From the Principal’s Desk

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back for term 2 – it is great that everyone returned safe and sound from the holiday break. This is an 11 week term so we encourage everyone to take care of themselves especially as the weather becomes colder and people begin developing coughs and colds. The school asks that parents/carers please keep children who are unwell at home to prevent the spread of infections to other students and staff. Thank you very much for your cooperation and support in this matter.

Response to surveys:
In previous newsletters we have asked for parent/carer feedback in relation to a number of issues. Please find your input included below.

Out of School Hours Care
At the moment only 9 families at Jacana Campus and 6 families at Preston Campus would use before/after school programs. As such programs need to be self funding unfortunately these numbers are not high enough for the school to proceed.

Evening Events
Less than 10 families across the whole school would be interested in evening events. In the past when we have invited families to evening events they have been very poorly attended. Whilst we want to give all families the opportunity to attend events at school and recognise it is challenging for some parents/carers to attend school during the day, it remains the preference of the community for the school to provide information sessions/workshops etc for parents/carers during the school day. Attendance at the Family Support Meetings has been excellent and there is provision for after hours appointments on SSG days to accommodate working parents/carers.

Mothers Day Stall Reminder
Thank you to the fundraising groups for coordinating the Mothers’ Day stalls at each campus. The children absolutely love being able to buy their mothers and grandmothers presents to celebrate this special day. The dates for the Mother’s Day stall at Jacana are; Tuesday 24th April, Thursday 26th April and Friday 27th April. Gifts vary from .50c to $5.00. Your classroom teacher will advise you of the day your child will visit the stall.
SSG Week
SSG days commence this Friday. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping your child at home on their classroom's designated day. If you are unable to keep your child at home please let your child's teacher know ASAP. We appreciate your support to enable all families to have a comprehensive SSG with their child's teacher. SSG's at Jacana are as follows:
Mondays: Rooms - 1, 7, 13, 18
Tuesdays: Rooms - 2, 8, 14, 19
Thursdays: Rooms - 4, 10, 16, 21
Fridays: Rooms - 5, 11, 17, 22

Languages other than English
There are many families whose primary language is not English. There are up to 10 different languages requiring translation if we were to translate all documents. To our knowledge families who require the services of an interpreter are receiving this service. If you do need documents translated or an interpreter to attend meetings please let the school know.

Anzac Day Holiday
Just a reminder to everyone that this coming Wednesday (25th April) is a public holiday and the children are not required at school.

Have a wonderful term.

Anna Rigoni
Principal
Student Movement
At times the leadership team may need to move students into different classrooms after the year has commenced. There are usually many reasons why we do this and the reasons may vary in each situation. Last term the leadership team worked with some families, classroom teams and support staff to monitor and assess some student’s classroom placement. We did move students during the term to address issues that arose. With careful consideration with everyone involved, these situations have been successful for all students involved. We want to thank families for their co-operation and patience whilst we monitor and support the best placement for all of our students. We look forward to meeting families at the SSG’s that will commence from Friday 20th April at Jacana.

MESS Bus Incident 19.04.12
On the way over to the Jacana Campus from the Heidelberg Depot, one of our MEES buses carrying staff from 3 buses was involved in an accident which delayed the afternoon runs significantly. Fortunately no one was seriously injured in the accident, however, it made it very difficult to assess the times the runs would be delayed. The admin team called many families to notify them of the situation and the response and co-operation was fantastic. The 4 buses affected, left the site at 4.15. All staff and students managed very well under the circumstances and I apologise to families that were significantly affected by the lateness. Thank you to MEES for managing the situation and to the drivers and chaperones who returned to school after the accident to complete the runs. If you have any questions please call me. Thank you again for your co-operation and understanding.

Education Week - Monday 21st May - Friday 25th May
Our school will celebrate Education Week by inviting families in to the classrooms on Friday 25th May between 9.15 - 9.45. Your child’s teacher will send home more details very soon. It will be a great opportunity to see what programs happen in the school.

School Photos
School photos for the staff and students at the Jacana Campus will be held on Monday 7th May. More information will follow. Please mark this date on your calendar.

Family Support Meetings
Please put these date in your diary.

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Fundraising Committee Meetings
Next meeting will be held on Wednesday 2nd May at 10.30am, new members welcome.

Staffing update
We farewelled Briony Smith and Trish Mizzi at the end of term 1. We welcome back to Robyn Metcalfe to a full time teaching in room 4 for the remainder of the year. We also welcomed Nicole Chambers (full time), Amy Bonsor (3 days) to fill the speech pathologist vacancy and Merryn Hansford (Teacher Aide) room 13. We look forward to working with all the new staff.
Jacana Parent Technology Support Group (PTSG)
The first meeting was held today (20th April). We discussed the needs of parents and the concept of sharing knowledge of computer programs and ipad / ipod apps that were successful with individual students. Parents who have specific questions for the group or information to share or be part of the email group please email Denise at clark.de.m.d.emul.e.vic.gov.au.

Nicole Davis
PTSG - Jacana Campus

Student Banking
We have had a couple of requests for the school to facilitate student banking. Please complete the survey and return to school. School Council will assess the requests once we have collated the replies.

If you have not already done so, please fill in and return the slip below to the school

- I would be interested in accessing student banking
- I am not interested in accessing student banking

Parents name: ............................................
Students name: ...........................................
Date: .....................................................

Corinne Pupillo
Campus Principal
Early Years A

Room 10.

The children in room 10 have settled in well to term 2. They were all very happy to be back at school. They have participated in a variety of activities this week.
Early Years B

Room 6

Enjoying social games with each other
We have been making toasted sandwiches. We are learning to spread the margarine, and choose our fillings. They are very yummy!
Irabina would like to invite parents and carers, grandparents, aunts, uncles, teachers, and any other special people connected to your family, to join us for an information evening

**MONDAY 23rd APRIL 2012**
7pm—9pm
At Irabina Childhood Autism Services
193 Bayswater Road
Bayswater 3153

**Raelene McBride, Psychologist** will be presenting

**What is Autism?**
& **What can I do to help?**

**Special Guest Speaker**
Roger Langsdon will also share his families personal account of living with autism.

Irabina welcomes your family and extended family and friends to join us for the evening.

Question time will follow the presentation.

Please RSVP to Reception on 9720 1118
Or
email reception@irabina.com
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-To book a consultation simply call or email-
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