NEWSLETTER
Thursday 23rd July 2015

This week we held our information evening for our incoming 2016 students. Thank you to Khloe and Corey, our school captains, who prepared a speech, presented to everyone attending and then conducted a very informative tour around the school. I would also like to thank the staff who attended and provided additional information re learning programs and activities.

Even though the weather is cold and there isn’t a lot growing in the school garden, the students managed to cook with silverbeet, spinach, rhubarb and kale during cooking last week. As we have an abundance of silverbeet it will be a major ingredient during cooking this term! Hopefully as the weather warms up we will see some of our other plants take off and become productive. Thank you to Michelle for her creative cooking program – working with what we grow!

BEANIE DAY – tomorrow we are calling for all students to wear a beanie to school. If you do not have a beanie or forget, we will have a supply of hats which we will use to make sure everyone has one.

As our term progresses we continue to help our students understand our school values – RESILIENCE, RESPECT and RESPONSIBILITY. We would ask that you continue to discuss with your child what these mean and how they look both at school and in the broader community.

Have a wonderful week
Judy Hilbig

WEAR A BEANIE TOMORROW!!

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

SCHOOL VALUES
RESILIENCE
RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY

DATES TO REMEMBER
Sheepvention Excursion
LA1 & LA3
Monday 3rd August

Pet Education Program
Wednesday 5th August

Transition activity yr 5&6
Ararat College
Wednesday 5th August

School Council
Monday 10th August
6.00pm

Walkathon/Footy Day
Friday 11th September

School Council
Monday 14th September
6.00pm

Cultural Day
Wednesday 16th September

Final assembly term 3
Friday 18th September
1.45pm

Last day of term Friday
18th September school dismissal 2.20pm
CHAPLAIN’S CHAT: THE 5 LOVE LANGUAGES

Our children can be incredibly different. A tough parenting lesson is learning that each of my children needs to experience and express love differently. So here is something help you to have a greater understanding.

1. PHYSICAL TOUCH: these children need lots of regular, warm physical contact to feel loved. It could be hugs or kisses, tickles or wrestling, having their back rubbed, or their hair brushed. Whatever form it takes, they can’t get enough. This is the child who is constantly under your feet, or who jumps on you as soon as you sit down.

2. AFFIRMING WORDS: these children thrive on positive, specific, personal feedback, such as “You did such a great job on your project. You are becoming really responsible. I’m proud of you.” Of course they also hang out for the “I love you.” If they are feeling unloved they are likely to ask for more feedback. “I did a great job, didn’t I Dad?” “Mum, tell Nanna how well I did today”. They’re not pestering or big headed. They just need a little more love.

3. QUALITY TIME: these children need to have regular doses of one-on-one time which they don’t have to share with anyone else (especially brothers and sisters.) It doesn’t have to be long, but it does need to be frequent and focussed on whatever they want to share with you.

4. GIFTS: these children can be the easiest to manage. Their world lights up whenever someone gives them something. It doesn’t have to be expensive or even cost any money at all. It could be something you made or found. It’s most effective when it is unexpected.

5. ACTS OF SERVICE: these children love having things done for them which they may not be able to do for themselves. Decorating or cleaning their room, helping with a difficult task, for example. Even if they can do it, they will feel loved and valued if you help out.

Just one thing to remember: whatever your child’s love language may be (or yours, for that matter), the opposite behaviour will cause them to feel unloved. So, angry or negative touch will wound “touch” children; harsh words or silence will damage the “words” child; no individual time, or having to always share time will hurt “time” children; no gifts or inappropriate gifts undermine the “gifts” child; and never being served or helped, is a big negative for the “service” child.

Happy parenting, Alli

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