Dear Families,

Last week players from Melbourne Storm Rugby Team visited the school to run an assembly with our Year 3-6 students on Tackling Bullying. The aim of the program is to empower students to stand up for themselves and others who are being bullied. There was great excitement among the students (and teachers) when one of the two players running the clinic was Billy Slater. Billy, along with Hymel Hunt ran the session and as you can see were more than happy to have their photo taken with the children. Billy looked quite at home in my office in my absence!!!

Congratulations to our student leaders who were presented with their badges on Friday at assembly. I’m sure you will join with me in wishing them well for the year. Thank you to all of the family and friends who were there to support the children on Friday.

From this week all children must wear a hat when outside at recess, lunch, sport and outside class activities. Hats must be one of the school varieties, either a school bucket hat, school wide brim hat or school legionnaire hat. The rule NO HAT NO PLAY will be enforced and children without an appropriate school hat will be asked to sit inside. The uniform shop will be open tomorrow morning for anyone who needs to purchase a school hat.

A reminder that Friday 7th March will be a school closure day. On this day staff will be attending professional development which will be facilitated by staff from the Catholic Education Office. As Monday 10th is a public holiday for Labor Day the school will re open on Tuesday 11th March.

Have a great week

Carmel Marantelli
PRINCIPAL

**SCHOOL FEES**

Fees For 2014 will be $1150 per family plus the Curriculum Fee of $275 per child. The Curriculum Fee is due now so we ask that you finalise this as soon as possible. Statements detailing opening balances and yearly fees will go out within the coming weeks.
Education Maintenance Allowance — 2014

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

~ be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and

~ be an eligible beneficiary of a Centreline pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (January 28, 2014) and Term 3 (July 14, 2014).

The EMA provides an annual amount of $200 for Prep students, and $150 for Years 1-6 and is paid in two instalments. **EMA application forms are available from the School Office**

Please provide a copy of your Concession Card

Closing date is **This Friday, February 21, 2014**

Late applications will not be accepted by the Department of Education

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Art Monitors 2014

Art Monitor applications were submitted in writing in the first week of school. The four students who successfully gained Art Monitor positions for 2014 are Liana Pace, Alanna Mizzi, Isabella Scheicher and Dakota Warren. **Congratulations!**

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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY

**Friday March 7th**
**Program Update**

Dear Parents,

There are a number of children with health and allergy requirements at the program. We ask that all Parents/Guardians to please make sure updated action plans are given to the OSHClub Coordinator to copy. If your child requires an EPIpen, please make sure the EPIpen is stored at the program. If you would like a copy of OSHClub’s Anaphylaxis policy please feel free to ask the OSHClub Coordinator.

Thanks, from Prue, Leanne and Emily.

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**This Week’s Activities**

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**Parent Information**

OSH program phone: 0402 669 652  
Coordinator: Prue  
Assistants: Leanne and Emily  
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000  

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Uniform Shop**

Summer dresses size 6, are now in stock.  
The Uniform Shop will be open from 8.30am-9.00am  
Every Monday And Wednesday

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**Family Summary Reports**

Family Summary Reports were sent home to each family last week, please ensure your email address is up to date as our newsletter will eventually be emailed to all our families. Just a reminder that all forms are now overdue, please return them to school as soon as possible we appreciate your prompt reply of these forms.
### Term 1 Calendar 2014

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This group exhibition is presented by Pinkerton Landcare and Environmental Group and depicts the natural environment of the Melton Region and the surrounding Western Plains.

**When:** Saturday 8th February-Sunday 23rd February 2014  
**Time:** 9am-5pm  
**Where:** Melton visitor Information Centre, 323 High Street, Melton  
**Cost:** Free

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**CDF STUDENT BANKING**

Thursday is our banking day deposit books are to be handed in to class or the Office by 9.00am on banking day. Encourage your child to save by opening up a CDF Banking account.

Application forms are available from the Office

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**SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE**

Djerriwarrh Health Services operates a public school dental service, which is currently located at Melton Health, 195-209 Barries Rd, Melton West.

Children from pre-school age to Grade 6 are eligible for the service. The service is FREE for children who are eligible for concession, or a co-payment fee of $30 is payable for those who are not eligible.

Bookings can be made on the Referral and Appointment Hotline number - 9747 7609

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Cost : Free