Dear Parents

The school celebrated a day for Daniel last week and raised funds for the continuation of the campaign to keep children safe. The children looked great in their Red clothes.

A reminder that tomorrow the Ball Games Carnival will be held at Emu Creek School. The bus departs school at 9.00 a.m. Please ensure that your child has sunscreen, water and their morning tea and lunch. If you are taking your child home from the Carnival please ensure that the teacher has been informed before you leave from the event.
SCHOOL FEES:
School Fees for Term 4 have been sent home and are due for payment. Please remember that these fees help with the smooth running of the school and are vital to pay for most of our everyday expenses. We especially need to pay all our end of year bills before the Summer break.

It would be appreciated if any families having difficulty meeting this commitment could contact me as soon as possible.

HEAD LICE:
There has been a case of Head Lice at the school this week. Please check your child’s hair and take appropriate steps if they have been infected.

UNIFORMS
Sizes 2-8 sports socks are now available.

Tuckshop Roster
November 1st- Ball Games Carnival
November 8th - C Stace & J Gillam

Club Hotel Raffle Roster
November 1st- T Gillam & J Willett
November 8th- K Joppich & B Giggins

This Week’s Liturgy Roster
Saturday 2nd November, 5pm
Welcoming: P Tickner
POF/OHP: H Gillam
Altar: H Gillam & D Lyons
Readers: A & H Gillam
Eucharistic: P Tickner & D Lyons
Cleaning: M Cranitch, B Naumann, M Gillam, K Cranitch, J Cleary, B Dator

Dates To Remember
NOVEMBER
1st - Inter-school Ball Games at Emu Creek
1st - Principals’ Meeting Toowoomba
5th - Melbourne Cup
12th - P & F AGM
15th - Prep Open Day
22nd - Confirmation Retreat Day
22nd - Confirmation - 7pm - Bishop McGuckin
24th - First Communion - 9.00a.m.
25th - 27th Swimming Lessons (Mon/Tues/Wed)
29th - School Swimming Carnival

DECEMBER
5th - 6.00pm Year 7 Farewell Mass in Church + all students to attend. Everyone Welcome
5th - 7.15pm - P & F end of Year BBQ Celebration at School for all Parents and students.
6th - 11.00a.m. Xmas Assembly. School Closes at 11.30a.m.

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JANUARY
28th - School commences

FEBRUARY
14th - 16th Clifton Show
28th - P & F Meet and Greet (DATE CLAIM)

March
15th - Parish Fete at the school.

Quote of the Week
The secret of happiness is the realization that life is a gift, not a right.

Author Unknown

God Bless,

Brett Pollard
Principal
Public health alert for schools: Measles outbreaks

Urgent public health alert for schools and early childhood education and care services

What is the concern?
Queensland Health is concerned about the number of measles outbreaks in Queensland this year. There have been 24 people notified with measles so far this year, three of whom were school aged and one toddler.
There have also been measles outbreaks occurring in other states, with young children and school aged children infected.

Large measles outbreaks are occurring in other parts of the world, including in our nearest neighbours in Indonesia (Bali) and Thailand. Measles outbreaks in Australia usually commence with a person who was infected overseas.
Measles is a highly infectious disease that causes people to feel very unwell. It can cause complications such as middle ear infections and more serious complications such as pneumonia (lung infection) and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain). Complications are more common and more severe in people with a chronic illness and very young children. Approximately 60% of deaths from measles are associated with complications, especially pneumonia in the young and encephalitis in adults.

The virus is spread from an infectious person during coughing and sneezing or through direct contact with secretions from the nose or mouth. Because measles is so infectious it can spread rapidly in schools and early childhood education and care services where non-vaccinated children and or adults attend.

What can schools and childcare services do?

It is very important that schools and child care services are aware of the current measles risk and inform parents to keep children away if they think they could have measles. Parents should be advised to ring their GP or 13HEALTH if they think their child has measles as confirmation of measles infection requires medical assessment and laboratory testing.

Schools and childcare services are encouraged to strongly recommend that parents ensure their children and staff are fully vaccinated against measles and if possible, keep a list of any unvaccinated children and staff. Unvaccinated children and staff will need to be excluded from any school or childcare where a measles case has been confirmed.
Anyone born in 1966 or after who has not had two documented measles vaccinations or documented immunity should get vaccinated. Measles vaccine is free.

Your local Public Health Unit will provide advice and support to you, in the event of an outbreak of measles within your Centre or Service. A list of the Public Health Units is available at http://www.health.qld.gov.au/cho/default.asp

A measles fact sheet and other measles resources are available at: www.health.qld.gov.au/cdcg/index/default.asp
Student of the Week

Sight Words

NATIONAL TEACHERS DAY
OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE 1988 BI-CENTENNIAL TIME CAPSULE

The Principal, Staff and students warmly invites all students from the 1988 Graduating Class and other interested parties to the official opening of the Bi-Centennial Time Capsule.

This year marks 25 years since the Time Capsule was buried.

WHEN: Friday, 8th November 2013
TIME: 8.30am followed by a tour of the College

For more information, please contact the College office on 4637 1600 or email welcome@stsav.qld.edu.au