



Dear Parents,

Although they are relatively exhausting, school camps are always a great opportunity to re-connect with the students and enjoy some time outside of school. The 5/6 camp last week was no exception with a great camp had by all. Going with Glengarry and Gormandale gave the students an opportunity to make new friends and catch up with people they had been on camp with previously. It was a great time for some of our Grade 6's to connect with other students who might be going to the same secondary college as well. The weather was extremely kind to us and although the nights were cool, the days were beautiful. Gold fever certainly hit our students and when free time came around, there was always a massive crowd of students at the gold panning. Just as it was in the gold days, some were more successful than others!!

A couple of weeks ago, we received the results from the parent opinion survey that was completed mid-year by a randomly selected group of families. Results were mixed and although we saw an upwards trend in some elements, some continued to trend downwards. At our last school council meeting we formed a small group to investigate this further. I invite any parent who would like to join this group to contact me so we can investigate why these areas are trending downward, then more importantly, look at what we as a school can do to improve in these areas. I believe it's important now that we know what the data is telling us, we act on this and strive to continually improve.

Last Monday, 24<sup>th</sup> October, we had our first day of the school's planned review. It was a very insightful day as we looked at every aspect of the school and how we run. The next stage is a full review day on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November and that is where we investigate deeper into some of the areas of the school. This in turn will help us develop our next 4-year strategic plan. This review day only involves a few staff members so school will run as normal on this day. We then await our report which is given to us from an external provider. As mentioned previously we will be having another student free day this term to facilitate the development of the next strategic plan, but we need to wait for the external report to be given. It likely this student free day will be sometime during the 2 weeks from 28<sup>th</sup> November to 9<sup>th</sup> December. I wish I could give a more definitive date but we are waiting to hear when the report may be ready.

Hope you managed to pick a winner better than I did yesterday!

***Adam Downes - Principal***

<b>DATES TO REMEMBER</b>		
17/11/16	Thu	Toy Run 10:15am
6/12/16	Tue	State Wide Transition
7/12/16	Wed	Year 6 Graduation
14/12/16	Wed	End of Year Concert