The School Values:

This week at school we have reviewed our school values:

Safety First

Respect Always

Effort above Achievement

The challenge as a school is to transfer these values from knowing ‘about’ them to ‘doing’ them on a day-to-day basis. Attention has been drawn to what each of these values look like in the classroom and in the yard so that we all have a clear reference point to judging our behaviour.

4-6 Classroom:

Last week all students completed their homework – congratulations. Starting from this week, in an effort to provide more time for completing homework, it will now go out on a Friday afternoon but the submission date each week will remain on the Thursday.

Commencing next week, students will each work through a process of nominating their particular learning goals for the remainder of this term. These goals will become part of each student’s Individual Learning Plan that will be supported by data collected on a weekly basis. As an example, scores for weekly spelling tests and times tables tests are recorded, homework completion, reading completed as well as a range of other tests. Parents will have this data available at any visit to the school, especially at parent/teacher interviews.

F-3 Classroom:

Students have loved getting into the pool each day this week for their swimming lessons at the Dunolly pool. It has been great to see the effort of each child and the progress that is being made. We have been very lucky with the weather being warm and sunny although it may be a little cooler for our last two sessions on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. Thank you to the parent helpers who have come along to assist.

In class students have been getting into writing with a particular focus on ‘rocket writing’ – where a set time is given for students to write ideas quickly, and on recount writing where students have to retell a story of something that happened in a way that is interesting for the reader. We have also been looking at our F-2 students’ baby photos and discussing how we have changed, as part of our science unit. We thank parents for providing the baby photos for us to copy, they have been a wonderful talking point in the class.

School council elections

At the beginning of each year, every Victorian state school engages in the process of electing parents to serve on school council. This group meets once per month (traditionally on the 3rd Tuesday of each school month) and aims to have about 10 meetings for the year.

School council is the group of people who are given the power to set the key directions for the school. This means that school council can directly influence the quality of education that a school provides to its students. It endorses the key school planning, evaluation and
reporting documents including the School Strategic Plan, the school budget and the Annual Report to the School Community.

In essence, council makes sure that the school is running effectively in terms of how it spends its funds and the guidelines it makes for how the school is to work.

I would like all parents to consider whether they can assist in this role and make themselves available. Nomination forms will be available early in February.

If you require any further information or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Parents & Friends

Dear Parents,

We would really appreciate if we could have your input in Parents & Friends for 2016. We are looking for fresh ideas across the school community in regards to fund raising and purchase to enrich the school.

We are also looking for helpers for BBQ's and term breakfast mornings, throughout the school year.

The P&F fund major school trips and experiences that are not funded by the department and we could really benefit from your time and support.

Our AGM is on Thursday, 10th March, all welcome.

Remember the money we raise benefits your children. #you get out what you put in.

• Please note there is a tear off sheet relating to the Easter Raffle. To make these raffles as profitable as possible rely on donated goods for prizes rather than having to use the profits to buy the prizes. This is special a request for all families to consider what items they might be able to donate to assist on this occasion.

• We have funded in the past year. That very few families throughout the school community are contributing donations towards raffles and alike. The purpose of conducting raffles and fundraisers is to raise funds for the children, and we have found this not possible to make any profit if we have to purchase the raffle goods as well.
Parents & Friends

Please let us know if you are available to help with

Name _______________________________________________________

Easter Slip return with your donation

Goods donated by _____________________________ Family Name.

Permission Form  DERBY HILL  Grades  6

Monday 15th February

My child/children ________________________________________________ has/have my permission to travel by private car (Mr Mellberg) to attend Derby Hill, Maldon.

Where the teacher in charge of the excursion is unable to contact me, or it is otherwise impracticable to contact me, I authorise the teacher in charge to:

* Consent to my child receiving such medical or surgical attention as may be deemed necessary by a medical practitioner,
* administer such first aid as the teacher in charge may judge to be reasonable necessary.

Name of Parent/Guardian:__________________________________________

Ph. No__________________________ Mobile ____________________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian:______________________________________ Date__________________________