Dear Families,

What a wonderful evening last night was, as parents, students and staff shared learning that has occurred thus far. A key focus of our 'Kids-matter' framework is engaging families as an active part of our school community. Last night demonstrated our willingness.

Student Safety
Finally we have managed to get the bollards installed at the bottom of the school carpark. After several near misses where students have almost been run over, we are able to provide a safer environment for students entering and leaving the school grounds on foot.

A reminder that parking on the School of the Air and RICE grounds (behind their buildings) is not permitted.

Respectful Voices
The leadership team has had to respond to several situations which involve the way parents/adults have spoken to their children on school grounds. In these circumstances other children and adults have been exposed to swearing and abusive language they may not hear in their home environments. Many children find verbal abuse and loud aggressive voices frightening and intimidating, especially when from strangers.

We promote respectful communication between staff and students, reminding children when they have spoken inappropriately and then providing consequence if these reminders are not heeded.

If a child swears at a member of staff they are suspended, if a child swears at another child then they are internally suspended. Based on this logic, we expect all adults to speak respectfully to each other and to their children whilst on school grounds. This way families are providing the most important role models for their children, teaching them to communicate in a respectful manner.

Governing Council News
At last nights AGM, the Governing Council for 2015 was formed with 15 parents representing the school community. It has been wonderful to maintain experienced councillors but to also welcome some new faces and contributions ensures a strong parent voice for the school's future. The next Governing Council meeting is on Wednesday March 25th 2015 at 6.30pm.

With thanks,

Fiona Voigt
Counselling News

Attendance at APPS

How amazing are our children an incredible 90.9% attendance in week 1, followed by 90.4% in week 2. Congratulations must go to Ms Gwinnell’s class for winning best attendance in week 2 on 97.7% and Mrs Francis’s class winning in week 2 on 98%. At assembly Mrs Francis’s class were awarded the attendance shield for best overall attendance. Who will win this shield at our next assembly?

Student Council

Congratulations to all the children who have been recently elected by their peers to be their class representatives over the next 2 terms. We have had three very productive meetings over these past three weeks and the children have all been actively involved in sharing their thoughts and opinions on how to make our school even better. Please see our new Student Council members pictured below, badges have been ordered and will be presented at next week’s assembly.


With kind regards,
Lindy Allen