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## Welcome to Term 3 everyone

### BOOKFAIR COMING UP!

See below for more details

July 31<sup>st</sup> Bookfair buying day  
Aug 1<sup>st</sup> Bookfair buying day  
Aug 2<sup>nd</sup> Chinese sister School Visitors Arrive  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Chinese friends depart  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Kinder Visit  
Aug 8<sup>th</sup> Snow Queen Show

**TERM 1:** Feb 1<sup>st</sup> – March 31st

**TERM 2:** (Tues) 18<sup>th</sup> April – 30<sup>th</sup> June

**TERM 3:** 17<sup>th</sup> July – 22<sup>nd</sup> September

**TERM 4** – 9th October – 22<sup>nd</sup> December

### *Dear Parents and Carers,*

Thankyou for a smooth start to the school term. Despite the weather classes have been settled and the children are ready to learn. Term 3 is the term when children really kick off their learning as they are comfortable with routines and teachers are able to build on prior learning and ensure that every child is learning at their level.

#### **Bookfair**

We will be holding our exciting Scholastic Bookfair next week. We hope that everyone will take the opportunity to look at, and buy, some of the new and interesting books on display. Students will be able to view the books during class with their teachers on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> of July.

Buying days will be the following Monday 31<sup>st</sup> of July and Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> – again during organised class times.

The Bookfair will also be open after school from 3.30 – 4pm on Monday July 31<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday August 1<sup>st</sup> for families who wish to purchase books.

#### **Circus Skills After School Classes**

This term we are offering a Circus Skills Class with Ryan From Circus East Gippsland. Classes run every Thursday afternoon in the school hall at a cost of \$10 per session payable to the school office. The class is full with a waiting list this term which highlights how keen kids are to be involved in these types of activities. Let the school office know if you would like your child to be involved in the term 4 program.

#### **Chinese Sister School Visit**

Seventeen children and two teachers from our sister school in Changshu China will be at PPS from August 2<sup>nd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>. They will be attending classes, interacting with their Aussie mates, visiting Raymond Island to see Koalas, taking a lakes cruise and exploring the Buchan Caves. It is a brave undertaking for these grade 5 and 6 students from China and it is a real privilege for us to host them. Please say hello if you see Chinese students or teachers

around our school and make them feel welcome. A special word of thanks to all of the families who have opened their hearts to host a student for the week.

***Host Family information session with Jennifer Ward is on at 3pm Monday July 24<sup>th</sup> in the school staffroom.***

### **Baskekbball**

Wow what a start to the term. Tuesday night saw all six of our school teams really playing well. I love watching the kids give their best, support each other, win with grace and lose with pride. Sport has a way of teaching many of lifes lessons in a small amount of time. Special mention must go to grade 6 student Jack Tough who coached the under 10 Eagles team on Tuesday night. Jack is a terrific basketballer and sportsman in his own right – but he is also an excellent tactician who connects with people. Hopefully we have enough room in the salary cap to sign up JT for the remainder season.



***Jack Tough addresses the team at half time and it was just what the troops needed  
as they stormed to an 11 – 11 draw. Well done JT.***