Well, it’s the end of another busy term and time for school holidays.
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our students on a terrific first semester of learning. By now you will have read student reports and been a part of your child’s Student Led Conference discussion to hear about their achievements, learning progress and future goals. If you have any feedback on our processes, I encourage you to put something in writing about what you enjoyed and anything you feel we could improve on.

I would also like to congratulate most of our students on some excellent attendance efforts. Many students have tried their best and attained excellent results. 81 students did not miss 1 day of school. 184 students had 3 or less days away. Well done to you all, what an amazing effort. Unfortunately we have had the most staff absences ever this year with a flu like bug passing through both staff and students. Sadly 72 students had more than 9 days or more absent. Hopefully the rest over the holidays will see all the bugs off and all of us having a fresh and healthy term 3.

Don’t forget, school finishes at 2.30pm tomorrow. We have our ‘Wear Your Team Colours’ fundraiser day with lots of end of term fun activities planned. Assembly begins at 2pm.

We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Regards, Gill

End of Term Fun Day is TOMORROW
Come along in your favourite sports team colours and celebrate a fabulous term of learning with lots of fun activities.
Please bring a gold coin donation to go towards State School’s Relief

PLEASE! PLEASE! We want some more Lego!

Every recess and lunchtime Coral Park Stars are constructing the most amazing cars, buildings, people and more in the library Lego Land Corner. If you have any old lego at home, we would love any donations.

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The Middle’s Community Quest

This term the Middle students investigated different communities as part of our theme ‘Community Quest’. We looked at Urban, Suburban, Rural and Outback communities. To compliment this study we participated in two excursions—one to the city and one to a rural farm and primary school. The grade 3 students went to the city and grade 4 students went rural. All had a fabulous day and came back to report on the sights they saw and the adventures they had.

I liked it when the cow sucked our fingers. It tickled
Debra M18

I went to the farm and got spat on by an alpaca. It was funny......to everybody else.
Jack M18

We got to ride on an alpaca trailer and I got to feed an alpaca.
Dorothy M17

We went to Ellinbank PS and there were only 15 kids. I became friends with Mathew a grade 4 student.
Dylan M17

We got to experience what the city feels like. It’s big, there are lots of buildings, sculptures, gardens and lots of busy people working.
Stevie M17

I saw lots of ducks at Treasury Gardens and the Fairy Tree in Fitzroy Gardens.
Dominic M18

Russell showed us how a cow is milked.
Hema M17

In the city there were lots of gardens. The Conservatory in the Fitzroy Gardens was very hot but very beautiful. The colours of the flowers were very bright.
Maai M17

On the tram we saw Etihad Stadium at Docklands.
Tjayse M17

In the city we visited Captain Cook’s cottage.
The bedrooms were really small.
Rinda M18

We caught a bus to the station, a train into the city and then a tram around the city. We saw Channel 7.
Shanice M18
The Middle students were placed into groups. In these groups they investigated their chosen community. They created a 3D community, an information report and presented the information about the community to their grade.

**Urban** means city. An urban community consists of people working and living in high-rise buildings and apartments.

An outback community is often found in Central Australia. It is an isolated and remote community.

A rural community is a farming area located outside cities and towns. Often a rural community grows vegetables or breeds animals to sell.

A suburb is a community outside an urban centre. Most families live in a suburban area.
Congratulations

These children won a prize last week in the Healthy Eating and Playground raffle:

Dora, J7 for picking up rubbish.
Christopher, J1 for having a sandwich, mandarin and water.

Denisha, M16 for playing cooperatively.

Lakisha, M16 for playing cooperatively.

Jastehana, S14 for picking up rubbish.

Tateana, S14 for eating a chicken wrap, banana and water.

Thank you to Tyson, Tayleah, Anna, Kyana, Christina & Shavaughn for donating birthday books to our library.

We hope you all had a very happy birthday.

If you would like to donate a birthday book to the school, please see Linda in the library.

School Crossing Safety

Each afternoon, many parents cross the road to their cars at the oval end of the school not wanting to walk down to the crossing. Some students are called across the road by parents to them waiting in their cars. This is an accident waiting to happen. It is unsafe practice, please don’t do it. If you believe we should have a crossing closer to the car park, then please do the right thing as some parents have done and contact Casey Council and request that a crossing be installed. We did request this a number of years ago but I believe the time is right to revisit the situation with council. If enough parents call, they will send out traffic management officers to assess the situation. We would rather this, than see someone get hit by a car.

I have also had reports of unsafe practices of parents and students when crossing Michelle Drive. Please ensure you do not walk across in front of cars, wait for them to stop and give you the space to walk across. Also remember that you must be safely parked in a designated car park (not in the staff car parks or double parked) before your child exits the car. Traffic officers will be in the area to monitor our traffic, make sure you don’t get caught doing the wrong thing.

Mums, are you up for a Six Week Challenge? Come and join me for a 6 week challenge at Contours gym in Narre Warren South. Increase your fitness and confidence in time for spring, feel better both mentally and physically and learn great healthy recipes to help keep your family eating right.

You get: 6 weeks gym membership, one group training session per week, Contours 6 week weight loss program with menu and recipes, weigh and measures, nutrition advice, complimentary zumba pass and prizes to be won.

Start: Wednesday 17th July
Finish: Wednesday 27th August
Cost: $159 (can be paid in 4 instalments)

Let me know if you are interested or call into the office for more details. I hope you can join me. One training session time will be set per week, other times are at your choice or you can work with a partner or all come along together. Gill Gray

State School’s Spectacular

Have you got your tickets?

The State School’s Spectacular is a professionally staged performing arts production that includes a cast of almost 3,000 Victorian government school students.

It takes place at Hisense Arena with two shows on 27 July 2013 at 11am and 5pm. Tickets are on sale through Ticketek.