10 October 2012

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Term 4. This is traditionally our shortest term of the year with nine weeks – but it is no less busy!

Our children in Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 started swimming lessons yesterday and all went very well with some lovely feedback from swimming instructors as to their beautiful behaviour – always good to hear. These classes will be swimming on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday for this week and next.

Our children in Years 3 to 7 will start their swimming lessons next Monday 15 October. Their lessons will be on the following Mondays:

15 October, 29 October, 5 November, 12 November, 19 November and Inter-House Carnival on 26 November.

On Friday 26 October our Year 7 children will run a Mission Day here at school. This involves all the children having a ‘free’ afternoon from 1.30 to 3.00 to enjoy a number of activities led by year 7 students. All money raised will go to help missions here in Australia and overseas. Year 7 parents will today receive a letter outlining details of what the Year 7 children need to do and provide in order to have a successful day. This is a very worthwhile undertaking for our school leaders and I congratulate the children, parents and Mrs Pareezer-Jones for their initiative and dedication in organising this event.

At the present time our year 7 children are mid-way through programmes dealing with issues which are relevant to their age, stage of development and transition to adolescence. The boys’ programme is being run by Mr Stephen Halsall and Mr Andy Roy of Powerhouse Programs (www.powerhouseprograms.com.au) Andy and Stephen will be running a parent evening here on Thursday 8 November at 7.00p.m. in the Hall. This evening is about “Raising Teenage Boys”. Brochures will be sent out closer to the date.

Next Wednesday 17 October our Year 6 children will be sitting for a Science Literacy Test: National Assessment Program – Science Literacy (NAP-SL). We are one of six hundred schools Australia wide who will be participating in this test which is part of a national sample assessment program. This will take approximately 3 hours and we ask that children please not be absent unless absolutely necessary and that they be here on time to start the day.

Thank you.

God Bless,

MARYANNE RILEY - PRINCIPAL