FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY THIS FRIDAY

Lyn’s Lines
Welcome back to term 4, the busiest term of the year! Transition for the senior students into secondary college, transition for students from kindergarten to primary school, individual student reports, Life Education, Spring food festival, Art Gallery excursion grades 5/6, Rugby day, District triathlon, Police visit to name a few. All if these events can cause students to become quite anxious in times of change. There are many ways parents and teachers can support our students during these times as written in the Bittern Primary School Statement of Community Values, please refresh your memory with excerpts of this document below.

AS TEACHERS AND ALL NON-TEACHING STAFF, WE WILL:

- Model positive behaviour to students consistent with the standards of our profession.
- Proactively engage with parents about student outcomes.
- Work with parents to understand the needs of each student and, where necessary, adapt the learning environment accordingly.
- Work collaboratively with parents to improve learning and wellbeing outcomes for students with additional needs.
- Communicate with the principal and school leaders in the event we anticipate or face any tension or challenging behaviours from parents.
- Treat all members of the school community with respect.

AS PARENTS, WE WILL:

- Model positive behaviour to our child.
- Ensure our child attends school on time, every day the school is open for instruction.
- Take an interest in our child’s school and learning.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

Primary School Attendance
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

ICY POLES
Icy poles are back for Term 4! An announcement will be made at the end of the preceding day if Icy poles are going to be available.
Why it’s important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading. This week notes will be sent home with some students detailing term 3 attendances and an overall attendance rating for the year so far. Students will also have term 4 attendance records sent home with the end of year reports.

REVIEW OF DISMISSAL TIME FOR 2016
During this term we will be reviewing the 3-15 dismissal times at the end of the day. If you have an opinion you would like to put forward regarding this subject, please feel free to contact any of the school council members or e-mail the school on bittern.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

UPHOLD THE RIGHT
On Tuesday October 13th a representative from the Victorian Police Force is coming to address the students on themes around bullying. There will be three sessions, junior, middle and senior as the content of the briefings will be designed specifically for age appropriateness.

DON’T FORGET HOT DOGS THIS FRIDAY
HOT DOGS!!
Hot dogs will be available this Friday, at a cost of $2.50.
If you would like your child/ren to purchase a hot dog, please complete the order form and return it to school this Friday, together with the correct money.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN ON HOT DOG DAY

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