Welcome to Week 5 where we thank Mrs Amanda Crompton for the fine job she did starting off and settling in Barcelona class in readiness for Mr Thompson’s return to Barcelona class yesterday.

Welcome to school BBQ

Once again our annual “Welcome to School” barbecue last Wednesday evening in our school grounds was a wonderful success. It was terrific to see so many parents chatting informally with new teachers and with other parents. Staff did a magnificent job cooking sausages, preparing and serving sausage sandwiches and drinks and cleaning up afterwards. Well done to all!

Extreme weather

As you know the weather forecast predicts some extremely hot days this week and I want to reassure you that your child will be safe at our school on any days of extreme weather. All of our classrooms are air-conditioned. If it is too hot for students to play outdoors, teachers will supervise students in classrooms either playing quiet games, watching an age appropriate DVD or watching something on our interactive whiteboards supporting a current learning focus. It is important that you support your child’s learning and our school by ensuring your child attends school whatever the weather.

Special Religious Education (Scripture)

Thanks to some of our Kinder parents in particular who have chosen to send their child to a Special Religious Education (Scripture) lesson now on a Wednesday morning rather than have them sit in the non-scripture group. If your child currently attends the non-scripture group and is in Year 3 or Year 4, we have a trained parent volunteer available to teach an ethics class. Please let our office know as soon as possible if you would like your Stage 2 child to attend this class.

P&C

Our small but hard working P&C will meet for the first time in 2016 at 7pm tonight in our Library. Please consider coming along to support your child’s school and meet some new friends. It is not a club for mums, but an organisation for supportive mums, dads or grandparents who are interested in learning more about what happens at school and fundraising to purchase additional resources for all of our students to make our good school even better. It’s time to boost our P&C numbers and encourage the sharing of some fresh ideas. Many hands make light work!

Dates to Remember:

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**Student Achievements**

Congratulations to Year 6 who commenced their new role last week of being “lining up leaders” for each of our 11 classes before school and after recess. This role will last the whole year and is another way to raise the profile of our 27 Year 6 students around our school and unleash their leadership potential.

Nevaeh from Tokyo class is our first student to achieve her learning goal this year which was to correctly form the letter “t” when she writes. Following closely behind her yesterday were Mexico City students Joshua and Shylah who can correctly write their surnames, Emily who can correctly form the letter “b” and Shejana who can correctly form the letter “f”.

Emma from Athens class has used her own initiative to create a colourful eye-catching poster illustrating our school rules. Our Kinder students are enthusiastically participating in intensive learning in the “engine room” with their teacher or at their desk where they practice their new skills. Well done to Cooper, Ned and Fletcher from Seoul class, Dylan and Isabella from Sydney class and Ivy, Kayden, Saied and Charlee from Melbourne class.

What a great start to the 2016 learning year!

**Stamp Chart Superstars**

Congratulations to the following students who have filled their stamp chart by demonstrating our classroom rules.

- Melbourne: Flynn, Sophia, Mia, Claudia, Hayley
- Tokyo: Rhys
- Mexico City: Alisha, Chelsea, Shejana, Alyx, Mia, Aston, Laila, Amelia
- Moscow: Alyssa

**Walkathon**

There is only one week until our first Walkathon so please keep seeking sponsors to support your child as they walk. Students are familiarising themselves with our walkathon track by walking around it during school time with their teacher. Parents are most welcome to join us as we walk our laps. Students must have their sponsor sheet at school next Tuesday as their lap chart is on the back and teachers will stamp this as they complete each lap. They will then bring this home again to collect their sponsorship money. A good way to gain sponsors and sponsorship money is to have parents take this sponsor sheet to their workplace. Good luck!!

**Working with Children information sessions (Change of Date)**

We have unfortunately had to change the date of this next information session due to unforeseen changes to staff professional learning sessions.

If you plan to volunteer your time this year in any capacity at our school, it is a mandatory requirement that you attend an information and training session at school and complete a “Working with Children” check.

The second session will now be held on:

- **Monday 29th February 2016** commencing at 2:15pm in our Library
Student of the Week
Seoul – Jayce Mansfield
Sydney – Alexis Petrovski
Melbourne – Flynn Naisby
Mexico – Kaya Dean
Tokyo – Nevaeh Metcalfe
Rio de Janeiro – Dylan Kelly
Beijing – Amy Hale
Moscow – Mia Goodall
Athens – Katelyn Foreman
Barcelona – Scarlett Corcoran
London – Tahlia Greenwood

P&C AGM - 23rd February 7pm (TONIGHT)
All positions on the P & C committee will be declared vacant and it would be great to have all positions filled on the night. The positions to be filled are: President, Secretary, Treasurer, Fundraising & Uniform Shop.
Everyone is welcome to come even if you don’t want to fill a position. Even if you are new to our school or have never been before, please come along and see how the P&C contribute to our children. The P&C meet on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7pm in our school library. It is a great way to get involved in ways to help our school, meet new people and to be informed of things coming up. Hope to see you there!

Ambarvale High School - Tour
Parents and students of Years 5 and 6 are invited to attend the 2016 Ambartour. Discover what your local High School has to offer!! All welcome.
Details: Tuesday 23rd February 2016, 5.30pm to 7.30pm at Ambarvale High School.

School Photos Thursday 24th March 2016
The photographers will visit our school on Thursday 24th March 2016. Envelopes will be sent home shortly with students. Parents wishing to purchase these photos are asked to return the envelopes with payment to the office before photo day. Each child needs to have their own envelope on the day to have their photo taken. Please take advantage of the online payment system now available. If paying by cash, correct money must be placed in the envelope or a note to say that the money is in oldest child’s envelope.

Canteen News
Due to health regulations, the canteen is unable to reheat leftovers brought from home for lunch. Sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

Appin Dogs JRLFC
Registrations available for all age groups U/6’s to U/15’s. Come and try training session: Tuesday 23rd Feb at 5.30pm.
Contact Hayley for further information 0415 768163.

Opal Cards (Busabout)
From 1st March all students wishing to travel on Busabout buses are required to have a School Opal Card. All other students will be required to purchase a ticket. Visit www.opal.com.au for further information.

Evacuation Drill
Don’t be alarmed if you hear the evacuation siren at school over the next couple of weeks. We will be practising our emergency procedures.