Newsletter

Principal's Report

DEVELOPING SELF-ESTEEM
Children’s feelings of self – worth or self – esteem influence their happiness, success at school and the way they relate with others. Their self – esteem is influenced by their experiences of success and the messages they receive from those around them. Children with a healthy level of self – esteem usually take sensible risks and extend themselves more, as they have a realistic view of mistakes. Failure doesn’t reflect on them personally, they are still OK and they won’t fall apart when things don’t go their way. Children with a healthy self – esteem tend to be more resilient and cope better with problems and any changes that may occur.

- Develop independence in children. Allow children to do things for themselves as soon as they are able. This sends a powerful message that you think that they are capable and able to take some control over their world.
- Celebrate children’s efforts and achievements in an enjoyable way. Have a display space at home for schoolwork, art and awards they have received. Change the display frequently and make sure that each child’s efforts are represented.
- Send frequent positive messages to children. Focus on their strengths rather than criticising weaknesses and continually pointing out misbehaviour. When providing feedback mention a strength first: ‘Matthew, I like the way you put expression in your voice when you read. Now let’s work on some of these words you are having trouble with.’
- Value your children’s ideas, thoughts and opinions. Listen to them and help them to express their feelings and thoughts. Accept rather than reject their ideas even though you may disagree with them.
- Help children experience success by breaking complex tasks into achievable goals. For instance, a young child can learn to make a bed by first arranging teddies, smoothing the doona and progressing from there.

Diary Dates

March
23rd  Parent Teacher Interviews Grades 3-6
       Final day for Hot Cross bun orders
       School Council meeting – 6.00pm
24th  Parent Teacher Interviews Grades Prep-2
25th  Final day for Raffle tickets
26th  Hot Cross buns to go home
27th  Interschool Sport v Christ the King (home)
       Final day of School for term one ** Early Dismissal 2.30pm **

April
13th  Term Two Commences
15th  Whole School visiting artist – “26 storey tree house”
Personal Goods Brought To School
Parents are reminded that students are discouraged from bringing unnecessary or valuable items to school. Mobile phones in particular are banned. The Education Department and the school do not hold insurance to pay for any loss or damage to such property.

School Council Levy
All students have been supplied with books and stationery at the beginning of the year. To cover the associated costs the school relies on the School Council Book Requisite levy which is $70 per student. Thank you to those parents who have already paid. It would be appreciated if all outstanding contributions can be paid at the school office as soon as possible.

Student Accident Insurance
Parents are reminded that the school does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students including any transport costs.

Entering and Leaving School
Parents and students are asked not to walk through the car parks when entering or leaving the school. Students’ safety can be put at risk when walking through areas that motor vehicles are using. The pedestrian gates are to be used at all times.

Merit Certificates

| Congratulations to the following students who received Merit Certificates: |
|-----------------------------|------------------|---------------------|
| Jonathan  P/1B              | Scott  5/6A      | Damian  5/6A        |
| Sadie  1/2A                  | Ilija  4/5A      | Levent  4/5A        |
| Liana  1/2A                  | Geena  5/6A      | Cathy  5/6A         |
| Seda  5/6B                   | Liliyan  5/6B    | Aloysius  5/6B      |
| Nathan  P/1A                 | Jana  3/4A       | Beni  3/4A          |
| Jacom  1/2A                  | Temma  1/2A      | Saige  P/1B         |
| Justin  P/1B                 | Venessa  5/6A    | Ian  5/6A           |
| Kevin  4/5A                  | Jahnelle  5/6B   | Haylee  5/6B        |
| Eternity  5/6B               | Elijah  1/2B     | Kasey  1/2B         |
| Andre  1/2B                  | Abby  1/2A       | Rezan  P/1A         |
| Renee  3/4B                  |                  |                     |

School Dental Service – St. Albans -
School Dental Service is located at:
ISIS Primary Care
1 Andrea Street
St. Albans, Vic 3012
PH: (03) 9296 1360

***Please note that this is a free service for Health Care Card holders. ***Non card holders pay a fee of $31.50 per child per course of care, or $126 per family.
For emergency dental treatment contact 1300 360 054
Grades 5/6A and 5/6B ACCA Excursion
The sun was shining on our smiling faces as 5/6A and 5/6B made their way to the bus. We boarded the bus happily looking forward to another great day at ACCA (Australian Centre of Contemporary Art). When we arrived at our amazing destination we had a snack and then got separated into two groups, which were our own grades. Our grade went into ACCA first. Inside ACCA there was a wide range of different types of artwork. We did an activity on an animal and human morph. After that we had our lunch and then went into another gallery where we saw a lot of crazy artwork. We then made our way to The Channel, at the Arts Centre, where we had to create our own music. We used a music program called Acid Pro. We had to begin by creating a beat using a range of different interactive instruments. Overall it was a fun and an incredible experience and I will like to thank our fantastic Arts teacher Ms Cronin for planning this miraculous day for us.
By: Manahil Farooq (5/6B)