To the School Community,

We are well and truly on the way to the end of the school year and with the final weeks approaching preparations for the end of the year and 2015 are in full swing.

During this time it is important that students maintain the high standard of behaviour that is expected from them, as the final weeks are most important and we want students to finish the school year on a positive note. I have been very proud of the students at our school, particularly the way in which they behave during class time and in the school yard. We also expect that students maintain their attendance at school as Reading, Writing and Maths are to be part of the program right up to the last day at school.

For our year 6 students these final weeks are particularly busy with preparations for graduation and transition to high school. Parents need to support their children in enjoying these final weeks and ensure that they encourage their children to participate in the activities planned with Respect and Positivity. I know the students and teachers have been working hard to make these final weeks a success.

Our year 5 students are also in the midst of the School Captain selection process which is outlined below:
1. Student speeches from which 12 students will be shortlisted for the remaining steps in the process. The speeches will be delivered this Friday.
2. A presentation at Assembly that gives the school community an important message – 3 minutes in length Boys on 28th November Girls on the 5th Dec
3. A presentation about an idea that we could adopt at our school to a panel that includes Kerrie, myself, a School Councillor and a member of the 5/6 team that will be delivered on Tuesday 2nd December. The presentation style is up to the student and will be no more than 10 minutes in length
4. Have an interview with Kerrie and myself much like a job interview to be held on December 10th
5. A meeting with the families of the 4 selected Captains with me directly to outline the commitment and behaviour expectations.

This rigorous process will be an opportunity in itself for our students and I’m sure that they will benefit from the experience.

School Council was held last night with the major points of discussion being:

- Student charges for 2015—which will be $185 for the school year. Further information will be distributed shortly but families are reminded that this payment is a requirement that enables the school to provide a range of necessary resources required for your students. The Council spent a great deal of time researching and discussing the amount which is still very reasonable compared to many schools in the local and surrounding areas.
- Ground Master Plan—Which is well underway and expected to be completed by the next School Council meeting in December.
- Maintenance Program—For improvements to be made to 2M and 2D’s classrooms and the sports centre over the summer break. This will include carpet, painting, new cabinetry among many other improvements.
- We also passed the indicative budget and Library Policy that will be posted on the website shortly.

Thanks to all Councillors for their efforts so far this year. I look forward to our last meeting in December.

Enjoy the rest of the week and see you at assembly.

Daniel
SCHOOL NEWS

Twilight Netball
Times – November 20th
4.15 Diamonds, Sherbets Stars (netta), Bobcats
5.00 Ralphies (netta) Dirty Devils, Da A Team, 101’s
As we have a few injured or ill players, we would appreciate it if members of our other teams could help out, where needed. Players only pay for their own game.

Writing by 2D
Ashtyns (2D) individual goal has been to use punctuation in his writing. His narrative demonstrates his ability to use full stops, suspensions (…) and exclamation marks. A fantastic effort Ashtyn!

NINJA
One time a ninja was about to leave the ninja dome. The bridge broke! He was confused! The bridge had never broke. He went back. He was even more confused. His master was gone. Just then the dome disappeared. Then the ninja jumped over the broken bridge and the ninja found a small Chinese village and no one was there. Just then a giant monster came from the city. His name was Mobzilla. The giant creature attacked the ninja but a dragon attacked Mobzilla. The ninja trained the dragon but just then… a portal opened! It sucked the ninja in! Ninja stopped panicking. He saw some kind of dungeon but just then the ninja realised he was in space! He was in a dungeon! Now he is in space! Just then he quickly fell in a hole and… disintegrated to nothing! The end. Or is it….!

PREP & PREP/1 SHOWCASE MASKS
You are invited to come and see the Prep R, Prep S, Prep D and Prep/IF masquerade in their beautiful masks that they have created in Visual Arts.
WHEN – FRIDAY AT ASSEMBLY (21st of November)

2015 Year 5 and 6 iPad Program
A non-refundable deposit of $100 is to be paid by November 29, 2014.

LIBRARY
Library borrowing will finish this week for all students for 2014. Parents: Could you please assist us, in getting all the students library books returned to the library by next Wednesday 26th November, ready for stocktake & preparing the library for students in 2015.,
Thanks Karen Lancaster (Library)
School Canteen
The school canteen will be available for lunch orders Wednesday & Fridays. Over counter sales will be available these days as well. Menu’s are available either on the School Web page or at the office. The Canteen would like to thank everybody for their support. The last day of Canteen will be Wednesday December 17th.

MATHEMATICIANS AT HAMLYN BANKS

This year our staff have been working closely with Andrea Hillbrick, Maths Consultant, as we developed our understandings around teaching mathematics. Our final day with her this year was Monday, and we celebrated the enormous growth that we have seen in our teachers and students alike. Through the use of a 3D Mind Map thinking tool, teachers explored what it meant to be an effective maths teacher, and made connections to their work this year in maths. The result is shown in the photo above. The links that teachers made, and the depth of understanding that was displayed was truly impressive and we should be proud of the work that our teachers do in ensuring their lessons are highly effective. Here are some of the successes of where the teachers professional learning has been put into practice: “We talk about prior knowledge in Maths.” “We use a range of materials and tools.” “We use engaging tasks and relate maths to real life experiences.” “We make the mathematical focus clear to students by using learning intentions and success criteria.” “We develop anchor charts.” “We promote risk taking and make connections.” “We understand the importance and power of reflections.” “We allow think time.”

Laurelle Conder
Maths Coach

House Dress Up Day
Our House Dress up Day theme is continuing tomorrow and Friday.
Thursday it is Devons turn (Green)
Friday it is Vines (Red)
There will be supervised games on the oval at lunch for all members of these teams. More members, More points for your team.

STAR OF THE WEEK
Grade Prep D: Charli G & Raani D
For working like a grade 1 in reading activities.
Grade Prep R: Jesse S
For a terrific attitude towards his learning and showing excellent improvement with his reading.
Grade P1F: Monica P
For terrific efforts in all writing lessons! Well done Monica!
Grade 1O: Jordan P
For focused learning when writing number stories when learning about subtraction.
Grade 1S: Eden H
For producing amazing work in writing.
Grade 1S: Baylin K
For his fantastic and enthusiastic approach to Maths.
Grade 1W: Josephine R
For writing fantastic Space Adventure narratives!
Grade 2D: Shakira S
For working hard to achieve her writing goal of using quotation marks. Great job Shakira!
Grade 2M: Julian C
For making positive choices in the classroom. Great job.
Grade 2W: Keira Q
For being an organised and helpful student.
Grade 43D: Aleksandra Y
For doing an amazing job with Bike Ed and overcoming her fears.
Grade 43J: Lachie R
For his lovely manners in holding the door open for adults. Great job Lachie!
Grade 43M: Blair F
For outstanding skill whilst showing our school values during Bike Ed.
Grade 43S: Daniela N
For always exhibiting our school values of being safe, being a learner & being respectful.
Grade 43U: Milly S
For her accurate use of graphs during Maths.
Grade 65D: Chloe B & Drew B
For being awesome DJ’s at the Prep to 4 disco.
Grade 65G: Eric N
For his wonderful dance moves at the Blue light disco. Awesome job!!
Grade 65L: Emily M
For continuing to show her outstanding reading ability in class activities and getting another 10.9 on her on demand test
Grade 65M: Tahlia L
For her continuous work on her leadership skills. Tutoring others in class and becoming a more independent learner.
Maths Star: Jesse M
For independently using a wide variety of counting strategies during our problem solving activities.
Sports Star: Mekhi K
For his enthusiasm and positivity in all Physical Education classes.
Before School Care: Jordan C
Jordan helped out a fellow BSC student having a difficult time. You make a wonderful Buddy Leader Jordan, well done!
After School Care: Jasmine G
For always being a great help especially with the cooking activities. Thanks Jas!
Before School Care
Hello Everyone!

I think experiments may have been the highlight of last week with our roses changing colour and Debbie's colourful explosions. We have been having a messy week again in BSC with our first attempt at papier mache, hopefully we can turn them into globes before the month is out! We also made colourful pancakes and apple fritters, great idea Austin and thanks for the help Masterchef Jordan! Soon we will be busting out the Christmas activities which are always lots of fun. Please let Mel or myself know if your child cannot participate in these activities so we can modify them to suit your needs.

As of the 8th December, I will be coordinating Holiday Club until the end of the school year which, although it will be sad for me to miss that time with everyone, will mean Debbie can have an opportunity to put into practice the skills she has learnt from her schooling and step up as coordinator. I know she will do a great job!

Our Star of the Week award goes to Jordan C. Jordan helped out a fellow BSC student having a difficult time. You make a wonderful Buddy Leader Jordan, well done!

Thank you, Jess and Debbie

Hi everyone,

Camp Australia have reinstated their exclusion process. Which means that families that have an account that has been outstanding for 28 days, will have their children excluded from the service for non payment. The children will be taken to the office where you will be contacted and required to collect your child ASAP. They will then not be able to attend the program until you have contacted head office and made full payment. I thank you for your support with this in the future.

Our science experiment was a big flop last week, but hey that is science for you. Our art and craft activity was finger print art and proved very popular. We finished off the week by creating a fingerprint tree for a quilt that is being made with the before school care children.

Very soon we will be beginning our Christmas activities (yep, it is nearly that time of year). If you would prefer your child/ren to not participate in these activities can you please come and see me so I can organise alternative activities. We will start these activities the first week of December, if not before to make sure we get through all the activities we have planned.

Don't forget if you would like to book your children in to use the program, all you have to do is log onto www.campauslalia.com.au and register your child. This needs to be completed before your child attends to ensure we have all important information and relevant contact details.

Our star of the week this week is Jasmine G for always being a great help especially with the cooking activities. Thanks Jas!

Thanks for your time,
Mel and Katie.