Room 2 busy bees

The Room 2 students have begun the new school year with a range of different practical activities. These include, paper-mache, cooking and sport. Each student has been encouraged to at the very least “try” each activity. So far, they have all largely been willing to have a go, which has been extremely pleasing. Keep up the good work Room 2.
Important information regarding recall of food products

A link has been found between some brands of pre-packaged salad leaf products by Tripod Farmers and salmonella.

Although the risk of exposure is low, the company has recalled a number of products.

**Further Information:**
Pre-packaged salad leaves - Food recall
http://www.foodstandards.gov.au/industry/foodrecalls/recalls/Pages/Pre-packaged-salad-leaves.aspx

Dr Jenny Proimos
Principal Medical Advisor
Early Childhood and School Education Group

Student Information Details:

Please send back your child’s student information details ASAP.

Thankyou.

Swimming:

Please remember to send back your child’s swimming permission form to the office.
This weeks Award Winners

Room 1: Jack, Nethli, Kye, Isaac, Jaylen for all settling in so well.

Room 2: Will for trying his best in all activities.

Room 4: Matherson for his enthusiastic attitude in the gardening program.

Room 3: Haylea for settling into Room 3 so well.

Room 5: All of Room 5 for working hard around the school grounds.
EVENTS THIS TERM

PARENTS & FRIENDS
President: Kris Vallay  Secretary: Jodie Lennon  Treasurer: Tona O’Connor

Next meeting:  Monday 15th 2016 @ 10.30am at SGSS for a coffee and chat.  New members needed. Please contact Jodie via the office if you are interested. All Welcome

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SOUTH GIPPSLAND SPECIALIST SCHOOL: BUS CHAPERONE/DRIVER
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Next weeks Award Winners for assembly on Monday 5th February at 10.30am. All parents and carers welcome.

Room 1: Blake for sharing with his friends.
Room 2: Thomas for trying new activities. Corey for working hard on his lapbook.
Room 3: Brock Ac for settling into Room 3 so well.
Room 4: Alex for working on building his resilience.
Room 5: Jordan for transitioning into room 5 and making friends.
Communication Program

Students across the school have been learning to identify how they are feeling using the emotions chart in their classroom.

Here Victoria is putting her photo next to the ‘green zone’ where she is happy, calm and ready to learn. Everyone has been extending on this learning through their classroom activities where they are discovering how to identify different feelings in their own bodies and learning the different strategies that can help them to stay in the ‘green zone’.

Claire Aeschlimann

Key Word Sign for the Week

[Diagram with illustrations of signs for 'toilet', 'yes', 'more', and 'wait']
Words From The Office

The term is already flying away from us. There are only 6 weeks left of this term. Please make sure that you prioritise making an SSG appointment with your child's teacher so you have input into setting goals.

Welcome Day
Yesterday we had a lovely Welcome Day celebration with 20 parents/carers coming to join us for a luncheon that was made by our students using produce from our garden. Room 3 students did a terrific job of serving the meal. We also celebrated students gaining awards for their Duke of Ed program. Congratulations to Maddie, Matthew S, Murray, Tom C, Liam, Mikey and Victoria for gaining their awards.

Emergency Contacts Information
Over the past few weeks some schools have been receiving bomb threats which are being taken seriously and evacuation plans into place. Whilst our school has not been targeted it is still an important time to remind all families that it is imperative that the school has the most up to date contact information. The school has an emergency SMS system so that if we were required to contact all families then having correct information ensures families find out at critical times if there is an issue.

Attendance
By law all children aged between six and 17 in Victoria must be enrolled at a registered school or registered for home schooling unless they have a reasonable excuse. School participation is important as it maximises life opportunities for children and young people by providing them with education and support networks. It also helps children and young people to develop important skills, knowledge and values which set them up for further learning and participation in their community.

If the principal does not consider the parent/carers “excuse” to be valid, then the process is as follows. After 5 absence days with no valid excuse, the Principal can write a referral letter to the School Attendance Officers and these officers will contact the families to discuss any issues as to why the child is not at school. If the Officers do not consider the families excuse to be reasonable, then an infringement notice may be issued and the family may have to go to court with the possibility of being fined for failing to ensure their child attends school.

Parents are required to contact the school either via a phone call or by communicating in the diary as to why their child is not attending school that day. Every Day Counts.

School Photographs
School photographs will be on Monday April 18th, 2016.

Have a great weekend
Heather Braden
Principal

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