Dear Parents,

**SNEEZE SAFE CAMPAIGN 2012**

‘Sneezesafe’ is an exciting and fun respiratory hygiene educational program designed to teach children about coughs, colds and flu in the classroom and at home to provide good hygiene habits to help prevent the spread of viruses.

*Sneezesafe* research reveals a rather frightening nine out of ten children wipe their noses on hands and clothes. It also reveals that colds and flu cause children to miss an average six days of school annually.

Using a combination of entertaining online stories, games and teaching materials, *Sneezesafe* has been developed by Australian teachers for Australian school children in the early years of education and is consistent with the Federal Government’s guidelines relating to the control of viruses like flu, H1N1 and the common cold. Teaching children how to ‘Catch it, Bin it, Kill it’ in the classroom means that together we can enjoy a *Sneezesafe* environment.

Once again, the program is being implemented in our classrooms and as part of the teaching kit you will find more information attached with today’s Newsletter, including a pocket pack tissue.

**ADVANCES IN OUR LEARNING RESOURCES**

Since the installation of the Interactive Whiteboards (IWB) in each of our classrooms, they have become an integral part of our teaching and learning. These have been complemented with laptop computers and an upgrade to a fast network with internet access. As a result, the world has been brought to the forefront of our classrooms, greatly benefiting the learning resources now available at our fingertips.

One of those resources, that has been utilised at our school for the past few years, has been the online IWB software from *Ideal Resources*. The site provides hundreds of activities, games and worksheets on numeracy and literacy. The school subscribes to the *Ideal-Online* website on a student basis which is integrated in our Ancillary Fees. As a result, these resources are freely accessible at school and from home with a simple login.

Joining this online learning environment is a new and completely free resource that the school has recently implemented. It’s called *ZooWhiz* and is brought to us by the EdAlive team, who for many years have provided our school community with great educational resources. As you know, their software series such as *Braintastic* and *Numbers Up!* are well utilised by our students at school and at home. They are now going one step further with their award winning educational software that brings comprehensive coverage of Maths, Reading, and English into one integrated online learning environment. It is a motivational learning environment with high quality, rigorously-tested educational content. Utilising the latest online technologies means there are no disks, no installations, no fees and no fuss - It’s available 24/7 to all our students at home and at school using one integrated account.

Teachers are able to create logins for their whole class (please check with your child’s teacher) and have special folders set for different topics or favourite activities. They have been tested to be a great teaching tool in the class and can be used at home to enhance and reaffirm learning. Please check the websites www.ideal-resources.com.au or www.ZooWhiz.com for more information or login if your child has been given login names and passwords. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

*Next week... Important information about our Waste Free Lunch Challenge.*

1st June 2012

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DATES TO REMEMBER

06/06  I.C.A.S. - Science Assessment, Years 3-6
11/06  Queen’s Birthday - Public Holiday
18/06  I.C.A.S. - Writing Assessment, Years 3-6
27/06  C.A.R.E.S. Bike Safety visit - Years 4-6
29/06  Last day Term 2
16/07  School Development Day - Pupil Free
17/07  First day Term 3 - Students Return
28/10  Armenian Cultural Day 2012
09/12  Christmas Concert and Graduation

Check ‘Coming up’ on our website for the latest.
News from the Classroom...

Jannawi Performance

National Reconciliation Week (NRW) is celebrated across Australia each year between 27 May and 3 June. The dates commemorate two significant milestones in the reconciliation journey – the anniversaries of the successful 1967 referendum and the High Court Mabo decision.

This week is a time for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how each of us can join the national reconciliation effort. The students were given an opportunity to celebrate shared histories and cultures by participating in the Jannawi – with me, with you workshop held at Sydney Japanese School on Wednesday 30th May, 2012.

Peta Strachan and Rayma Johnson, both formerly with Bangarra Dance Theatre, presented a program of traditional and contemporary dance, story, culture and artefacts. The students gained knowledge about Australian Indigenous dance, music, language and lifestyle while watching the inspiring performers. The workshop highlighted this year’s theme of National Reconciliation Week focusing on how Australians can better recognise each other and recognise the contributions, cultures and histories of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

Next week:
Report on our National Reconciliation Week Special Assembly... stay tuned!
REMINDER: Don’t Forget the Fruit!

Each class has a Crunch&Sip break each day for students to refuel on fruit and vegetables and rehydrate on water.

Please make sure your son or daughter has an extra piece of fruit or vegetable for Crunch&Sip each day.

School Project… Friendship Band

Last week Jessica and Levon from Years 5 & 6 attended Kinma’s Friendship Day. It’s been reported that this year, more than any other year, the visiting students showed a real interest in spreading the Friendship Seed Project both in their own schools and with family and friends both in Australia and abroad.

The project involves the weaving of special friendship bands and with it to join everyone into the circle of world friendship. We believe that people who are friends care for each other so the more friends there are, the more people are cared for. The goal is to create the world’s longest friendship band and in the process hope to spread the friendship seed around the world. The aim is to include every nation and grow the friendship circle by connecting with friends of old and befriending new people.

The school has decided to include the band making as an activity. This can be done during play, on the bus trip or at home! We want to send our bands back to Kinma to help them create the biggest band in the world. They also intend to enter into the National Sculpture Exhibition at Bondi called Sculptures by the Sea.

We are weaving these bands because people who are friends think about each other before they make decisions, they don’t harm one another. Let’s include everyone in the world, care for one another and design world peace.

Would you consider making some friendship bands?
Ask your teacher how you can join in this great project!

Dear Parents,

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Eam & Learn program. The program is designed to assist schools in obtaining valuable teaching resources – simply by doing your grocery shop at a Woolworths supermarket.

From Wednesday 9th May, you can collect Eam & Learn stickers when you shop at Woolworths. There’ll be one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the stickers onto a sticker card and when the card is full it can be dropped into the sticker collection box here at the school or at your local supermarket.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to select from over 7,000 valuable school resources including maths & science equipment, arts and crafts material, sports gear and lots more.

For further information go to woolworths.com.au/eamandlearn

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