Hi everyone…

FRESH FRUIT MONDAYS: The Snowdon family has joined our group of generous donors for this program. Thank you for your contribution.

ACCIDENT & PROPERTY COVER: The Department of Education recently sent a memo to schools asking that we remind parents of the following information:

The Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. There are commercial companies that provide accident & property insurance policies but this is the responsibility of parents/guardians.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS: At the AGM on Monday evening, Andrew Lovett was re-elected as President for the next year. Kel Vincent was elected as Vice President, with Ross Moore being re-elected as Treasurer. Congratulations to our new executive group, and thank you to our hard-working and dedicated team of staff and parent reps who make up the council. Romany White & Thom Knox joined our new Council, while Kay Andrewartha, Paul Carson and Jeff Gosbell were farewelled.

At the general meeting we discussed the 2015 Annual Implementation Plan and celebrated the great results that the students and staff have achieved in not only student learning, but also attendance and the students’ engagement & feelings about school. We also talked more about the landscaping project and how this will progress in coming weeks.

JUST KIDS - CAN YOU HELP?? Have you recently upgraded your family TV? Do you have a working TV that you would like to donate to Just Kids? It needs to be large enough that a group of children can easily watch DVDs and play Wii games on it (68cm+). If you can help, please contact Nicole at the office or Gina (after 3pm) on 57214799.

FIRE DRILL: This morning we had an emergency evacuation practice at school. It went very smoothly and all children, staff and visitors were assembled on the oval within 3 minutes of the siren. We have contingency plans for different scenarios as part of our Emergency Management Plan, including things like a ‘lock down’, an off-site evacuation (our nearest assembly point for that is down at the back of our oval) and an emergency during a recess or lunchtime.

WE LOVE WRITING AT APPS!! Children from Grade P-6 really enjoy putting pencil to paper and sharing their creative ideas through writing.

EYECATCHING MATHS ART: If you get the chance to visit the school in the next few days, call into the corridor area outside Rooms 7 & 8 and have a look at the work done in measurement of area & perimeter by our Grade 6 students.

AND FINALLY… We hope Grade 3/4 parents will be able to come and inspect the amazing bridges being completed in response to their Quest this term. The classrooms are open on Tuesday morning from 9-10am.

Wendy Larcombe
From The Chaplain…FRIENDS FOR LIFE PROGRAM Helping children cope with feelings of fear, worry and sadness

Developed in Australia and used in schools worldwide, Friends is acknowledged by the World Health Organisation as a program to help children deal with anxiety. Anxiety is the most common form of psychological disorder, affecting up to 20% of children and teenagers. If left unattended, anxiety significantly interferes with a child’s development and can cause serious problems in later life, such as social isolation, underachievement and depression.

Particularly for young children, constant worry about relatively normal, everyday activities, such as a school camp, playing with friends or the dark, as well as worry about overseas events such as earthquakes and terrorism can significantly detract from a child’s learning. These effects can also extend to a child’s peers or siblings, multiplying the negative effects of anxiety.

The Friends program is designed to reach out to these children. Friends teaches emotional resilience that will stay with children for life, and teaches practical, useful strategies for coping with stress and mental health. Well over 500,000 children have completed the program worldwide and I will be running the program for children in Grades 4 and 5 in Term 2.

If you would like more information or you would like your child to participate in this program please sign the form below and return it to your child’s teacher.

Chaplain Beth

Child’s Name: _____________________ Grade: __________

Parent’s Name: ___________________ Phone: _______________________

I would like my child to participate in the Friends for Life Program. ☐

I would like more information about the program. ☐

Parent’s Signature: _________________________________

Monoshiri Sensei’s Culture Tips

For last week’s nazonazo, two types of sushi could have been makizushi or chirashizushi. Contrary to popular opinion, sushi is not raw fish; it is simply vinegared white rice. You can add many things to it to get the various styles, but sushi itself is, after all, just rice and vinegar. Speaking of rice, for this week’s nazonazo, tell us which piece of JP money carries an image of rice. The first correct written answer to me or to the main office will be the winner.

Sayōnara!

GRADE 3/4 BRIDGE QUEST CELEBRATION

The grade 3/4 students will be displaying their bridges and performing their musical “raps” next Tuesday, 24th March in the BER Building. Please come along and join in the fun.

REMINDERS FROM MRS JANAS

Please keep saving Pringles containers, with lids, for the Art Room.

Entries for the University of New South Wales Schools Competition need to be returned to school by Friday 27th March.

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Hannah Snowdon for her great attitude to school and the happy and enthusiastic way she goes about her work.

Aiden Bartlett for his kind and compassionate manner when working with his peers. He is considerate and shows initiative, doing things for others without having to be asked.

### Artist of the Week

Felicity Camplin and Samia Meloury for their very creative ideas this week. Their collage used lots of different mediums to complete a depiction of Seasons.

### Community Notice Board

#### BRICK MAN EXPERIENCE

Ryan McNaught

LEGO® bricks play a cherished role in childhoods across the globe – these beloved plastic bricks have been around for over 50 years! Back in 2010 one Australian took his love for LEGO® to a whole new level by becoming the only LEGO Certified Professional in the Southern Hemisphere – Ryan McNaught, aka “The Brickman”. For the first time ever, Ryan will exhibit his remarkable collection of over 50 LEGO works at BRICKMAN EXPERIENCE in Melbourne 31st March 31st – 12th April.

More than 50 original works will be featured along with their own unique behind the scenes story, including original drawings and sketches as well as interactive zones for the kids!

A variety of Ryan’s LEGO works will be displayed with over 5 million LEGO bricks making up the works! These works include Ryan’s world-renowned pieces, 4m long “Elvis” Erikson Aircrane Helicopter, and the famous 250,000 Brick LEGO "Love Boat". In addition to Ryan’s pieces, for the first time anywhere in the world works from other LEGO Certified professionals will be displayed, based around the “Transport” theme from their native country. You can read more about this amazing school holidays event at www.brickmanexperience.com.au.
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