Dear Students, Parents/Carers & Staff,

Welcome back to a busy term 3! Students have settled in well and have commenced their units of work already. We always have to make the most of our learning time. This is especially the case this term as we participate in camps and sporting days in addition to our learning.

School Opinion Surveys
All parents/carers are invited to participate in the annual School Opinion Survey. You are encouraged to have your say about what the school does well and how it could improve. You will receive a blue instruction sheet today, with this newsletter. It gives clear instructions and the relevant codes to allow you to complete the survey. The survey is confidential and requires you to have access to the internet. If you don't have internet access, or would like assistance to complete the survey, parents are most welcome to use the computers at school at 2:30pm on Monday, July 27. Thank you for your participation.

Camp
Just a reminder that students attending camp will need to be at school by 8:30am on Monday, July 20. They will return to school around 3 - 3:30pm on Thursday, July 23. Any students requiring medication on camp need to give it to Mr Poulter with clear instructions on Monday morning.

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School Ethos: Persistence, Respectful & Responsible
Students Not Attending Camp
School will be open for any students not attending camp.

Great Results Guarantee
This year, the school was given additional funding to improve student outcomes. Given that reading is a major focus this year, the additional funding will be spent providing ALL students with individual one on one teaching time relating to the improvement of reading and comprehension. This will occur in the second half of the term.

School Photos
We are yet to confirm the date for school photos with the photographer, but know that they will occur in the second half of this term.

After School Sporting Program
Earlier in the year at a P&C meeting it was suggested that the students would enjoy participating in a sporting program after school. I have since applied for a grant to make this happen. We have been successful in our application for the grant and I’m in the process of organising the commencement of this program. The program will be free. More details to follow.

Parent, Student and Teacher Interviews
Parent, student and teacher interviews are being offered on August 11 and 12. If you would like to make an interview time, please complete and return the attached form.

Year 6 Graduation Dinner
In order to determine the menu and which day of the week the Year 6 Graduation Dinner occurs, we need to know the number of people wanting to attend. If you would like to attend the Year 6 Graduation Dinner, please complete and return the attached form. This needs to be returned by Friday, July 31.

Small Schools Sports Day
This event is occurring on Friday, July 31 at George Day Oval. In order for your child/ren to participate, you will need to complete the attached permission form. If your child/ren needs a lift to the event, you will also need to fill out the ‘Private Transport Permission Form’. If you are able to provide a lift for other students, could you please fill out the ‘Permission to use a private vehicle to transport students’? If you will be transporting you own child/ren, you will only need to complete the ‘Activity Consent Form’.

Reading Strategy of the Week
Does the unknown word look like a word you already know? If you know 'jump', you will be able to work out 'bump'. For older students, it is important to recognise words that build on other words. For example, ‘informative’ or ‘information’ builds on ‘inform’.

Don’t be afraid to say hello!

Keith Poulter
Acting Principal