



Term 4  
Week 4  
Date 9/11/2018



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Concord Public School Community News and Information

## Dates for the Diary

### **November**

- 9 November** - **Remembrance Day Ceremony**
- 13 November** - **Kindergarten Orientation Day - no. 2**
- 16 November** - **Grandfriends' Day**
- 19 November** - **Assembly - 4/5K, 2:20pm**
- 20 November** - **Kindergarten Orientation Day - no. 3**
- 23 November** - **Newsletter out today**
- 26 November** - **Assembly - 3/4P, 2:20pm**
- 30 November** - **Year 6 "Funday"**

### **December**

- 3 December** - **Assembly - 5/6D, 2:20pm**
- 10 December** - **Presentation Day**
- 11 December** - **Year 6 Farewell Canada Bay Club**
- 19 December** - **Reports sent home**
- 19 December** - **Last day for students**

## Principal's Message

# Concord Public School

Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

## School Vision Statement



At Concord Public School, we endeavour to nurture an inclusive and diverse learning community that promotes learners to be self-motivated, engaged and to demonstrate a commitment to lifelong learning in a future-focused environment.

### School Strategic Directions

2018-2020



As a school, we have commenced the evaluation process of our 2018-2020 School Plan where teachers have the opportunity to evaluate our strategic directions and milestones of achievement in planning for the year ahead. Our school focus area meetings will continue over the coming weeks. Parents will also have the opportunity to contribute by completing a short survey. In addition to the surveys sent home, some of our senior students will be in the playground collecting feedback from 2.45pm. They will be using their iPads to give you a quick and convenient opportunity to respond. If you are at school at pick up time, please look out for them.

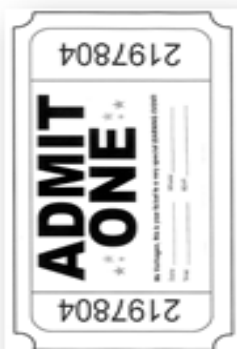


### Remembrance Day

On Monday, students will take part in a Remembrance Day Service. Thank you to Mr McLaren and Mrs Alam who are preparing the students for this important commemorative event.



## Principal's message continued...



### Invitation to Learning

What are your coding skills like?

5/6T and KM think you should give SCRATCH CODING a try!

Using Scratch, 5/6T supported their KM buddies to create their own interactive stories, games and animations. They worked collaboratively, used effective reasoning skills and were particularly creative and enthusiastic in sharing their work with me this week.

The ability to code computer programs is an important part of literacy in today's society. When students learn to code in Scratch, they learn important strategies for solving problems, designing projects and communicating ideas.



Thank you 5/6T and Mr Destefano, and KM with Mrs Montgomery for my exciting Invitation to Learning this week.

### P&C Halloween Disco

With painted faces, costumes, scary hair, spooky treats and lots of dancing fun, Friday night's disco was a resounding success! The CPS spirit was truly evident in the way students, parents and teachers embraced the night and the theme, by dressing very creatively in so many varied and fantastic costumes. The success of this event is directly attributed to the great commitment, planning and wonderful organisation of the energetic and creative P&C – thank you all.



### Our Grandfriends' Day is only one week away!

Please join us for our school concert - with SUPER HERO performances from all our classes, Choir, Dance Troupe and K Pop Group, a Book Fair and Morning Tea...

Friday, 16 November from 9.30am.

We are looking forward to entertaining you.

### Student Achievement

Congratulations to the following students and their proud families who have shared news of their talents and success with me over the past two weeks:

- 🏆 Dari – achievement in archery
- 🏆 Emil and Isabel – achievement in the 2018 Jiu Jitsu Pan Pacific Championships
- 🏆 Joseph – achievement in the Premier's Reading Challenge Words and Art



Michelle Verbagen

Relieving Principal



## Student Awards

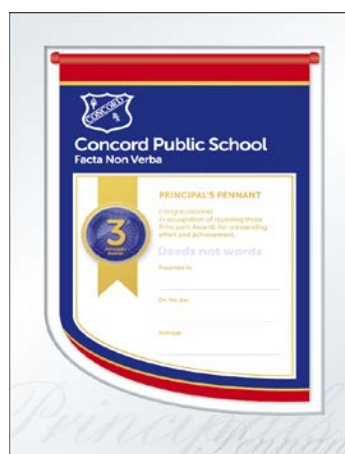
# Congratulations...

To the following students who have or will be receiving a Principal Award or Principal Pennant.

### Principal's Awards

Dilraj G. – 3/4P  
 Harrison H. – 3/4P  
 Jacqueline L. – KM  
 Asher K. – 4/5K  
 Henry W. – KM  
 Dakota H. – 5/6T  
 Claudia F. – 2M  
 Isidora T. – 3/4C  
 Ella G. – 1/2G  
 Gurleen N. – 5/6T x 2  
 Christian C. – 5/6T  
 Zac O. – 4/5K  
 Sofia C. – 2M  
 Tamara C. – 5/6T  
 Lucas H. – 5/6D  
 Hamish H. – 3/4C  
 Grace N. – 1/2G  
 Caitlyn N. – K/1S  
 Isla T. – KM  
 Angie T. – 1/2G  
 Jackson M. – K/1S  
 Hannah K. – 2M

### Principal's Pennants



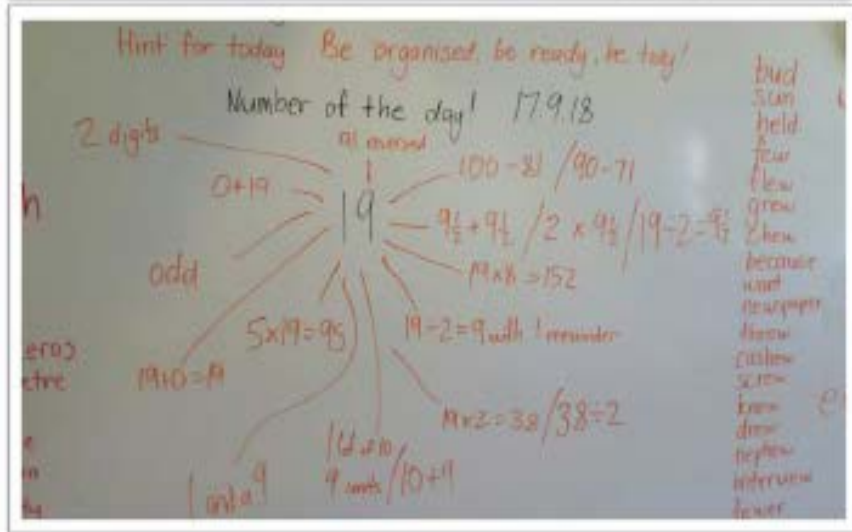
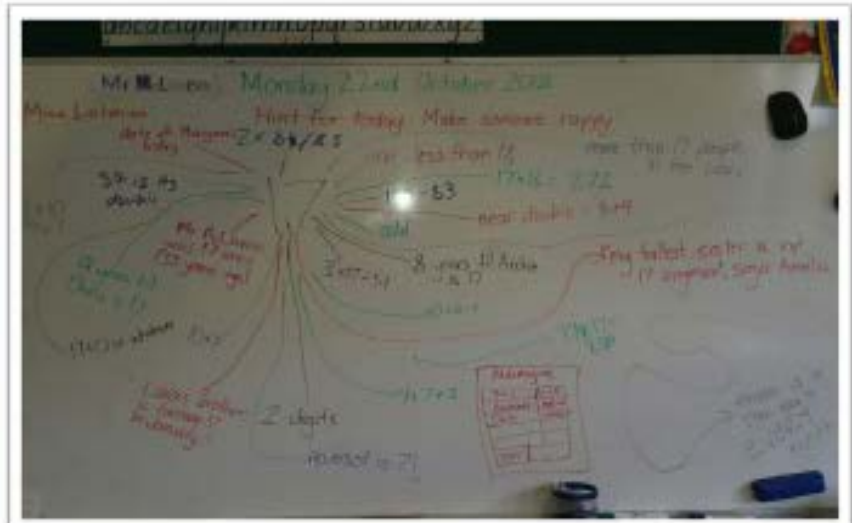
Asher K. – 4/5K  
 Aurora W. – KM  
 Gabriella G. – 3/4P  
 Ryley M. – 1C  
 Charlie W. – KZ  
 Cyril B. – KZ  
 Anastasija T. – 5/6D  
 Isidora T. – 3/4C  
 Ella G. – 1/2G  
 Eli K. – 1/2G  
 Gabriel F. – 5/6T  
 Jacinta T. – KZ



**Class Item**  
**2M**

# 2M's classroom

2M have been doing lots of work on numbers. Several times a week, we explore and share what we know about numbers. Over the year, we have enjoyed watching our knowledge really ADD UP!!



First day of term  
 Hint for today what can I do to be kind?

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 $100 - 49 = 51$

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 $5 \times 20$   
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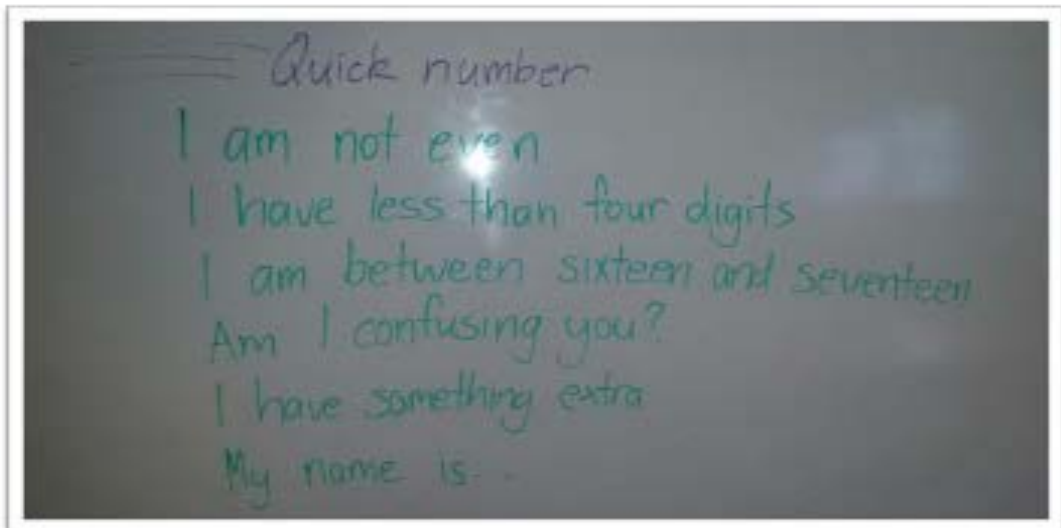
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***We play QUICK NUMBER some days!***

***Can you give an answer?***



***Ian contributed an amazing and effective poster for Day for Daniel In Week 3! Wow!***



## Concord Hour

# Day for Daniel

On Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, Concord PS took part in Day for Daniel. Day for Daniel is about raising awareness of child safety, protection and harm prevention. On this day, students across the school participated in lessons and activities which highlighted personal safety.

Concord PS raised \$190 to go towards the Daniel Morcombe Foundation. Thank you kindly for your support.



K/1S created bunting t-shirts with safety messages they have learned throughout the week.





## ***PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS / PENNANTS PROCESS***

**Three Class Awards = 1 Principal's Award**

**Three Principal's Awards = 1 Principal's Pennant**

Note: Class Awards and/or Principal's Awards must be handed to the front office 2 days prior to the date of assembly.

## ***Safe Driving***



Unfortunately, there has been a lot of dangerous driving outside the school grounds at drop-off and pick-up times. As you are all aware, this is the most vulnerable time for our children where the likelihood of accidents increases substantially. Please be mindful of where you are parking and where you are stopping to drop-off and pick-up your children. This is an exceptionally busy time on the roads and parking is difficult. However, safety is paramount and we all have a collective responsibility to follow the road rules to keep our children safe. In addition to this, please be mindful of our neighbours and avoid parking in the driveways.



# **LEAGUE TAG GALA DAY**

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> of October four teams of students from Stage 2 and Stage 3 (Year 3 to Year 6) represented Concord Public School at the League Tag gala day held at Timbrell Park.

Each team played several games against a variety of schools within the Balmain district. These games provided students with the opportunity to both apply and fine tune their skills in attack and defence in a relaxed atmosphere.

All Concord Public School League Tag team members are to be commended on their commitment and behaviour both on and off the field.

A special thank you goes to Ms El-Hage, Mrs Moran and Mr Destefano for leading their respective teams on the day.

Mr Crisafulli



## Changes to Payment Processing for Excursions and School Events

As of Term 2, all school events that require payment and permission notes will have a cut-off date. This will generally be 2 days before the event. It will be vital that money and permission notes are submitted into the blue box in the office **BEFORE** the due date. This is to allow the office staff 2 days to do the administrative tasks to process the payments, in order to create class lists for all teachers involved. **Late payments will not be accepted.** In order to avoid disappointment, please arrange payment as soon as you receive the note.

*Please note: If paying online through the POP system, payments can take up to 24-48 hours to process and appear on the school's system. We strongly advise that if choosing to use the POP system that you arrange payment at least 3 days before the due date.*



## Planning for 2019

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

**We need assistance in our planning for next year. The school's staffing entitlements and funding are dependent upon the student population at the start of 2019.**

**If you are moving or going on an extended family holiday and your child/ren will not be starting at the commencement of the new school year (on Tuesday, 29<sup>th</sup> January), please notify the school office as soon as possible, preferably in writing or via the school's email address – [concord-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:concord-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au)**





# Compulsory School Attendance

## Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

### What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

### The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

### What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

### Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.





### My child won't go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

### What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department

may apply to the Children's Court for a *Compulsory Schooling Order*. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

### What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

### Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

#### Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Policy library*

#### The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's *Wellbeing and Learning website*

#### Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

#### Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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High Performing Students Unit

# Information about applying for Year 7 entry to selective high schools in **2020**

Thinking of applying for a government selective high school for Year 7 entry in **2020?**

You must apply online at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes/year-7>



## Key dates

**Tuesday 9 October 2018**

Application website opens

**Monday 12 November 2018**

Application website closes. You must apply by the due date.

**Thursday 28 February 2019**

Test authority advice sent to all applicants

**Thursday 14 March 2019**

Selective High School Placement Test

**Friday 5 July 2019**

Placement outcome information is sent

**Please read this booklet carefully before applying.**

There is more information at  
<https://education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc>

**Parents should check this website for updates all the way through the application and placement process. Please check the website for information before you contact the Unit.**

The selective high school placement process for Year 7 entry is administered by the High Performing Students Unit<sup>^</sup>.

## Contact details

High Performing Students Unit

NSW Department of Education

Email: [ssu@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ssu@det.nsw.edu.au) Telephone: 1300 880 367 Fax: 02 9266 8435

Postal address: Locked Bag 53, DARLINGHURST NSW 1300

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/772251106301086/>

<sup>^</sup> In this document, the High Performing Students Unit will be referred to as the Unit.

'Parent' is defined under the *Education Act 1990* as a 'guardian or other person having custody or care of a child'.



## Community News



SYDNEY  
ACADEMY OF CHESS

Level 1 30A George St, Burwood 2134  
Office: (02) 9745 1170

### CHESS!!

Learn to be a chess champion! Coaching for students at Concord Public School is held on Mondays from 8:00am to 8:55am, starting on 30 July 2018.

Learning and playing chess helps children develop their logical thinking and problem solving skills, improves their concentration and focus, while also being a great source of enjoyment. Activities include group lessons on a demonstration chess board or interactive whiteboard, puzzle solving and fun practice games.

Students earn merit awards by making checkmates, or by displaying skills and positive qualities, which all good chess players strive to develop.

If your child is interested in taking part, you can collect an enrolment form from the school office, or email [enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au](mailto:enrol@sydneyacademyofchess.com.au) for a copy. For all enquiries, please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on (02) 9745 1170.

## Primary ETHICS

Ethics education for children

Think • Reason • Discuss

Primary Ethics classes offer students from K-6 an opportunity to engage in high order thinking and ethical reasoning in a discussion-based environment.

Parents seeking more information can also be directed to the website :[primaryethics.com.au](http://primaryethics.com.au).



# Why Chess?

- Create Brighter Thinkers
- Improve Student Focus
- Achieve Academic Success

**Combines  
learning  
with fun!**



## Educational Benefits:

- Improves concentration and focus
- Develops logical thinking and problem solving skills
- Enhances memory
- Encourages creative and lateral thinking
- Promotes discipline
- Accelerates emotional development
- Expands visualisation and spatial awareness
- Demonstrates actions and consequences
- Rewards correct decision making
- Increases self-confidence
- Provides opportunities to make new friends from diverse backgrounds

## Concord Public School Chess Classes, 2018

**Mondays 8:00AM - 8:55AM**

|                     |               |                                  |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| Term 1              | Cost: \$80    | 12th Feb - 9th Apr*              |
| Term 2              | Cost: \$80    | 7th May - 2nd Jul**              |
| Term 3              | Cost: \$90    | 30th Jul - 24th Sep              |
| Term 4              | Cost: \$90    | 15th Oct - 10th Dec              |
| School Championship | Cost: \$17.50 | Thursday 12th Apr 9:30am-12:30pm |

\*Term 1 - No chess on 2nd April (Easter Monday)

\*\*Term 2 - No chess on 11th June (Public Holiday)

To enrol please pay online with your credit card at

[www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment](http://www.sydneyacademyofchess.com.au/payment)

enter the code **9ER77HUPD** and fill in the electronic form, with your child's details.

*\*Fees are due on the first day of term. A late fee of \$10 will be applied if payment is not received within 4 weeks of the start of the term.*

*No refunds or credits for missed lessons during the term and trial lessons must be paid for.*

*For pro-rata fees (ie. starting part way during the term) please contact Sydney Academy of Chess on 9745 1170.*

| OPTIONAL EXTRAS (prices include postage)   |   |   |
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| To enhance your child's learning experience these items are available for purchase online at the time of enrolment |   |   |
| <b>Workbook 1 – Cost: \$30</b><br>[For Beginner/Rookie Players]  | <b>Workbook 2 – Cost: \$30</b><br>[For Intermediate Players]                    | <b>Workbook 1 &amp; 2 – Cost: \$45</b><br>[SPECIAL OFFER]     |
| <b>Exploration in Chess Beauty – Cost: \$41</b><br>[For Advanced Players]  | <b>Chess Set &amp; Roll-up Board – Cost: \$33</b><br>[Recommended for All Ages] | <b>Chess Clock – Cost: \$76</b><br>[Recommended for All Ages] |

Pay for four terms in advance and receive a free chess set or workbook 2 valued at up to \$33. Offer expires 31st March, 2018.



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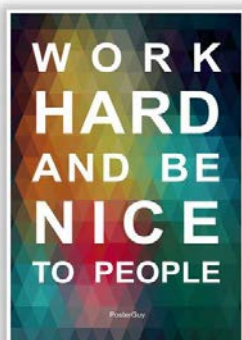
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PER WEEK

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or email [region1au@gkrkarate.com](mailto:region1au@gkrkarate.com)



## Message from the Office



### ***Signing in at the front office***

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

If you need to come to the school during school time, please ensure that you sign in at the office as this is a requirement to ensure the safety of all.

### ***Payment on Line***

Thank you to all families who are using payment online.

When making a payment online you can only pay up to 3 DAYS before the due date of the payment. This is due to online transactions taking 48 hours to process.

Other payment methods such as cash or cheque can also be sent to the front office and placed in the blue box labelled "School Post".

Please note that we do not accept online payment for uniform orders. Please see the Uniform Shop Order form for payment details.

### ***Permission notes***

If you have more than one child we need to have a note for each child, not all on one note, please.

### ***Change of Contact/Address details***

Please inform the office immediately if you have changed your contact or address details, so we can contact you in case of an emergency.

Feel free to contact the front office for any questions or queries.

Regards,

Angela Posavac (S.A.M)  
Betty Annetta (S.A.O)  
Despina Malizis (S.A.O)  
Dora Ianni (S.A.O)

