End of Term 2 – early Finish - Reminder that students finish at 2.30
Friday is a Casual Dress Day. Gold Coin Donation.

Holidays
I wish all of our families a relaxing and safe holiday, and I look forward to seeing everyone in Term 3.

Term 3 Commences Monday 15th July

Parent/Teacher Interviews
I would like to thank all of the parents/carers who attend the parent/teacher meetings on Wednesday or Thursday night. I know the teachers worked extremely hard to provide students and parents with comprehensive reports and interviews. I read every student report and I was delighted with the progress and results of our students. Our interviews are conducted over the 2 nights and I would like to acknowledge the dedication of my staff for their commitment and 2 very long days and nights.

Special Activity Day / Excursion
- Last year we introduced our “Attendance Excursions”. for any student who has had 1 day absence or less as a way of rewarding outstanding attendance. Thank you to parents and students who suggested that students should be allowed 1 days absence per term, (2 days in total) and be eligible for the excursion.

After listening to the feedback, I have decided to allow all students with 2 days or less to attend the excursion.

During terms 1 & 2, we had 225 student eligible for the excursion. Each of the eligible students has received a permission notice. Please ensure that your child returns their permission notice by the due date, as we have to book buses and the venue based on the number of students attending.
The children will be going on an excursion to Maru Koala Park & Mini Golf near Phillip Island, in the second week of term 3.

**Special Prize – Bike & Helmet**
Students who had 3 days or less were entered into a special prize draw to win a new “bike and helmet”.

**The WINNER is**
Eru Kora-McLean 2D

**Lost Dogs Home – Donations**
Our Casual Dress Day coins will be donated to the Lost Dogs Home, along with the towels and blankets brought in by families and staff.

As a loving pet owner myself, I always find it incredibly distressing to see how many dogs and cats end up in Lost Dogs homes or animal shelters.

Pets often end up in shelters because their owner decide they can’t be bothered looking after them. Some people buy a cute puppy or kitten and don’t realise the amount of effort that must go into training and caring for their pet, then they become angry or frustrated if their pet doesn’t behave appropriately, so they either abandon their pet or send it an animal shelter.

It costs a significant amount of money to care for a small or large dog, cat, guinea pig, or other pet, so families need to think carefully about the type of pet they choose. If you live in a small unit with a small back yard, then a kelpie or border collie probably isn’t the right choice of dog. All pets require an appropriate food, yard and regular exercise.

If your family is considering a pet in the future, please do some research about the type of pet you want, and make sure it is the right choice for your family and home environment.

**Caring for your pet**
As a responsible pet owner, you can do the right thing by your pet and your community by:
- Providing the right kind of shelter for your pet.
- Understanding your pet’s dietary and health care needs.
- Providing veterinary attention when required and keeping their vaccinations up to date.
- Organising proper training and socialisation for your pet.
- Making sure your pet is safe and in a secure yard when you and your family aren’t at home.
- Making sure your pet gets enough exercise and play, according to its needs.
- Keeping your pet’s environment clean, to help prevent disease and illness.
- Ensuring your pet dog and cat are registered and permanently identified by microchip.

**Responsible Pet Ownership Program and Caring for pets**
Last week the children in grades Prep -2 had a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership program. Children learnt many new and interesting facts about caring for pets and animals.

**Education Maintenance Allowance 2nd Instalment**

Parents with continuing eligibility, who were paid the first instalment in 2013 through this school, will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment.

Parents who transferred children to Lyndale Greens Primary School after 28th February 2013 and prior to or on 2nd August 2013, must reapply at this school for the second instalment.

If you have become eligible for a card since 28th February 2013 you may also apply for 2nd Instalment.

Please bring your current Healthcare Card or Pension Card to the office as soon as possible.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 3 (15th July 2013).

Applications close on 2nd August and no late applications can be accepted.

Please contact the School Office for an application form or for further information.

**SCHOOLKIDS BONUS**

The Schoolkids Bonus is a payment to help eligible families with the education related costs of primary and secondary school studies. The Schoolkids Bonus can be used to assist with the costs of things like school fees, uniforms, books and sports, or other lessons.

Each year, eligible families and students will receive: up to $410 for each child in primary school (paid in two instalments of $205)

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July.

If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.

You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.

If you’re eligible, the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid automatically into your bank account. You don’t claim it through your tax.

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus for 2013 will be paid by Centrelink from 4 to 17 July. If you haven't received your payment by 18 July, but think
you're eligible, please contact Centrelink to discuss your personal circumstances. To learn more about the Schoolkids Bonus, visit www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

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Congratulations to the following classes for having the best attendance in their level for the week ending Friday 21st June: 6A, 5A, 4B, 2D, 1/2A and Prep A

Special congratulations goes to Grades 5A and Prep A which had 100% and also Grade 1/2A (97.89%) and 2D (97.5%) attendance for week ten of Term Two.

Congratulations to everyone for attending school so consistently and working hard to receive great mid-year reports.

*Brian Wright (Welfare officer).*