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**Current Roll: 497**

I would like to welcome everyone back to Term 3. Hopefully the children have had a good break and are rested well, ready for another exciting term. We would, in particular, like to welcome any new students to the school. This year, for the first time in quite some time, we have welcomed three new elected Board of Trustees members – Julia Oh, Vinetta Pearce and Jamie-Lee Perkins. This term we are hosting a teacher from China through the AFS programme – Ms Xumei Lv. She comes from Yanti, Shan Dong, China and will be mainly working in Room 9.

**Netball:** We will be starting again this Saturday and will continue through until Saturday 24 August. The prize-giving will take place immediately after the games have been completed.

**Chocolate Fundraising:** There is still a large amount of money outstanding from the sale of chocolates. Please make sure that you have this back to us by the end of this week.

**School Disco:** We will be holding 2 discos this term to raise funds towards the camps. The first one is taking place on Friday 02 August, 5.30-7.30 pm and is for the whole school. More information, including a permission form, will be sent home soon.

**School App:** The school app is an excellent tool to use for communication between the school and home. If you haven't already done so, please look up the details of how to download it via our website. The download and all communication from you is free, so no worry about using up valuable credits.

**Spare Clothes:** At this time of the year, with all the rain and cold, we often have children coming down to the office in break times to ask for a change of clothes because they've slipped over and their clothes are now covered in mud. While we try to give them clothes to wear while we wash and dry their uniforms, we have almost run out of spare clothing, especially trousers. If you have any spare clothes at home that you do not need anymore, we would be very grateful to receive them. Old uniforms or warm tops plus trousers are what are needed. Thank you for helping us with this.

**Play Pods:** We are in the process of setting up 'scrap-store play pods'. If you google 'play pods' it will give you an idea of the kinds of materials we are looking for. The idea behind this is to encourage imaginative learning through play and will take place during morning tea and lunch.

**Mid-term Break:** The school will be closed on Monday 02 September for mid-term break. Please make a note of this on your fridge.

**Attendance/Lateness:** On the back of this newsletter is a table showing just how much school is missed when there is regular lateness or absenteeism – it may surprise you.

**Important Dates**

*Saturday 27 July* – Netball, first game of final part of the season

*Friday 02 August* – School disco, Y0-Y8

*Late August* – our male staff is planning our annual Fathers' Day breakfast. More information to come

*Monday 02 September* – **Mid-term break, school closed**

**Attendance/Lateness:** The following tables show just how important regular attendance is and how lateness also affects your child's learning

**1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem like much but...**

If your child misses...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
1 day every 2 weeks	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years of school
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

**How about 10 minutes late a day? Surely that won't affect my child?**

He/she is only missing just...	That equals...	Which is...	And over 13 years of schooling that's...
10 mins per day	50 mins per week	Nearly 1 ½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ year
20 mins per day	1 hr. 40 mins per week	Over 2 ½ weeks per year	Nearly 1 year
30 mins per day	Half a day per week	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1 ½ years
1 hour per day	1 day per week	8 weeks per year	Over 2 ½ years

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

**If you want your child to be successful at school then, YES, attendance does matter!**