Hi everyone,

Hope that you had a lovely long weekend- back to winter today!

Congratulations Hailey on coming second in the Manic Mulchers Championship at Djanbung Gardens with Costa on the weekend.

We now have spinach and feta rolls and tuna mornay pies stocked up in the canteen again, however THIS Friday, 13th, is pumpkin soup and garlic bread day. Thanks Yeleena.

Reports

Student reports will go home next Monday- not this Friday as I originally said in last week’s newsletter. I’ve changed the format slightly in the reports and will enclose a cover letter outlining the new format and curriculum changes.

If you would like an interview regarding your child’s progress, please give me a call to arrange a time to meet.

At the end of last Term, the students chose different samples of work to put into a portfolio. This was work that they felt they had improved in or felt proud of. I would like to build on the student portfolios for this Terms work. Could you please ensure that the portfolios are returned this week.

Life Education is next Wednesday at Corndale. If your child is attending, could you please let the school know by Friday of this week. If not enough students are attending, I may have to cancel the excursion.

Upcoming Events

June 13
Special Lunch Order – Pumpkin Soup & Garlic Bread $2

June 18
Life Education – Corndale PS
(Please return notes to school ASAP)

June 20
Stage 2 Music Enrichment Day @ Tunttable Creek

June 25
Tyke-Oh Drumming Workshop $5.
(Please return notes)

June 27
End of Term 2
The day spent at Lismore’s Recycling Centre last week for Environment Day was very interesting. Students were involved in a bus tour, water testing, walk through the botanic gardens, locating koala’s and energy/water management. We even had the bus weighed!

I was really surprised by the amount of pelicans at the tip area. The students were also amazed at the recycling centres ability to create a hill of sandglass, how they pack the milk bottles into cubes and the huge machinery around the area. We were also given rainforest trees to plant.

Regards
Alison Bath

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Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming Community Workshop

**Tyke-Oh Japanese Drumming is Great for:**
- Healthy exercise
- Physical coordination
- Stress relief
- Team building
- Building self-confidence
- Stimulating your mind
- Learning Japanese and its culture *And it’s FUN!*

**Course Information:**
(1 session x 60 minutes)

**Enrolment:** places limited. No casual attendance

**Course Fees:** $10 per person  
**Age:** 8 years and over

**Course Venue:** Eternity Springs Art Farm  
Tuntable Creek Rd, The Channon

**Course Dates:** Friday 27 June 2014 5:30pm.

Please enquire with Tuntable Creek Public School on 66886212.

For further information, please contact us. info@ezjapanese.com.au

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Parent tips – 9 May 2014

**Too sick for school?**
As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It’s often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety’s sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser www.bit.ly/1hyn2E

**Mental maths strategies**
We teach children a range of different strategies to add and subtract numbers. By showing them several methods for solving maths questions, we’re helping them to look for patterns. All this builds a good sense of “number” which means they understand the relationships between different numbers and why different ways to add and subtract work well. The goal is that your child will understand many ways to approach a maths problem and will be able to choose a way that makes the most sense to them. School A to Z has a lot of resources, including help sheets on mental maths strategies, here: www.bit.ly/UKiU5Y

**Does speaking another language at home confuse children?**
Are your children fortunate enough to be growing up in a home where two or more languages are spoken? Many parents worry that bilingualism can cause confusion and even delays in learning for their children, but according the Raising Children Network, that’s not the case at all. A good knowledge of your native language can actually help your child with learning English. Bilingual children who are read books and spoken to in their in their native language find it easier to learn to read and write in English when they get to school. More information is at www.bit.ly/1m0agnk

**Teenager’s seeking more independence**
Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they’re your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article ‘Shifting responsibility to your child’ worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe