It is also something that I’m starting to discover as a parent as my Year 2 daughter came home from school last week and shared a very sad story about how two of her friends, that are boys, that she also went to kindergarten with, no longer treat her the same anymore! My wife and I were in a huge state of sadness as we listened to our daughter with tears flowing down her cheeks. For me, I have seen the way dynamics between boys and girls change half way through Year 2. I know that it’s just a phase that the genders experience! It’s as if boys start to question whether they should be spending their time with girls. It’s not something boys do deliberately! If you were to spend time in the yard of the school playground you’d notice that in Prep everyone plays together. More specifically Preps are still living in their own special world! But between Year 2 and Year 4 boys prefer to spend time with other boys, while girls prefer to spend time with other girls. This is mainly because of their shared interests. However at the end of year 4 and throughout Year 5 and 6, boys for some reason start to realise that girls are all right to hang out with and vice versa.

So I tried to explain my theory to my daughter who had no idea what I was talking about. Maybe her lack of understanding about boys had already started! I tried to explain that it was all a part of growing up. That she hasn’t done anything to upset them and to just keep being herself. That the boys still like her as a friend but they are also learning about and understanding who they are.
Growing up isn’t anyone’s fault but it started to make me realize that maybe I have already been through the easy stages as a parent and that the hard part hasn’t even started! It also made me realise how hard it will be for me as a parent when I don’t have control over things that may upset my daughters. I don’t want to control my daughter’s life. I want them to grow and cope with the challenges they face. As parents I suppose we just have to trust that we have prepared our children as best as possible to be resilient and to deal with the tough moments that are thrown their way.

Once again, everyone told me that I needed a pram, lots of nappies and a car seat before I became a father. No one bothered to say that it would be an emotional rollercoaster – one that I seem to have just bought a ticket for!

Assembly

The 2014 swimming program is well on the way! As the swimming program is held at the same time as assembly we will be having a special assembly on Tuesday August the 12th at 2:30pm. This is due to some students being at the program on the week they have achieved an award. Your child’s teacher will let you know if they will be receiving an award on the special assembly day. Note that because assembly will be held on the Tuesday of this week there will be no assembly on the Friday. Student of the week awards for the week beginning August 11th will be handed out at the Assembly on August 22nd.

Alex Artavilla
Principal

GRADE 6 FRIDAY FOOD STALL

As part of our Graduation fundraising initiative, the Grade 6 students will be cooking up some terrifically tasty treats to sell each Friday at recess. Please check the newsletter each week to see what has been planned as we will list all the ingredients in the food. Purchasing the items is entirely voluntary and if you have any concerns whatsoever, we strongly encourage you to not allow your child to buy anything from the stall.

Thank you,
Grade 6 teachers and students

This Week:
Chocolate Chip Cookies and M n M cookies.

We will be selling them in the old canteen at recess.
They will be $1.00 per cookie.
Why not try both for $2.00!

The ingredients are: butter, sugar, vanilla extract, egg, flour, baking powder, chocolate chips and M and Ms.

If you have any allergies to these products we advise you not to buy them.

Thank you for supporting us!
Grade 6 Team

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE - EMA

As of January 2015 the current government will not be providing parents with EMA. This will mean all families will have to pay for their child’s book pack at the start of the school year.

If you require any further information please contact the office.
THE UPLIFT COLLECTIVE SMOOTHIE DAY

The Uplift Collective’s ‘Healthy Eating & Smoothie Day’ was such a great success. Everyone indulged in some delicious healthy treats and lunchtime activities that got the heart racing and bodies moving. Your purchases helped us raise $410.00. This money will go toward more positive experiences for all students. We would like to thank you for your enthusiasm, purchases and for celebrating healthy lifestyles. This day would not have been possible without the generosity of community sponsors who supported us with donations of blenders, fruit, honey, yoghurt and cups. As well as Felice & Pat Sculli and Anna (Naastaja’s Mum) for sourcing donations for The Uplift Collective. We are filled with gratitude for the support of the following sponsors, and encourage you to support them in return.

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Glengala Road Fruit Shop – Sunshine West

Brand Developers Limited & Nutribullet – New Zealand
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
Presentation at Friday Assembly
Prep:
A  Jessica Mulla
B  Jibril Dib
C  Jasmine Artufel
One:
A  Kwe k’ Paw Ba Aye
B  Crysta Ivanoska

Two
1/2A  Malak Kesha
2A  Susanna Yi

Three:
A  Abdulrahman Mussa
B  Anna Lam

Four:
A  -
B  Omar Abdelbagi

Five:
A  Karina Chetty
B  Fiona Vuong

Six:
A  Suwayz Abdi
B  Luka Kujovic

Sport: Kim Nguyen
Art: Robin Le
ICT: Phylisha Do

Congratulations Everyone
Great Achievement!

FUNDRAISING NEWS
Easter Raffle $1,135.00
Mothers’ Day Stall $  578.26
TOTAL $1,713.26

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GIVE JOHN A CALL!

Instrumental Lessons at School
Did you know that Music:
Develops mind, hand & eye co ordination
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Lessons starting from $14.05% Discount to Parents wishing to enrol more than 1 child.

Enrolment forms are available from the School Office or contact Genesis Music School Direct on 0421 426 674.
TERM 3 NEWS

This term we are putting our attention to the area outside the Grade 1 line up. It was cleared in the school holidays and we will now work out what plants will work there for the 2014 grade 6 project. Also we have started digging out outside the portables, so we can start planting our orange themed garden.

2 MILLION TREES PROJECT
Through the Victorian Government’s 2 Million Trees program, free trees are on offer to all Victorian schools and community groups participating in a National and/or Schools Tree Day activity.

We’ve applied for a donation of 70 trees. These will be largely native and indigenous plants to be planted around the fence line of school oval. Once planted out it will be a haven for wildlife as well as improve the look of the whole area. Stay tuned for more details!

Don’t forget to look out for our new compost bins!

Our aim is to enhance the school grounds using sustainable plants and methods. Run by parents, we will help to reconnect the students with nature and become environmentally responsible.

what to plant in August
Beetroot, bok choy (pak choy), carrot

HARVEST:
Broccoli, cauliflower, spinach

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Fridays 9-10 am. Meet outside the uniform shop, or if raining in Conference room A for a cuppa.
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