Dear Parents/Carers

We have had another very busy start to the school year and this week I proudly announced the election results for Class Captains, Sports captains and School Captains. I look forward to working with these very deserving students.

It was great to see so many parents attend the parent teacher interviews this week. Having open communication between home and school is crucial to the successes your child experiences.

Have the BEST fortnight.

Leanne Sheardown
Principal

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**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA)**

Parents and carers who are eligible to receive the Education Maintenance Allowance and have not come into the school office this year, need to complete the application form available at the office before Wednesday, 29th February. You must bring your current Health Care / Pension card with you when filling out the application. You must apply for EMA at the start of every year. If you want your payment to be deposited directly into your bank account, please bring details of your account number, including bank and branch BSB, the correct name of the account and the location of the branch. Your EMA may be used to purchase the Book Pack.

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**REMINDER THAT TERM 1 IS NO HAT, NO PLAY.**

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS**

We have vacancies due to the normal end of a Councillor’s office (which is two years). Information about these positions will be out soon.

The role of the School Council is one of helping to set the long term future of the school and maintaining oversight (not management) of the school’s operation. It is not about running the school—that is the job of the principal.

If you are interested in being a part of the 2012 School Council, please keep an eye on updates through the newsletter and the school’s website.

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**Leadership Camp**

Our leadership Camp for Grades 3-6 is booked for Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th March. It is an overnight camp at the YMCA Bacchus Marsh site. The cost of the camp is $135 which has been subsidised heavily by the YMCA. Any student in Gr 3-6 not attending the overnight camp will participate in a day camp program here at school. Information regarding camp payment and details will be sent home next week.

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**Assemblies in 2012**

**Coming up...............**

- Monday 5th March @ 2.20pm  Grade 5/6A
- Monday 19th March @ 2.20pm  Grade 4/5A

Watch for your invitation to join us at assembly, starting @ 2.20pm in the Multi Purpose Room. Parents of the presenting class are also welcome to visit their child’s classroom and to meet with the teacher.
**Playgroup**

I encourage parents and community members to come along to our playgroup on Wednesday mornings from 9.00am -10.50am. Lots of fun activities and events are planned and we need you to help make it the BEST playgroup!

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING ELECTED STUDENT LEADERS**

**School Captains**  
Nayna and Alice

**School Vice Captains**  
Chin Chin and Charvante

**Sports Captains**  
Green  
Captains: Nuam and Raj  
Vice Captains: Cindy and Nicholas

**Gold**  
Captains: Ashish and Noami  
Vice Captains: Vina and Saleban

**Class Captains**  
Grade 3/4 Erin and Kelly  
Grade 4/5 Danni and Rosie  
Grade 5/6 Suong and Jacklyne

I would like to congratulate the elected Captains and Vice Captains. I was so impressed with the number of nominations as well as the speeches that each nominated student delivered.

**Sunsmart**

We are a Sunsmart school which requires all students to wear a Sunsmart hat in Terms 1 and 4. These need to be full brimmed or legionnaire style. Any student without a hat will be required to sit in the shaded area as part of our

**Community News**

More information can be found at school outside the office

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