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### *Mothers' Day Stall and Science Prac with Miss Box*

#### **BUILDING STRONG CHILDREN**

We all desire for our children to grow to their full potential, to know God's blessing and power in their lives.

Assure them of your love.

Build strong character and Godly values.

Establish clear boundaries for them. Our first goal is not to make our children happy, but to teach them responsibility. Happiness will follow.

Encourage their special gifts, according to the grace given us (Romans 12:6)

Each of our children is uniquely made in the image of God, with their own personality and strengths.

Encourage them to pursue their life's vision.

Become their greatest supporter.

#### **SCHOOL UNIFORM**

Students and families are reminded that students are expected to be in full winter uniform from the time they leave home till the time they return home.

We want students to look smart in their winter uniform and care needs to be taken that all items, including bows and ties are being worn correctly at all times.

The weather is getting cooler quite quickly in the mornings and some students are coming to school without a jumper. This is not sensible because they run the risk of getting sick. Could parents please ensure jumpers are always included for students coming to school.

There always seem to be some odd lunch boxes floating around at the end of lunchtime. If these had their names on them, they would be much easier to track down please.

**PLEASE PRAY THIS WEEK** for the BIGNOUX BODNO and the two BROWN Families.

**WELCOME** to Indiah Burt who started with us yesterday in Grade 1. Indiah is Alanah's younger sister.

#### **MOTHERS' DAY STALL**

Thank you to all who helped make the stall successful last Friday. Thank you to Mem, Jess and Susy for your assistance in looking after the selling, and to Mrs Chapman and Mrs Revell. A total of \$218 was raised to go towards the Olivet Camping Program.

#### **NAPLAN TESTING THIS WEEK**

Students in Grades 3 and 5 and Years 7 and 9 have been sitting their Naplan Tests in English and Maths during the week, finishing with Maths today (saved the best till last!). Results are not usually available until some time in Term 3.

Question of the Week?

What does NAPLAN stand for?

#### **ELC TABLOID SPORTS**

A special, interschool sports day for Castlemaine District Schools has been planned for tomorrow (Friday May 17). This will involve the ELC travelling by school bus to the Wesley Hill sports ground for a morning of games involving mixed teams from the various schools.

The activities will be led by students from the Castlemaine Junior Secondary Campus.

We will travel by bus to the venue and return to school around 1.15 pm. Children will need to wear their sports uniform and bring along their lunch/snacks/drink, medications, and a coat/jacket please.

Please see Geoff if you are available to help as group supervisor or if you would like to attend as a supporter.

### **JUMP ROPE FOR HEART Friday May 24**

Every two years our school enters the Jump Rope for Heart program which acts as a fundraiser for the Heart Foundation and enabling our students to participate in Community Service as well as getting fit and learning some new skills.

The Primary children will seek to collect donations from the family/public, while Year 9/10 students will organize, demonstrate and run a skills session on Friday May 24<sup>th</sup> for the whole school. Please feel free to come along and join in with all the fun.

Donations can be collected and returned to school, with the sponsor sheet, on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### **SECONDARY HOMEWORK CLUB**

The College is hoping to set up a regular homework club. This time would offer the students the chance to receive further one-to-one assistance with their Maths homework.

Currently, Mr. Steel is available on a Monday and Thursday afternoon between 3:15 – 4:00pm. If you feel this would be of benefit to your child, then please do not hesitate to call. Thanks.

### **COME N TRY TRACK DAY – MAY 26**

Cycling Victoria is offering the chance for students 15 years and older to participate in some clinics at the Darebin International Sports Centre.

These clinics allow the students to experience the thrill of track cycling under the guidance and support of nationally qualified coaches. There are four 90min sessions on the day starting at 10:00am and finishing up at 4:35pm. The cost for a session is \$20.

If you would like more details or want to apply for this great event then simply go to [www.vic.cycling.org.au](http://www.vic.cycling.org.au) or ask Mr. Steel. There are two more dates scheduled for this year: July 21, September 22.

### **BIG RIO TINTO SCIENCE COMPETITION**

Next week on Wednesday students in Years 7 to 10 will compete in a 1-hour Science Competition. The competition is designed to test critical thinking and problem-solving skills as well as science knowledge.

The Big Science Competition is a 1-hour multiple choice paper that is aligned to the Australian Curriculum in Science. Last year over 35, 000 students took part in the competition.