Hello Everyone

What a busy, and long, Term 3 this has been. Term 4 will be back to a standard 10 weeks and hopefully we can settle in to some comfortable routines after all our sports and athletics carnivals. Remember though that we will be having our school concert on Wednesday, 31 October during the day due to possible industrial action. But back to the present.

**Athletics Carnival**

Many thanks to the organisers of our school athletics carnival. Five schools were involved and it was our turn to put it all together. Fortunately AB had done a lot of the leg work before breaking one of his, but Sharon then showed how great she is at events management and actually enjoyed putting things together like a ticking watch.

For those who stayed at school the crew put on a great series of activities that the students enjoyed and did well at. Next year there's talk of involving students with higher needs from other schools.

**Touch Football Carnival**

On Thursday our next sports event is on. Several of our classes will be heading to Claremont to play in a touch carnival and a total of 30 students will be included in 3 teams. We wish them luck as they compete against tough opponents.

**Teacher Aides Day**

Last Friday we were able to celebrate a very special day in the school- Teacher Aides Day. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of teacher aides who care for the students and support the teachers every day. There is no doubt that we could not survive without them. Thank you to all the teacher aides in our school for all that you do.

**IEP Reviews**

By this time teachers will have been in touch to talk with you about how the IEP goals have been going for your child. Please make sure that you sign and return the reviews as soon as possible, if you are happy with what they say. A copy with all the signatures can then be sent home.

**IPads**

The state government committed in the election to providing 20 IPads to every Special School and these arrive in the school on Thursday. Hopefully they won't take as long to get into classrooms as they did last time. The P&C, as always, has been a great help, providing funds that we used to purchase a specially designed trolley to charge and synchronise the IPads.

**Child Protection Week**

Last week was Child Protection Week and Amanda organised with Tim (a teacher from Edmund Rice Flexible Learning) to make a display of masks representing how we hide our feelings when we feel threatened or at risk. It was lovely to attend a morning tea put on for the people involved in making the masks and our special thanks go to Tim and David (Head of Campus) from Flexible Learning for their hospitality. Well done to Amanda for making our first connection with the Edmund Rice Flexible Learning Centre- our new neighbours.

**Admin out of the school**

This Wednesday and Thursday mornings I will out of the school at Principal's meetings. Next week I will again be out of the school until Thursday, attending a conference for Special Education Principals from around Australia and New Zealand.

Darren will be out of the school all day Thursday of this week attending a conference.

**P&C**

A reminder that the next P&C meeting is next Wednesday, 19 September, 7:00pm start.

All the best,

Bruce
DONATIONS:

POTTERY CLASS DONATIONS
Pottery students are looking for donations of Air Plants (Old Mans Whiskers) to put on pottery masks. Donations can be dropped off at the school.

LOOKING FOR DONATIONS OF PLANTS
If you have any plants that could be potted up they would be greatly appreciated, e.g.
Bromeliads
Succulents
Agave
Plants can be dropped off at school and sent to the Home Economics room.
Donations of Small Pots under 14cm or 5 inch

DONATE YOUR OLD DESKTOP COMPUTERS FOR RECYCLING
Our school runs a computer recycling program as part of our work experience program. We require old desktop computers which can be used for recycling. NO LAPTOPS PLEASE. Computers can be dropped off at school.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

13 September—Touch Football Carnival
19 September—P & C Meeting
21 September—Last day of term 3
8 October—First day of term 4
22 October—Student Free Day
31 October—Spring Concert
IMPORTANT NOTICES:
All students who are being picked from school need to be signed out at the school office. If anyone other than a parent/carer is picking up a student the school must be notified and photo identification must be presented before signing out a student.

Our School Code of Behaviour
Our school follows the Positive Behaviour Support Program. This program involves active teaching of our School Code of Behaviour. It is our expectation that all students will be following the four key parts of the code. They are:

Co-operation.
Respect for Others.
Self Control.
Respect for Property.

A copy of the symbols for each of the four key parts is attached. Our school welcomes your support with this program.

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When
Between 2:45pm and 5:30pm
Monday to Friday (school term)
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For more information
Please contact the OSHC coordinator Kerri
(07) 3812 2014
0424 506 546
via email childcare@focal.org.au

VACATION CARE
Focal will be running a Junior and Senior vacation care program during the September holidays at our school. Please contact them on 3812 2014 for further information.

Vacancies Available for After School Care
OUTSTANDING STUDENT WORK

Classroom work continues to be of a high standard. It is great to see so many students working so hard.

Keep up the good work!

**Paper Delivery**
Karley Wilson
Kimberley Poole

**Spelling**
Madelynne Smith

**Good Listening**
Zac Grbin

**Art**
Kevin Daniels
Anna Bellah Brown