Welcome back.
It is always a great feeling at the start of a new term to catch up with students, parents and staff.
As usual, the term will be busy. If at all possible, it may well be busier than the three preceding it.
To keep us occupied, activities this term include concert preparation, swimming lessons, camp and the ballgames carnival. These are on top of the usual classroom teaching and learning.
We also have to add in the end of year testing and writing report cards.
On top of everything else, we also have three audits to go through and need to complete a quadrennial school review (QSR).

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Camp and Swimming Lessons.
I’m presently trying to finalise arrangements for a school camp and swimming lessons. I expect both activities to occur during the last two weeks of term. There will be more information once plans are finalised.

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Active After School Care (AASC).
AASC for this term will commence in Week 3. Activities for Term 4 will include dance with Peter Vernon as instructor.
Unfortunately, there will be no AASC before Term 3 of next year. The Federal Government is re-badging Active After School Care and from next year it will be known as Sporting Schools. Unfortunately, changing names seems so complicated that school cannot apply until next year and will not receive funds until Term 3. This is a pity as AASC has been a great initiative for students at this school.

Regards,

Stuart Fuller
**PLAYGROUP** will meet tomorrow 10th October. All welcome!!

Tennis Lessons with Sarah

Tennis lessons will recommence on Tuesday 14th October, 2014.

8am for younger students and
8.30am for older students

Music Lessons with Chad
Guitar and drum lessons will recommence on Friday 10th October,

Book Club
Orders are due back by 21st October.

Swimming Lessons
Commencing on the 7th October in line with the school term.

Morning Sessions: 8.30am-10.30am Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Afternoon Sessions: 3.30pm-4pm Monday-Friday.

Please contact Gail or Fiona for more information regarding costs and bookings.
Contact: Gail Fulton on 46973920/0421289932
Fiona Caldwell: 46964113/0433011027

Ramsay State School Mango Drive!!!!!

Hi all,

Hard to believe but Mango season is just around the corner and Ramsay State School is again running their mango drive. Trays of mangoes are $24.00 each again this year and will be delivered during the last week of term. If you are keen to order a tray, let me know and I’ll add you to my list. Orders need to be made by 24th October.

Thank you for your support.

Kind Regards,
Leah Hamblin

Grandparents Day 2014
This year the annual Grandparents Day celebrations will occur on Sunday 26 October.

Grandparents play a vital role in the family and this is a wonderful opportunity to thank them for all they do, and show them how much they are valued.

DEADLINE for JUMP ROPE for HEART sponsorship money Tuesday 14th October.
For Jump Rope for Heart we split into six groups and worked out a skipping routine we could do to music.

Mrs Heaton gave us a choice of songs we could use. We had to learn a routine before we could use the music and practiced every morning before school. Everyone was allowed to wear red tee-shirts because the Heart Foundation colour is red.

We were really happy that so many of our parents came to see us skip to a song and that we could raise some money for the Heart Foundation to use to help people with heart problems.

BY Natasha and Ani.
Hi all,

Welcome back to Term 4 and hope you all had a lovely holiday.

Thank you very much to the parents who contributed to the stall on Saturday at the 'Day in the Valley'. The profit for the day was $792.00 which was just fantastic. A special thank you to Fiona Caldwell who set up a stall of her lovely handmade goods for the whole day, with all of the proceeds going to the P & C. Another big thank you to Brett Turkington who carved a much sought after sandstone birdbath for the raffle. The birdbath was won by Madonna Bell, which seemed very fitting considering all of the work Madonna has put in making the garden look so nice for the day.

There were lots of comments about the garden and how spectacular the school looked. This of course is mostly due to the work of Deb Stewart. Thank you Deb for all of your work throughout the year, it has definitely paid off. Deb has encouraged the children to get involved in the garden which is obvious as they are often heard quoting the names of flowers and plants and clearly enjoy getting out in the garden. Thank you also to the parents who have worked on the garden during Term 3.

Our next and final fundraiser for the year is a Sausage Sizzle at Bunnings on Saturday the 29th of November. This will be a whole day event running from about 8.00am to 5.00pm. Help on the day will be much appreciated so if you could please mark it on your calendar. More details will follow in the coming weeks as we will organise a roster for the day.

It was lovely to see the kids so happy to be back at school on Tuesday. Thanks to the teachers for providing such a positive and nurturing environment for our kids. Here’s to an exciting Term 4 and our last term with Billy-Rose, Lizzie, Clayton, Levi and Leanna. What wonderful school leaders they have been, great role models for the younger children and fine examples for our school.

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday the 21st of October at 6.00pm. One of the main things on the agenda will be organising the Picnic Day.

Would be great to see you there.

Thank you,

Jacqui

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