Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

We have almost hit the half-way point for the term already with a busy five weeks ahead.

Endeavour Schools will be holding an Evacuation Drill on Thursday March 17. To ensure we are prepared in the unlikely event of an evacuation we need to review our plan and procedures. The Evacuation will run before lunch on the Thursday to minimise disruption to class time and any necessary changes will be made.

Our recent Cycle Safe incursion was a timely reminder to students regarding the safe use of roads in and around the community. There have already been reports of near misses involving our students before and after school so it is important that this message is reinforced both here at school as well as at home.

Tomorrow is clean up Australia Day and our students will be participating in the event on a small scale, tidying up areas around the school and discussing the key messages in class.

Next Friday we will be hosting some brave community members who have volunteered to be involved in the ‘Greatest Shave’ fundraising campaign. You can go online and support ‘Endeavour’s Great Shave’ team and students can bring along a gold coin donation for our crazy hair day.

A personal highlight of the last few weeks has been the many visits from students ‘showing off’ their fantastic work and having an opportunity to discuss with them what they have been learning in class. After an impressive start to the year our students will be looking forward to the extra day off.

Enjoy the long weekend with your family.

Phil Springett - Principal
Faction Captains at Work.

Our Faction Captains have a very busy schedule. Four days of the week they set up and pack away the daily fitness equipment so that the Year 1 to 6 children can participate in interesting and challenging activities to improve both their fitness levels and sports skills.

Their day begins at 8:00am. They put out markers for “Athlete of the Fortnight” running.

They place the skipping rope baskets in the Wave Area for use during fitness and at recess and lunch time.

The league tag belts need to be set up for the lucky classes who get to use them.

Basketballs have to be placed on the basketball courts for the classes who play “Golden Child.”

The dodge balls need to be set up for the class who plays “New Zealand Dodge” in the assembly area.

When fitness finishes at 9:00am, all of the equipment has to be quickly packed away. Teamwork is the answer as many hands make light work.

In addition to all of this hard work, the Faction Captains also have to be available at recess and lunchtime for the borrowing and returning of equipment at each of the four teaching blocks. They also, set up the equipment needed for junior, middle and senior sport on Friday mornings.

Wow ! What a busy week ! What an amazing team !
Congratulations to all award recipients.

Award Recipients

from Assembly held on 25th February 2016

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Phys Ed Award

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Music Award

Library Award

EC2

Children are vulnerable road users

According to the Office of Road Safety, road trauma is the leading cause of death and the second most frequent cause of hospitalisation for children aged between 1 and 14.

Children’s vulnerability as road users is centred on their cognitive and perceptual development which is not fully developed until young adulthood.

Children are vulnerable road users because the:

- Are small and can not see over parked cars
- Driver's cannot see them properly
- Are energetic and have trouble stopping at corners
- Have difficulty telling where sounds are coming from and may expect traffic to come from the wrong direction
- Have trouble judging the speed of cars reliability
- Tend to focus on what is in front of them
- May behave differently when they are out with other children, forgetting about traffic
- May freeze if they find themselves in the path of a car, rather than jumping out of the way

Butterfly Life Cycle Competition

Cut out the pictures and place them in order of the ‘Life Cycle of a Butterfly’. Colour them in and glue them on a piece of paper with your name and room number on it and place your entry in the Science box at the front office.

In a fortnights time the first two correct entries will win a prize.

A Butterfly Is Born

Cut out pictures and glue in order. Color.

Health News

The Community Health Nurse will be offering Health Checks for all children in Kindy. During term one you will receive a School Entry Health Assessment form in your child’s bag. Please fill this in and return it to the school as soon as possible. See the front office if you need an extra form or have not received one.

The Community Nurse will check:
- Vision (seeing), hearing and ear health
- Development (growing, moving and learning)
- Things the teacher and nurse have noticed
- Any other problems you are worried about

As part of the national strategy to address drug use behaviour, the Department of Education and SDERA are offering a Talking Drugs information session for parents during Semester 1. To register for this event, go to www.eventbrite.com.au to find a Talking Drugs session near you.
Endeavour Schools have EFTPOS facilities available in the front office. This facility can be used for payments over $5 such as contributions, swimming lessons or excursions. Smaller amounts must go through the class money books.

Parents are encouraged to make payments in advance for any future expenses such as swimming lessons, incentivals and excursions.

These payments will be held as credit in your child’s account and then allocated against excursions as they occur. Payment can be made by cash, EFTPOS or direct deposit. Credit card payments can be made over the phone as well as in the office.

A change to our payment plan policy will mean that all incursions / excursions will need to be paid **in full** before the due date otherwise your child may not be eligible to attend.

If you require any more information, please see the front office.

### Rugby Union

Training starts tonight and new members are still welcome. If you are interested please contact Zac McGill on 0419 365 171 or email zacm@photosigns.com.au for more information.

### World’s Greatest Shave

Some brave community members of Endeavour Schools have registered for the World’s Greatest Shave.

They will shave their heads and raise much needed funds for the Leukaemia Foundation at the school at 2pm on Friday, 11th March.

To support this great cause, all students are asked to wear a Funky style or washout colour and give a gold coin donation to their class teacher on the day.

If you wish to support these ladies and make a donation please go to [http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/endeavourschools](http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/endeavourschools)

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