 4. I can’t wait to hear all about the adventures you have gotten up to during the break.

The calendar planner is back so make sure you have a look and see some of our upcoming activities. I have also got a monthly planner for important upcoming school dates to help you keep on track of all the exciting things happening this term.

Term 4 is a hat and sunscreen term. Just as jumpers were the ticket outside last term hats and sunscreen are the tickets required this term. We do provide sunscreen but we do not have spare hats. This way it eliminates the spreading of head lice. If your child requires a special sunscreen due to sensitive skin you will need to provide this yourself as we are unable to cater to these children with the sunscreen we get sent. It would be really awesome if you could name your children's hats clearly so they can be returned to your child when they get left behind. Occasionally when we get some hot weather we do like to have a water fight. We use our drink bottles so there is no need to bring along anything for it except maybe a change of clothes and some shoes that are able to get wet without having to worry about if they will dry in time for school. We usually have the water fights on days when the weather is above 30 degrees. If you would prefer your child to not participate please let me know and an alternative activity can be organised.

Don’t forget if you would like your child to attend the OSHC program all you have to do is log onto www.campaustralia.com.au before your child attends and register their attendance.

Thanks for your time,
Mel.

Calling all our Milo in2 Cricket players........

Our Milo in2 Cricket program commences Thursday Oct 13th, 2016, between 5pm and 6pm at:
Osborne Park, Swinburne St. North Geelong Vic. 3215.

If you have a child, relative or family friend please let them know. We are looking for players aged 5-9yo both boys and girls.

If interested in playing Milo in2 Cricket, please use the link below to register.

http://www.playcricket.com.au

Key in North Geelong Cricket Club in the "where can I play" box and complete your details.