Dear Parents and Friends,

HAPPY MOTHERS DAY:
Thank you to PAFA who have organised a special High Tea this afternoon for our Mothers, Grandmothers and Special Female Role Models. I am looking forward to spending some time with you and giving one representative from each class the opportunity to share their prepared poem/message at the event.

Every child in the school has also prepared a special message which will be displayed on the walls of the Multi-Purpose Room during the High Tea. A special flower will be handed to all Mums who attend assembly tomorrow afternoon as well.

LUNCHTIME CLUBS:
Throughout this term our teachers have continued to implement lunchtime clubs which children are welcome to join should they be looking for an alternative to free play in the yard. The clubs on offer for this term are: Library/Computers on Monday, Tuesday (recesses) and Thursday (recess), Chess Club on Tuesday, Ball games in the Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, Art Club and Sport on Thursday and Walking Club on Friday. I would particularly like to thank our wonderful staff for so willingly foregoing their lunchtime break for the benefit of our children.

GREAT MATE BADGES:
As part of our positive approach to behaviour management in the yard, you will have noticed that selected children across the school have been awarded “Great Mate” badges each week. These little badges are given to children who display positive interactions and / or support other children in the yard. Eg: helping a friend who is hurt or offering to play with someone who is alone in the yard. The children are recognised at assembly for earning these badges each Friday. This is another way our staff encourage children to look out for each other and nurture a positive playground environment.

BUILDING CONFIDENCE IN CHILDREN:
Over the past few months, through our Play is the Way Program we have had lots of conversations with the children about developing their persistence, resilience and confidence. As we know, a confident child is able to take risks and also develop the skills to nurture friendships and manage conflict. I thought I would share the article below which may help to highlight the way you as a parent, can help your child be more confident. It comes from Parenting Expert Michael Grose who has a great website with lots of tips and information: www.parentingideas.com.au

THE POWER OF PARENTS TO HELP SHAPE A CHILD IS ENORMOUS:
Self-confidence is one area that parents have significant influence, particularly for children of primary school-age and below. Kids in these years are on a journey to work out what they can do and how they can fit into their various groups. These are vital confidence and esteem-building years. As a parent, you are in THE prime position to mirror back to kids how they should see themselves. You do this through your messages, your expectations and how you treat your child. Confidence is often confused with extraversion, assertiveness, self-assuredness and cockiness. It’s not necessarily so. You can be quiet, introverted and be full of self-doubt but still feel and act confidently in a given social or learning situation.

Confidence is more about risk-taking and trying new activities. Confident kids are more likely to make the most of their potential as they’ll extend themselves both socially and learning-wise. Failure doesn’t reflect on them personally. Fears and anxieties, while present, don’t stop them from trying new activities. So how can you develop real and lasting sense of confidence in your kids?

Here are 10 ways to build confidence in your kids so they can take their place in the world:
1. Model confident mindsets: Let your kids hear what a confident mindset sounds like. Kids pick up your thinking as well as your language so teach kids how to approach tricky or new situations confidently by doing so yourself. That means, don’t put yourself down if you make a mistake. Make sure your child understands that mistakes are acceptable and part of learning, rather than a reflection on them personally.
2. Encourage kids to look on the bright side: Optimism is catching and helps kids overcome their fears. Help kids set their antennae to look for the good, something positive or the lesson to be learned from any situation.
3. Help them understand self-talk: That little voice inside their heads can talk them up or talk them down. Get kids to listen to their self-talk and help them work out messages that help them, rather than hold them back.
4. Recognise effort & improvement: Low risk-takers and perfectionists appreciate parents who focus more on the processes of what they do, rather than results. Effort, improvement and enjoyment are examples of processes that you can comment on.
5. Focus on strength and assets: Fault-finding can become an obsession for some parents, particularly fathers. Step back and look at supposed faults through a different lens (i.e. stubbornness can be rebadged as determination). Let your kids know what their strengths are so they know they are good at!
6. Accept errors as part of learning: Don’t over-react when kids don’t get the perfect score or make mistakes. Errors are part of learning, ask any golfer!
7. Give them real responsibility at home: Giving responsibility is a demonstration of faith. It fosters self-belief and also provides growth opportunities for kids. Confidence and responsibility go hand in hand.
8. Develop self-help skills from an early age: Confidence is linked to competence. You can praise a child until the cows come home, but unless he or she can do something they won’t feel confident. Basic self-help skills are linked to self-esteem.
9. Spend regular time teaching & training: Parents are children’s first teachers, educating toddlers to do up their shoelaces and teenagers to fill out their first tax form. Look for teachable moments where you can help your kids.
10. Build scaffolds to success and independence: Break down complex activities into bit-sized chunks (learn to smooth the doona, before they make the whole bed) so they can experience success or even cope with stressful situations (go to an anxiety-inducing party for an hour rather than attend the whole party) so they can overcome their fears.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:
Don’t forget to mark the 17th May in your diaries for our annual Grandparents Day. For those of you who are new to our school, this is an opportunity for us to honour our Grandparents by having an Open Morning. Grandparents are invited to come into the classes and spend some time with their grand-children. Afterwards there is a very scrumptious morning tea provided for all our special guests in the Multi-Purpose Room. The children always look forward to this special day and we are sure to have a very big attendance.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Fran Van Lambaart
Congratulations to these children for receiving this week’s awards.

 Payments Overdue

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATON FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
Schools may provide children with unique experiences in the great outdoors, encouraging a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a Healthy curriculum.
CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of camp trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugees families. The online form is open to the schools we use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

LATE ARRIVALS

Kiara P
Ciara S
Brodie R
Amelia W

61
(up by 20!)
**NO CANTEEN THIS FRIDAY DUE TO THE MOTHER’S DAY STALL**

**Mother’s Day Stall**
On Friday 6th May we will be running a Mother’s Day Stall. Gifts range between 50c to $5.00. Students are able to purchase 2 gifts, then will be given to opportunity to purchase more if time allows.

We will also be running a Raffle on the day, tickets will be 50cents each - max 4 tickets per student.

If you would like to help out on the Stall, please contact Victoria Smith.

**Hot Dog Meal Deal**

**WEDNESDAY 11TH MAY**

Please return all orders to school with correct money by **Monday 9th May**. One form per child please.

- Hot Dogs $2.00 each
- Apple Juice $1.00 each
- Jelly Cup $1.00 each

**PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2017**

If you have a sibling of a child all ready attending here who is starting their Prep year, please let us know as soon as possible.

Likewise, if you know of anyone who lives in the area (within our school boundary) and are thinking about enrolling their child for next year, please let us know or get them to contact the school.

Information/Enrolment packs are now available.

**MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**
If a child requires medication at school we need a signed note from parent/guardian. It must state child’s name, the medication name and dose, time to be administered, and the duration it is to be taken (not just the current date). eg if it is to be taken for a week then all dates must be listed. Medications must be clearly labelled with the child’s name and instructions and **handed to the classroom teacher**.

A proforma note is available at the office or you can write your own. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

**Prep 2017**

If you were unable to attend last night’s Open Night due to the event being held at the kinder you are invited to attend a special session with your child to explore the rooms and activities on Thursday 12th May at 12.30pm-1.15pm.

Hope to see you there

Jodie and Rachael
LATE PASSES
Late Arrivals/Early Leavers

It has come to our attention that many children who arrive last at school have not been signed in at the office. Every child who arrives late to school must be signed in at the office. They will then be given a Late Pass to give to their teacher. If a child does not take a pass to class they will be sent to the office to sign in and receive one.

Likewise, every child who leaves early must also be signed out at the office, including the bus book.

PLEASE NOTE THAT PAYMENTS FOR BOOK CLUB CANNOT BE ACCEPTED AT THE SCHOOL. ALL ORDERS AND PAYMENTS MUST BE DONE ONLINE

Walk, ride, scoot & skate to school

Many students live some distance from school, so ‘Part Way is OK!’

Being active on the way to school has many benefits:
- Students feel fresh and more alert at the beginning of the school day.
- There are fewer cars on the road, reducing congestion and greenhouse gases.
- Students can participate in the recommended ‘60 minutes of moderate activity each day’.
- Students feel happier, are healthier and perform better at school.

Currently we have approximately 40% of our kids actively coming to school, so let’s see if we can double that figure and have 80% or more – what are you waiting for?

Healthy kids are happy kids!

For more information contact Council’s Active Children’s Officer, Kate Beveridge on 1300787624.
**Parents & Friends LUNCH DAY Deal!**

Parents & Friends will be having our first lunch for the kids on **Wednesday 11th May**. Please fill out one form per child placing the number required in the boxes and return to school with money by **Monday 9th May**.

Thank you!!!