PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Kindy 2015
Last night we welcomed over forty new families to Mimosa at our Kindy 2015 Information Night. KS classroom was a packed house and our audience enjoyed hearing about all the wonderful programs and opportunities Mimosa offers our local families and students. Many thanks to our Kindergarten team, Fiona Smith, Jo Loy, Rhia Huett and Kathryn Smith and Libby Cleary, our School Administration Manager for their hard work in preparing the evening and delivering some of the content during the presentation.

This morning we held our first school tour and many prospective families came along to see our classrooms and various facilities. The tours were conducted by myself, Margie Crowe, Roslyn Harrison and Rosemary MacGregor along with our school leaders, Josh Lonstein, Will Ferguson, Georgia Hamilton and Evie Malone. A big thanks to our guides who gave personalised tours to the small groups in order that our visitors could get a closer look at our wonderful school and have all their questions answered.

We will be holding another tour next term on 24 July at 9:45am for any other interested families who were unable to come this week. If you have any friends or neighbours who have a child starting school next year and are thinking of coming to Mimosa, could you please alert them of this tour date.

We are also asking all families who are coming to Mimosa next year, to please submit an enrolment form to the office as soon as possible. Enrolment forms can be picked up from the school office or downloaded from the school website or the Department of Education’s website http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/gotoschool/enrolment/detsef.pdf

Uniform
As the weather is unseasonably warm at the moment, I have told the students that they can wear short sleeves, school shorts and summer uniform so they feel comfortable and cool during the day. When the weather turns consistently cool again, we will ask everyone to be back in the full winter uniform. We may have a few weeks of students dressed in a mix of uniforms, but this makes more sense given the weather that we are experiencing (and enjoying!) at the present time. We do, however, ask that all items of clothing, particularly hats and jackets are clearly labelled with your child’s name as the lost property is growing again and many items are without a name and cannot be returned to the owner.

School Fees
Reminder notes were sent home this week to families who have not yet paid Term 1 school fees. Thank you to all our families who have now fixed up their accounts and contacted us to arrange payment. If you would like to discuss your account or payment with us please don't hesitate to contact the school office and make an appointment to discuss with the Principal.

We are conscious of keeping school fees at a minimum but it is necessary for us to ask parents to pay for excursions, performances, specialist programs and some resources as the Department of Education and Communities provides only basic resources for our students’ learning. It is of great benefit for our students to have the opportunity to participate in activities that truly enhance their learning and performance at school.

The Cyber Safety Lady is coming to Mimosa
We have arranged for the Cyber Safety Lady, Leonie Smith to come to Mimosa on 24 June to present a talk to interested parents who want to find out how to help their children stay safe while using the internet. Be sure to read the information attached to this week’s newsletter to find out all the details.
Road Safety
We have been informed of a number of issues again this week in relation to road safety and traffic issues around our school. The police were present during the week warning motorists of the infringements they face if they continue to break the road rules, park in the incorrect spaces and put our young students at risk.

One area that we are targeting at the moment is the teachers’ carpark adjacent to the old hall. This area is NOT a pedestrian area and students should never use it to enter or leave the school grounds. Students must walk the extra few metres to the school gates where pedestrian paths lead them straight into the school. Please be sure to talk to your children about the using the correct pathways to enter and leave our school and please be sure to use the correct pathways when you are walking with your children to and from school, it’s a great opportunity to talk to them about road safety, particularly with the number of tragic accidents that have happened of late with students around the state.

Next week I am meeting with the Warringah Council Road Safety Education Officer to talk about possible plans and ideas that we can implement to help alleviate the issues we are experiencing at the moment.

Bounce Back
This week most of our classes started to implement the new ‘Bounce Back’ social skills program. The program is designed to help students develop appropriate social and emotional skills. The first unit of work that all our students are working on is Core Values which includes being honest, fair, responsible, kind and cooperative. For more information please read the article we have attached to the newsletter.

Disco
Many of our students enjoyed the disco last week and had a great time dancing with their classmates. Many thanks to the parents who helped organise and run the event and thanks to the teachers who gave up their time to help supervise the discos. This was a great fundraiser for our Year 6 student group and we thank everyone for your support.

Biggest Morning Tea
The Biggest Morning Tea fundraiser was held last week and many families came along in the morning to enjoy a cup of tea, a yummy home baked treat and make a donation to the Cancer Council. Our students enjoyed their treats at morning tea time, making their donations before choosing from the very tempting selection of cupcakes, slices and cookies. Many thanks to our wonderful volunteer parents who organised the event, particularly Helene Van De Merwe and Jenine Lax and to our bakers who provided all the delicious cakes.

For those who still have not picked up their cake containers, the collection will be placed outside the office tomorrow for everyone to collect.

Respect the Resilient Farmers Day
All our students are very excited about 'Respect the Resilient Farmers Day' that is on Tuesday 3rd June. The Student Representative Council (SRC) will be raising money to donate to our farmers who are in need of some financial support. Students may come dressed as a farmer or farm animal and make a gold coin donation. The SRC representatives and their friends will be making cupcakes to sell for one dollar at recess time. We are all looking forward to a great fundraiser.

Canteen News
Make sure you read the canteen news in this newsletter to find out about our new online ordering system and the competition we are running to rebadge our canteen with a new name and logo!

Fireworks News
Our hardworking Fireworks team are busily preparing for this year's big event. A 100 day launch was held at this week’s assembly, giving the students some great ideas about how they can be involved and awarding some prizes for the clever children who were able to answer our quiz! Keep an eye out for the Fireworks newsletters to find out how you can be involved and the latest news and updates!
YouthsourcE Website
For your information, a new website has been created for families wishing to seek information about services and events for their children and teenagers. It is a free directory for young people, and those who work and live alongside them. From clinics to schools to youth centres, YouthSource connects parents to services and events across the Northern Sydney Region. YouthSource is a joint partnership initiative between the Department of Education and Communities, NSW Health Northern Sydney Local Health District, and North Sydney Council. The services listed on the website have been divided into the following 24 categories: Aboriginal, Accommodation, Alcohol & Other Drugs, Community Service, Counselling, Disability, Education & Training, Emergency Information, Employment, Financial, Gambling, General Health & Wellbeing, Government Agency, Hospital, Legal & Justice, Library, Mental Health, Multicultural, Nutrition & Eating Disorders, Parenting Services, Relationships, Sexual Health, University, and Youth Centres. Some services will fit into more than one category. If you would like more information or would like to download the phone app, please visit http://youthsource.com.au/

Matthew Fuller
Principal

Things to look for in this Newsletter

- Respect the Resilient Farmers Day
  Tuesday 3rd June
- Grandparent’s day

Dates to put in your diary

Tuesday 3rd June – Respect Resilient Farmers Day

Office News

Our school website is always a good place to look for any notes or information that you may be looking for. There is also an up to date calendar with all of the schools events.

Lost Property
Lost property is once again overflowing. Please check the containers outside the canteen if your child/ren has lost something. Please ensure all items of property are named including lunch boxes, drink bottles and other containers.

School Fees
Term 2 Fees were sent home last week. An explanation of the charges is also included in this newsletter. Payment is due by Friday 20th June (week 8). Payment can be made by cash, cheque, credit card or direct credit to the School’s bank account, the details of which are on the attachment. Payments should be placed in the blue box in the office marked "school fees".

If you have not yet paid your term one fees or you are unable to pay the account in full by the due date or have any query regarding your account would you please contact the office or Mr Fuller confidentially to discuss the matter. Partial payments are most welcome.

Un–named payment
A payment was made directly into the school’s bank account for $255 on 22nd May without any name in the reference. Please let me know asap if this payment is yours.

Libby Cleary
Office Manager
We are getting excited!! Flexischools is coming to Mimosa in Term 3. No longer will you have to wait in a queue, healthy options are only a click away, your favourite or weekly orders can be saved and automated, there will be no need for cash and you manage your account. We will keep you informed as to how it will roll out.

What's in a Name?

In conjunction with the implementation of Flexischools we are asking students to name the canteen and/or design a logo. All entries need to be placed in the red box outside the canteen by Friday 18 June at the latest. The winning entry will be announced on 23 June and signage will be put up around the canteen and featured on our menus. Be creative, this is your canteen and your chance to have your name in lights!

Ethics

Primary Ethics are looking for a new coordinator for Mimosa Public School. If you are interested contact:
Development Manager, Maria McCarthy
By Email: mmccarthy@primaryethics.com.au
By phone: 9278 1602 (office hours)
BOUNCE BACK - INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Parent Information: Introduction to BOUNCE BACK!

If you are resilient you are able to cope reasonably well with difficult situations and things that go wrong and then 'bounce back'. Throughout life children will need skills and attitudes to help them to bounce back. They will encounter everyday challenges such as making mistakes, falling out with a friend, moving house or school and losing in a sports competition. Many will also face challenges such as adapting to family breakdowns, a step-family, the illness or death of a family member, or being bullied.

The BOUNCE BACK! Wellbeing and Resilience program teaches children the skills and attitudes to help them become more resilient. It uses literature as a starting point for discussions and follow-up activities. These ten coping statements are a core part of the program.

BOUNCE BACK! stands for:

- **B**ad times don't last. Things always get better. Stay optimistic.
- **O**ther people can help if you talk to them. Get a reality check.
- **U**nhelpful thinking makes you feel more upset. Think again.
- **N**obody is perfect—not you and not others.
- **C**oncentrate on the positives (no matter how small) and use laughter.
- **E**verybody experiences sadness, failure, rejection and setbacks sometimes, not just you. They are a normal part of life. Try not to personalise them.
- **B**lame fairly. How much of what happened was due to you, to others and to bad luck or circumstances?
- **A**ccept what can't be changed (but try to change what you can change first).
- **C**atastrophising exaggerates your worries. Don't believe the worst possible picture.
- **K**eep things in perspective. It's only part of your life.

The program can help your child to get better at:

- Using helpful thinking when faced with a problem or a difficult situation
- Thinking more optimistically, i.e. expecting bad times to get better
- Understanding that everyone has setbacks and difficulties, not just them
- Talking to people they trust so they get a reality check on their thinking
- Being brave and facing their fears
- Managing strong emotions and turning a bad mood into a good mood
- Getting along with others and cooperating
- Setting goals, being resourceful and not easily giving up
- Being kind, fair, honest, friendly, responsible, and accepting of differences
- Respecting other people and not bullying others.

You can help your child get the best out of their involvement with Bounce Back! if you reinforce the key messages they are learning.
Respect the Resilience of Farmers Day

Have Fun

When: Tuesday the 3rd of June

Week 6
Grandparents’ & Special Friends’ Day

Tuesday 10th June

Come along and see the talented students at Mimosa perform. You will also have time to visit classrooms and share morning tea with the children.

9.45am - 10.45am
K-2 Assembly/ open classrooms

10.45am - 11.15am
Morning Tea and Band performance

11.30am - 12.30pm
3-6 Assembly/ open classrooms

The canteen will be open during recess selling

😊 Tea and Coffee
😊 Morning Tea