Dear Families,

Thank you to all parents who have come along to parent teacher interviews (or will be tonight.) It is a fantastic opportunity to celebrate successes and forward plan for continued improvement. We also just love to catch up!

The Queen’s Birthday market roster is again attached to today’s newsletter please fill in and return as soon as possible. Please let us know if you are unavailable so that we can confirm that you have seen your note.

TREE REMOVAL
Quite a lot of the wood from the weekend’s tree removal has been taken. There is still quite a bit lying around. Most of it is green (so it will need to sit for some time) and quite large so may require a chainsaw.

This year our school, along with thousands around Australia, will participate in National Buddy Day on Friday 12th June. Buddy Day is a national initiative developed by NAB and The Alannah and Madeline Foundation to celebrate friendship and help raise awareness of bullying in Australian primary schools.

To celebrate National Buddy Day we will be holding a special afternoon tea on Friday the 12th of June. We are asking all students to spend some time at home preparing and baking a special plate of afternoon tea to share. As purple is the signature colour of the Better Buddies program, children are encouraged to wear purple or at least, a splash of purple.

Although we will not be raising any money on the day, we will help the Foundation to further develop and grow the Better Buddies Framework which helps empower primary school children by pairing older children with younger children and teaching them the values of caring for others, friendliness, respect, valuing difference, including others and responsibility. Currently there are more than 1,700 schools participating in the Better Buddies program and we are pleased to be one of them.

Ja-San Trimble
Principal
Dear parents and students,

On the 12th of June, we will be organising a Build a Cubby with your Buddy session as part of National Buddy Day. We would like everyone to bring in any old blankets, sheets, pillows etc. Please mark all your belongings with a name or initials so there will be no mix ups when they are returned.

Thank you, Junior School Council

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**Build a Cubby with your Buddy Day**

The Victorian Government will be providing CSEF to assist eligible families to cover the costs of excursions, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid concession card, you may be eligible. An application form has been provided per family, you should lodge a CSEF application to the school by 26th June 2015 if you consider yourself eligible. Please provide a copy of your current concession card.

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**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

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**More Dates – Term 2**

- **Friday 12th June**: National Buddy Day – afternoon tea
  Mrs. Trimble starts leave
- **Wednesday 24th June**: “Dig It” performance in Stawell (all students)
- **Friday 26th June**: Term 2 finishes (2.15pm dismissal)
- **Friday 26th June**: CSEF Applications Forms returned

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**Reminder**

Have you moved house or changed contact details lately?
Please contact Sue in the office with your change of details so our records are kept up to date. Thank you.