As learners we will: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

From the Principal
Our year is indeed starting to roll along with momentum….

Updated Student Behaviour Process
Student wellbeing is a focus again for this year and staff, with consultation, has made some changes to the way we manage student behaviour.

To encourage the great positive behaviours that are shown we are continuing our Gubi Awards [where each 100 level is recognised with an award and a place in our bee trees in the hall]. We will continue with special rewards afternoon for those children who are always doing the right thing. These happen in weeks 5 and 10 usually. Last year we held a Movie and Popcorn afternoon and a Pizza and Games afternoon.

When there are behaviours that need changing, and support to change, we are still having our Consequence Room. For this, children are off the playground for all the lunchtime play. This year we are sending an SMS to families to let them be aware that their child is in Consequence Room [we realise some letters were getting home very late if at all!]. This way when your child comes home, you can have a talk about why and how time was spent in Consequence Room. This year we have added another level also to help support negative behaviour changing. When a child has been put in Consequence Room on 3 separate occasions there will be a Card system. With this, the child must be “signed off” for each time slot in the day. This helps them monitor their own actions and gives them an extra target to achieve. We will let parents know if your child is on a card by a letter which must be signed and sent back [or an extra day is added]. The child on a card must achieve 3 days with all being signed off. They then return off that level. Orange is the first level and Red is the next more serious level. Children CANNOT ATTEND an excursion or be part of a performance while they are on a card. If Red card cannot be completed in a set time a suspension is the next step.

So, in a nutshell -
- Positive behaviours are rewarded with awards and special afternoons
- Negative behaviours will find children in Consequence Room all lunch – parents will be given an SMS about this on the day
- If the child is put into Consequence Room on 3 separate times they will go onto a Behaviour Card.
- Behaviour Cards need to be completed for 3 full days for the child to be off the card
- If the child is on a card when an excursion or special events is held they cannot attend.
If you have any questions about our Behaviour Management Policy please come up and have a yarn. A full copy of this policy is available from School also.

Mid Richmond Swimming Carnival
This is going ahead THIS Friday. Notes and organisation has happened thanks to Mrs Maleckar. We have a mixed team of different ages and we wish them luck. We are proud of them representing our school.

Student Wellbeing – Teaching about VALUES of Character
As part of our focus on supporting children, will also be having lots of conversations in PD lessons and class around what it is that makes a person’s character. We are calling these values. Each week we will focus on a particular value and relating activities into these. This week our focus is Unity – working together and accepting each other as one team. Please watch the box at the bottom of each week’s Newsletter for the focus Value for each week.

School Captain Speeches
We have a responsible great group his year in Year 6 and it is time to elect our School Captains.
The election Speeches will be held NEXT TUESDAY starting at 9:15. Everyone is welcome of course and we look forward to hearing about the commitments to come from our school leaders.

Next week’s assembly is being hosted by 1/2 LP – starting 2pm

Until next week…lots happening …..please call up to yarn to teachers about anything on your mind with the start of the year

General Permission and Updated Medical forms.
We have included a General Permission and a Medical Update for all children in the school. If you have already filled either of these out for 2015, please ignore them. Otherwise could you please return these to the Office by Monday 16th February. Book packs need to be purchased within the next 2 weeks so all children will have all needed equipment in class.

Thank you.

Focus Value For the Week

Unity : Working together as one team and accepting all differences.