Dear Parents, Students and Friends,

Term one has been an extremely busy and productive term. We have managed to do so much in such a short time. As the term comes to an end we have started our new cycle of Prep information sessions and School Council initiatives.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Family Fun Night was a huge success. It was a delight to see all the children excited about all the events organised. It was a wonderful community event, which brought together many families of the school. It was extremely well attended and a wonderful achievement by the staff and Parents and Friends Group (PFG). We raised $1401 on the night. This money will go towards purchasing a Cab Trolley to store our new Ipads.

A very big thank you to our parents and friends, volunteers, staff and students for the work that went into making the night such an enjoyable experience for all!

$15,000 DONATION!

During the Family Fun Night we were delighted to receive a cheque for $15,000 from Preston Connected Communities. This money is in recognition of our great “Intergenerational Teaching Project with PANCH. We have ordered 32 new Ipads with this money!

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015

I would like to congratulate our newly appointed School Councillors for 2016. One of the key functions of school council is to contribute to the establishment of the broad vision and direction for the school. This year is the first year of our School Strategic Plan. I look forward to working with School Council to support the work we do and are already doing as well as help shape the direction of the school. Congratulations to Elizabeth Naumoska our newly appointed School Council President.

The roles and responsibilities of members are as follows;

President  - Liz Naumoska
Vice President  - Maria Vrasidas
Treasurer  - Miryana Ristovski
Secretary  - Dianne Wells

Sub Committees:
Finance  - Liz Naumoska
Marketing  - Maria Vrasidas
Education & Policy  - Cathy Schrader, Jessica Doyle & Nanne Mitchelson
Building & Grounds  - Miriam Clarke

On behalf of the School community I would like to thank Simon Zavros-Orr for his commitment to our school as School Council President for the last two years. He has supported me in leading the development of the broad direction and vision of the school and representing the school in the wider community. His support with Grant applications and championing the school, its students and staff is commendable. He has offered to continue to support School Council with Grant applications.

150TH CELEBRATION

Parents and Friends are organising an amazing day of celebration for our 150th this year. Stay tuned for more details!
OPEN DAY AND TOUR FOR PREP ENROLMENTS
Our Prep Tour and information dates have been finalised. If you have a child who will turn 5 years of age by 30 April 2017 we encourage you to attend one of these sessions. Also if you have a friend or neighbour who is interested in enrolling their child at our school please pass on these dates and times:
9.30 am to 10.30am on Wednesday 23rd March, Wednesday 20th April, Wednesday 11th May, Wednesday 8th June and Wednesday 31st August.

BREAKFAST AT SCHOOL
Next term our School will be serving Breakfast to all students every Friday. We will send further details home soon. Parent volunteers are needed!

LUNCHTIME CLUBS
This term some students had a taste of our lunchtime clubs! Thank you to Agli, Kimberley and Loura for running three amazing lunchtime clubs (Play Pod, Art & Yoga and Choir). If you have the time and/or interest in helping us with a lunchtime club, we would be delighted to hear from you! We seek support with gardening, chess, coding and sports.

DESIGN A BRICK
Next term we will be offering families past and present the opportunity to purchase an engraved paver as part of our 150th birthday celebrations.

Years 2/3L and 3/4S
The students have been busy using technologies in class to support their learning and reflections. We have also been talking about being responsible Digital Citizens when using our devices, especially when commenting on other student blogs and browsing content for our learning tasks.

Students in 3/4S recently wrote about their dreams in their Writers Notebooks, and then transferred their stories onto a presentation app called Shadow Puppet Edu. We recommend this app for everyone to try; it’s really fun and engaging! Once we finished our work, we were able to upload them as movies to our blogs.

All students in 2/3L and 3/4S have also used the app ShowMe to record their reading reflections, to talk through maths problems and explain their thinking in all kinds of ways. It’s a really effective learning tool!