Welcome to Week 6 where I congratulate our students of our 11 classes and their teachers for their amazing presentations at Friday’s assembly where students gave the audience an insight into the capital city and country their class is named after. This was so entertaining and informative that it took a little longer than anticipated and some things will be held over until our next assembly on Friday, 11th March 2016.

Walkathon
This afternoon we are holding our first Walkathon so more exciting information will follow in next week’s newsletter. Please ensure your child’s sponsorship money is sent to school as soon as you possibly manage. Each Friday for the next 3 weeks, we will draw 8 student names out who have returned their money to choose a small prize. On Thursday, 24th March 2016 at our Easter Hat Parade, the winners of our main prizes will be announced. First prize overall for the student who raises the most sponsorship money is an iPad mini, the K-2 and 3-6 student raising the most sponsorship money receive a $50 Big W voucher and the class raising the most sponsorship money overall will have a popcorn and movie afternoon at school.

Attendance
Our school prides itself on our above state average student attendance data. This means that you as parents are very supportive of your child attending school every day unless they are unwell. We also thank parents for sending written explanations for absences on the day their child returns to school and for ensuring their child arrives at school before 9am each morning. Some parents may not be aware that we make a “special fuss” of each child on their birthday and present them with a birthday bookmark and birthday pencil. Please ensure your child attends school on their birthday and save birthday shopping or “going out for the day” for the weekend closest to your child’s birthday.

Getting to and from school
It is fantastic to see so many students riding their bikes or scooters to school and having our bike racks almost full each day. We also know that many students also take the healthy option & walk to school each day. Well done to all! Just a gentle reminder that our staff car park is for staff cars only and we urge you for your child’s safety, to please not walk your child home through this car park. It is not much further to walk out through our main pedestrian gates at the front of the school.

From the Principal
Student Achievements
A steady stream of excited students visited my office throughout last week to proudly demonstrate their learning. Beijing class are engaging in Mathletics at school and at home which provides a fun-filled opportunity to practise skills learnt and congratulations go to Maddison, Evie, Darcy, Callum and Riley.
Learning goals allow each student to know exactly what they are learning in a literacy or numeracy session and exactly what they need to demonstrate to their teacher three times to indicate they have achieved a particular goal. In Tokyo class Annalise, Ruby, Hayley, Chloe, Nevaeh, Lily, Ashton and Carter have demonstrated they can correctly form certain letters. In Mexico City class Naite, Mia C, Mia P, Laila and Amelia have demonstrated they can correctly write their name using correct position of letters as well as correct formation. Aden in Tokyo class has written the most he has ever managed in his recount of a book read to his class. Theresa in Moscow class is working so hard to improve her recall of common sight words when she writes independently. Congratulations to all!
Stamp Chart Superstars
Congratulations to the following students who have filled their stamp chart by demonstrating our classroom rules.
Melbourne: Macey, Charlee, Annabelle, Kayden
Tokyo: Emily, Ruby, Connor, Lily
Mexico City: Joshua, Isabella, Martin
Rio de Janeiro: Lily, Jayden, Isabella, Erin, Tennia, Ava
Student of the Week
Seoul – Lliana Stam-Hidalgo
Sydney – Dylan Tones
Melbourne – Saeid Orfali
Mexico – Amelia Azzopardi
Tokyo – Hayley Sayers
Rio de Janeiro – Jayden Barry
Beijing – Darcy Wilson
Moscow - Callum Meads
Athens - Jack Wilson
Barcelona - Lucy Wicken
London - Jack Bexterman

Gold: Oliver Ball, Evlyn Booth, Reuben Deering,
Sharna Dewar, Alana Kitson
Silver: Evlyn Booth, Sharna Dewar, Reuben Deering,
Oliver Ball
Bronze: Annalise Tones, Ashton Strutt, Sharna
Dewar, Evlyn Booth, Joshua Booth, Reuben Deering,
Alex Beaton, Shejana Roberts, Mia Coe, Erin Still,
Oliver Ball

Good Guys Fundraising
We have just purchased an iPad (prize for the
Walkathon) from the GoodGuys using our Good-
Guys school dollars. This is an easy fundraiser.
Whenever anyone (friends, family, parents, etc)
purchases an item from the Good Guys, just ask
for your school dollars. You receive $1 for every
$25 you spend. Just make sure you ask before
leaving the store. They will give you your school
dollars and you simply send them into school
where we can accumulate them until we have
enough to spend. Thanks for your support of this
simple fundraiser!!

2016 (ICAS) Competitions (For Yrs 3-6)
Please return permission notes by Friday 18th March 2016.
No late applications can be accepted. Students are able to participate in
the following tests: Computer Skills – 17 May 2016 ($8.00)
                   Writing – 13 June 2016 to 17 June 2016 ($17.00)
                   English – 2 August 2016 ($8.00)
                   Mathematics – 16 August 2016 ($8.00)

Whooping Cough Alert
We have been advised of a possible Whooping Cough case and have
included a fact sheet on the website for your information.

A message from the Eco-Committee
Clean Up Australia Day will be held on Friday, 4th March 2016 for schools. Each class will be given an area of the school to
clean so that our school can be litter free! Please bring some gloves and plastic bags to school this Friday. We would also
appreciate any extra plastic bags you may have.
In 2016, our Eco-Committee will continue to work on their goal to reduce the amount of plastic packaging our school sends
to landfill. In Australia we use an alarming 376 thousand tonnes of plastic packaging each year. This is the the same weight
as about 290 thousand cars.
As part of our mission, this year Clean Up Australia Day will kick off our first NRL (No Rubbish Lunch) Competition! Students
are asked to consider ways to bring lunch without any packaging and will receive a point for their class, for each lunch box
item that has no packaging. The Eco-Committee will collect the information weekly and find the total number of ‘No
Rubbish Lunches’ for each class. Each class has been given a NRL team and will compete with each other throughout the
year for the largest number of No Rubbish Lunches. The winning class will be rewarded during term 4. Who will the
winning team be? Please find the updated ladder on the Eco-Committee noticeboard each Tuesday afternoon.
Thank you, Miss Turhanlar