NEWSLETTER
Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} June 2015

As this is the last week for the term I would like to remind everyone that tomorrow we will be holding a special end of term assembly where each class will have a small item to share with everyone. In addition to our assembly the Junior School Council are running an out of uniform, film and popcorn day. This is a no cost activity. Students will participate in their classes throughout the first part of the day as normal with the junior school council activity beginning during the session between recess and lunch. Thank you to our junior school councillors who have organised this activity to celebrate the end of a wonderful first semester.

Earlier this week students brought home a parent teacher interview time sheet. Interviews provide an opportunity to meet with teachers and discuss student progress. Throughout the holidays you will have a chance to read student reports. Interviews provide an opportunity to discuss aspects of student reports and gain a clear understanding of the goals set for your child for Semester 2. We would encourage all parents to take this opportunity to meet with teachers. The Year 5 and 6 students are asked to attend interviews with their parents. If you have not returned your form could you please help us by sending it to school tomorrow as the interviews are during the first week of next term and we need to finalise times.

We have had several head lice cases in the school during the last week. Could everyone please check and help us to rid them from our school. If we have a concerted effort throughout the holidays we will hopefully be nit free at the beginning of Term 3. An information sheet is attached to the newsletter which explains the various treatments etc.

With a two week break from school I would like to remind families that reading every day is an important task to do throughout the holidays. It is a researched and understood fact that children regress in their reading if they do not continue to ready on a regular basis. Please help us to continue the learning journey for your child/ren by listening to them read every day and please support them to find time to read independently each day. Thank you to Quinny who has provided us with our Maths Matters information (see attached) - some holiday reading for parents.

Have a safe and happy holiday and we look forward to school resuming on Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} July.
Judy Hilbig
THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR CLEANING ON THE LAST DAY OF TERM. PLEASE DO NOT SEND STUDENTS TO SCHOOL WITH LUNCH ORDERS

WOOLWORTHS EARN AND LEARN STARTS DURING JULY - PLEASE HELP US BY COLLECTING YOUR DOCKETS AND SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL

CHAPLAIN’S CHAT: SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS

It’s that time again: when the kids are home for the holidays and there is always a need for ideas to keep them entertained. Holiday fun doesn’t necessarily have to cost money; with a little bit of planning and effort, you can all survive without temper tantrums (and that goes for the children as well).

Here are a few things to keep in mind that will help preserve your sanity. Firstly, your children will behave differently during the holidays. They take time to adjust to the different environment, routine and resources. It’s not that they’re out to get you, but simply that young brains need time to adapt to change. Secondly, they will not die if they experience times of boredom. In fact it is really important to their development to give them opportunities to draw on their own imagination and creativity (and no, this does NOT include electronic activities). Lastly, children don’t have to do everything that they want. It can be helpful to set a clear budget at the beginning of the holidays and allow each child to choose one activity which falls within that range.

And now for a few activities which don’t cost anything except for some time and effort.

1. Have an “art attack” day. Turn your tribe loose in an area where they can make a mess. Let them create their own masterpieces from paint, plaster, sand, paper, cardboard, boxes and anything else you have to hand. The end result doesn’t matter.
2. Organise a treasure hunt. Use your house, garden or a local park. Draw a map or write clues to help them track down little objects or one final object.
3. Build an obstacle course in your yard, which they have to skip, run, walk backwards, hop, skate or ride through. They will enjoy helping to make the course.
4. If the movies are too expensive, hire a dvd and let the kids make their own popcorn or treats to enjoy while watching it.
5. Think about the holiday activities that you Enjoyed. Cooking, cubbies, dress up, board games are all still good entertainers.

Most of all, try to relax and enjoy life with them. Happy holidays.

Your Chaplain, Alli

A SHORT REMINDER THAT SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE NOW DUE AND ARE REQUIRED TO BE PAID

Future of Great Western Committee
Bush Dance
4th July, 7.00pm-11.00pm
The band engaged will be teaching the dances throughout the evening.
For further details please contact Heather Ahchow 0473 362887