EVERY DAY COUNTS – SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Missing school can have a major impact on a child’s future – a student missing one day a fortnight will miss four full weeks by the end of the year. By Year 10 they’ll have missed more than a year of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Coming to school every day is vital, but if for any reason your child must miss school, there are things we can do together to ensure they don’t fall behind:

- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible.

In March 2014, new laws were passed which mean that parents can be fined for not sending students to school without an acceptable reason.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.
In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That's half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Every day counts

Primary school attendance

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early

Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do

The main reasons for absence are:

Sickness – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

It’s vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term if it can be avoided.

“Day off” – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.

Truancy – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

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Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an infringement Notice.

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For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:


Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
BOOK WEEK / NATIONAL LITERACY WEEK
On Friday 29th August there will be a Book Parade for Book Week. Children can come dressed as their favourite book character. If they can also bring the book that would be great! The parade will be at 9.00am in the Gym.

SCIENCE FAIR
Congratulations to all the children who investigated a science problem for the Science Fair. There were some amazing demonstrations!

MARGARET MORITZ AWARD
Mrs Love has been working hard on a History Project with children about the Coimadai Avenue of Honour. Our school was lucky to receive first prize of $500 towards the research project from the Margaret Moritz History Award.

DISCO
Our Disco has been postponed until August 22nd.

MASON’S LANE
To allow footy games, soccer and other ball games, Mason’s Lane is being used at playtime and lunchtime by our Year 4, 5 & 6 students. Children are supervised by a teacher on duty and use Mason’s Lane for two 20 minute sessions at lunchtime and two 15 minute sessions at recess.

‘FROZEN’ MOVIE NIGHT
We have set another date for the showing of our movie ‘Frozen’. It will be on September 9th. More details to follow.

MAYORAL VISIT
Our town Mayor, Paul Thatchell has offered to work with our Year 6 students running a mock Council Election and Meeting. We look forward to seeing how local Government works.

Councillor David Edwards visited our school this week to be ‘Principal for a Day’. David was very interested in finding out how our school works and how Council can assist.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos are on Monday 1st and Tuesday September 2nd.

CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER
Our chocolate fundraiser has closed. Please return all unsold chocolates and money raised.

Ian, Leanne, Melinda and Pam
SCHOOL DISCO

Friday 22nd August

Prep – Grade 2  $4       4pm – 5pm
Grades 3-6    $5       5.15pm – 6.30pm

Glo Bracelets for sale - 4 for $1

FOOD & DRINKS AVAILABLE
Chocolate Bars $1
Icy Poles $1
Soft Drinks $1
Bottled Water $1

PARENTS ARE WELCOME
Soft soled shoes only to be worn please due to the delicate floor surface in the Gym
Students must be collected from the Gym at the end of each session

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR HELP

Please fill in and return this form to the office if you can help

SCHOOL DISCO

Yes I am able to help at the Junior Disco

Yes I am able to help at the Senior Disco

Name _________________________________   Contact telephone number ___________________

Name of student ______________________________  Grade _____
PREP SWIMMING TERM FOUR
The Prep Swimming Program will commence in the third week of Term 4. This year we have decided to run an intensive program for five consecutive days. In the past we have attended weekly sessions. Three prep grades will commence their program on the 20th October and the remaining three on the 27th October. Children will be swimming and travelling to the pool with their grade. The cost of the program will be $70.00. More information will be forwarded to you in Term 3.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SWIMMING PROGRAM COULD YOU PLEASE LET THEIR TEACHER KNOW ASAP.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Muller, Program Coordinator

GRADE FIVE AND SIX GOLF PROGRAM
It is getting close to that time of the year when our Golf Professional Tony Collier comes to our school for our annual Grade Five and Six Golf Program. He has been running this program at our school for over ten years and has recently won the prestigious Victorian Professional Teaching award for his services to Golf.

The program involves two 45 minute golf lessons for Grade Five at school and two 45 minute lessons for Grade Six at school, followed by a Golf Tournament at the West Golf course Bacchus Marsh.

Notices regarding these events will be sent out towards the end of term. To help with your planning, as we know Term Four can be very busy, these are the dates and costs of the program.

Grade Five: $4.00 for two lessons

Grade Six: $15.00 for two lessons, tournament and lunch.

The program commences in the first week of Term Four. Lessons take place at school on the Tuesday 7th, Friday 10th and Thursday 16th OCTOBER. The Golf Tournament for Grade Six will be on Friday 24th OCTOBER.

Your child's grade will be notified of the day their lesson will be, closer to the end of this term.

Thanks
Mrs Muller/Mrs Hurst

KILOMETRE CLUB
Just a reminder that every Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am we run a kilometre club. Students, teachers and parents are invited to walk or run the short course. We meet on the back oval at the gate to Masons Lane. It is a great way to start the day and clear the head. Hope to see you there.
GRADE 6 PRODUCTION NEEDS

A reminder that Grade 6 students should have their black base costume (black shoes, socks, pants, shirt) organised and at school as soon as possible.

THE BEST OF BROADWAY

Come check out Ms. Curtis, Janelle, Jackson and Jemima in Performing Arts Headquarters’ community production, The Best of Broadway. Tickets are now on sale for 6, 7, 13 & 14 September at www.trybooking.com/FNZS or call PAHQ at 5367 6864 if you have questions.

CENTREPAY

What is Centrepay?
Centrepay is a free direct bill paying service offered to customers receiving Centrelink payments. Through Centrepay you can choose to have regular money for education expenses e.g. excursions, camps, booklists etc. deducted from your payment.

Why use Centrepay?
Educational expenses can be paid in manageable amounts from your payment, making it easier for you to budget. You won’t have to worry about remembering to pay your expenses.

Will it cost me anything?
No, Centrepay does not charge you to transfer the money from your payment.

Can I cancel or change my Centrepay deduction?
Yes, the service is voluntary and you can stop or vary the deduction at any time by calling Centrelink directly.

How do I apply for Centrepay?
You can call in to see our Office Manager, or call or visit your nearest Centrelink Office and ask for a Centrepay deductions form (SA325. 1102).
### 2014 Important Dates

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Make school payments with QkR™ your New Year’s Resolution

Welcome to the new school year from all at QkR by MasterCard: the easy-to-use mobile phone app and preferred payment method for your school.

To our returning QkR families, we welcome you back and thank you for your support last year. Follow our simple tips below to update your child’s class and year details for the new school year.

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✅ Step 3 Find our school
Scan QR code provided
Or type text label BACCHUSMARRSHIPS
If within 4 kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

✅ Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...
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Please contact Paula McMillan if you need further information on 0418 105 980
BACCHUS MARSH WORLD4KIDS

Bookings are now open for the up and coming vacation care program. Please note that our excursions days are Monday/Wednesday/Friday both weeks and these days usually are the first to be booked out, e.g. bowling, laser tag, Luna Park, the movies and much, much more. Please book early to receive our big discounts on fees.

For more information and or enquiries please contact the managers at the Care Program or phone 0405 640 148.

Looking forward to seeing you,

Mandy, Di, Gill & Niki"
2014/15 Junior Registration

Registrations for the Darley Cricket Club Juniors will be held at the Darley Park clubrooms on Friday 15th August commencing at 5:30pm.

Our under 12s play on Friday nights competing against other teams from the local area including Melton and Ballan.

We also field under 14 and under 16 teams playing on Saturday mornings in the Ballarat Cricket Assoc.

Come and join our very successful junior program as we embark on a new, exciting and challenging cricket season.

Membership fees for the 2014/15 season are:

Under 12s = $50.00
Under 14s = $80.00
Under 16s = $100.00

Membership includes a DCC match day shirt. All ball fees and umpire fees are covered in your membership so there is no more to pay. EFTPOS available on the night.

Also keep an eye on the Darley Cricket Club facebook page for information on the new and exciting T20 Blast coming soon to our area.