**Principal’s Message**

*Playground Pals* in our Playground to Help Make it Even Safer

To continue to make our playground safe our first group of Stage 3 students were recently trained in Peer Mediation by four students from Robert Townson High School. Peer mediation offers a process by which students are actively involved in resolving their own disputes. Two trained Stage 3 students assist other students through a structured process to reach a resolution of the dispute or problem. The program has been shown to help students gain greater responsibility in solving their own problems, reducing bullying and playground incidents before they escalate. The student mediators develop social and leadership skills and this can help to increase their self-esteem. The program leads to a safer and more harmonious school environment. The students who are in the playground during recess and lunch would be dealing with problems under the supervision of the playground teacher – these could include gossip or rumour spreading, name calling, friendship problems, teasing, loss of property or exclusion. More serious problems would be dealt with by the teacher. This new group of students commenced duty in the playground last week and have already helped some students sort out their problems.

**Children are Not Allowed in the Car Park Even if They are With a Parent – it’s a Safety Issue**

Teachers and parents have expressed concern regarding a few parents who are driving into the staff car park to deliver and pick up their children. Students are not permitted in the school car park as they are classed as unsafe areas. Children need to be dropped off outside the school beside the curb and access the school via a footpath. If you take your child through the car park it leads other children to believe this is alright and they then enter the car park unsupervised, this is very dangerous. Please be mindful that some of our students are only 4 years old and we need to set the right example for all children. We thank you for your understanding and assistance in keeping our students safe.

**Good number sense**

Maths is a numbers game but for some students - and parents - the figures don't add up. Here are some strategies to help kids to work out sums in their heads in a way that makes sense to them.


**Reading with your child at home**

When your children see you reading and writing in everyday life – whether reading for pleasure, sharing a story with them or making a shopping list – it teaches them that they are useful skills. Here are some things you can do at home to help your kids with reading.


**Removing head lice and nits**

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your children of head lice and nits.


Wayne Osborne – Deputy Principal

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**COMING EVENTS**

- Wednesday 13 March: Green Assembly RTPS hall 2:00 pm
- Thursday 14 March: Gold Assembly RTPS hall 2:00 pm
- Friday 15 March: Gala Day
- Wednesday 20 March: School Photo Day – Summer Uniform
- Thursday 21 March: Student Banking

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PBIS

Our PBIS focus areas for Week 6 is:

- Walk up the stairs and through the office safely.
- Tuck your shirt in and take your hat off before entering the office.

The first PBIS Reward Day for Term 1 will be held on Thursday 7 March for all students who have not received a yellow slip during the first six weeks of term.

From the P&C

School Banking

The next school banking day is Thursday 21 March 2013. Children are to hand in their bank books to their class teacher on the day.

Christine Wright – P&C President

Notices

Sacramental Programme for 2013 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel

There will be an information evening for Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation for this year. All parents wishing their children to receive sacraments this year must attend. Please bring copies of your child’s baptism certificate.

Date: Friday 15 March 2013
Time: 7:45 pm
Venue: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church
193 St Andrews Rd
Varroville

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Your local outdoor group exercise class for women only! ‘Mums n Bubs’ is run by Everyday Health and Fitness – an accredited Exercise Physiology company (www.everydayhf.com.au). Tone up, lose weight and socialise with other women whilst watching over your children. Please note, all women are welcome - bringing a child is NOT a requirement. Session fees are cheap: $10 per session, or $15 in total for two sessions. ‘Mums n Bubs’ is run at Park Central, next to Campbelltown Private Hospital. All equipment is supplied. To join our ‘Mums n Bubs’ classes, or for any enquiries, contact Mitchell Lenkic (owner/Exercise Physiologist) on 0433 709 502 or mitchell@everydayhf.com.au. I look forward to hearing from you.

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James Court Tennis

We will be conducting our 95th tennis camp to be held 15 – 19 April 2013 inclusive at Glenquarie Tennis Centre. Fees are $100 for the week which includes:

- Crazy Hair Day Thursday
- Free Sausage Sizzle on Friday

Tennis Coaching commences on Monday 25 April for group and private lessons 4 years and up. Please call Michael Mullane on 0408 448 618 for an enrolment form.

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