Dear Families,

Well we managed to safely navigate through our first week of Term 4 without Mrs Trimble! We are wearing our hats, we are learning all about how to write recounts and information reports in English, we are focusing on equivalent fractions and place value in Maths and we have made a start on making props and have fine tuned two of our dance numbers for Grease! We have been working hard!

This week sees the beginning of our Active After School Program and I would like to say a big thankyou to Angie for taking on the supervising role for this term. Tuesdays will see us cricketing with Neill and self defending on Thursdays with a new instructor.

I would like to remind all parents who drive their children to and from school to approach and leave the school with care. Ensure you park in a position that is not going to impede other cars from either entering or leaving the school and if you do park on the other side of the road at the end of the day, please cross over to collect your child. It is not appropriate to park in the actual driveway of the school during school hours.

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**Newsflash!**

**State School Spectacular**

Channel 7 will be broadcasting a 2 hour special highlighting the 2013 Victorian State Schools Spectacular on October the 20th from 2.30pm. Please tune in to see if you can spot our AMAZING choir.

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**Halloween Party:**

Dear Parents,

On Wednesday the 30th of October the Junior School Council will be holding a Halloween costume party where everyone has the chance to dress up, have a disco and enjoy the day.

There will be a participating fee of $2 per child which will cover the cost of snacks and drink. Lunch orders will proceed as normal – lunch will not be provided.

Sincerely the Junior School Council

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**Grease Costumes:**

In addition to costumes being organised by the school, students will need to have a number of other items. We have tried to keep this list to items that are easily found at home.

**Girls:**

- A pair of pyjamas
- Pretty dress for the dance
- Black leggings (make sure that they are not see through)
- White canvas shoes

*(Inexpensive canvas shoes can be found at Target, K-Mart, Big W etc or Perry’s in Stawell carry a brand called Billie. Vans would also be suitable)*

**Boys:**

- Short white socks
- A dress shirt
- Black canvas shoes, these can be slip on
Sovereign Hill Excursion:
Permission forms for this excursion will come home today with your student. Please complete them and return to the note box at the office. Please note that students will need to bring along their morning tea, lunch, drink bottle and a couple of extra snacks. Students will be able to purchase a little something from the lolly shop, it would be appreciated if they do not bring along anymore than $5.

November Market:
Please keep in mind that we have a market coming up on the 3rd of November. This weekend is traditionally a busy weekend for Halls Gap which will hopefully translate into a profitable market. (If this weekend is anything to go on it is going to be a bumper weekend for Halls Gap!!) As our last market for the year it would be wonderful to see a representative from each family helping out on the day – remember it is a lot of fun!! There is a roster accompanying today’s newsletter so please add your name and return to the note box.

Outdoor Furniture:
The new furniture will be arriving VERY soon!!!! Hopefully we will have some strong helpers around to assist us.

Wishing everyone a lovely week as the weather heats up.

Acting Principal
Samantha Stoffel

Please note that Wednesday is lunch order day. If your child arrives after the bell has gone and they have a lunch order – please drop it over to the bakery.

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SCHOOL VALUES:
Honesty
- Being true to yourself, family, friends and teachers
- Plain speaking

Patience
- Be calm and understanding

Persistence
- Never give up

Resilience
- Be strong

Initiative
- Take action

Respect
- To contribute ideas, be flexible and demonstrate leadership

Commitment
- To enjoy and celebrate with others

Humour
- To be always positive

Teamwork
- To work with and share with others to enhance learning for everyone

Respect
- To treat self, others and your environment with care and respect

ALLERGIES - PLEASE AVOID SENDING NUTS TO SCHOOL
Just a reminder – we have a child at school with a serious allergy to nuts (anaphylaxis). We ask that you do not send any foods to school that contain nuts.
Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the ‘Child Tax Offset’ and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?
If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,500 of entitlements.
The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.