Principal’s Report

Parking
I had a meeting last week with the Road Safety Officer, Traffic and Transport from Liverpool City Council regarding parking and ways to make our school zone safer for all students in Insignia Street and Quadrant Lane. I have suggested a number of changes be made and these recommendations will be discussed by both council and the Roads and Maritime Services with a view to implementing them early in Term 2. I will keep you informed.

Punctuality
Thank you to the parents who are assisting their child’s learning by having them at school every day before the school bell. It is very important that students don’t miss any time during the school day unless of course, they are too sick to be at school.

The bell rings at 9:00am each morning and all students should be at school by that time. In the afternoon, the end bell goes at 3:00pm and it is very important that all children are collected on time. Of late, there seems to be more and more children waiting in the office to be picked up, and sometimes they can be there for up to 45 minutes.

If a parent is unable to collect their child on time it is their responsibility to make alternative arrangements and then inform the school.

Children who are unaware of any changes to routine can become very upset and distressed. Please don’t let this happen to your child.

Student Representative Council (SRC)
All classes from Years 1-6 have now elected a representative to form our new Student Representative Council (SRC) and these students were inducted at last Friday’s assembly.

Congratulations to:

1B: Dakota Collis
1/2C: Bella Ma
1-2W: Benjamin Stevens
2S: Vinh Phan
3/4D: Jasmine Vongkhamchanh
3/4M: Tiana Saunders
3/4Y: Kristine Bangug
3-6M: Katie Campbell
5T: Fawzieh Masri
5/6J: An Phan
6L: Prince Jack Fretton

House Captains and Vice Captains
The following students were recently elected as house captains and vice captains for this year. They will be presented with their badge at this week’s assembly.
Congratulations to:

**Oxley**
Captains: Kai Ma, Emma Reynolds
Vice Captains: Aidan Annetts, Tayla Hayley

**Bass**
Captains: Prince Jack Fretton, Paradise Fretton
Vice Captains: Karim El-Rifai, Tanesha Tobler

**Flinders**
Captains: Khaled Mahfouz, Amanda Wells
Vice Captains: Eric Nguyen, Tanisha Saunders

**Hume**
Captains: Lam Huynh, Ripel Atroushi
Vice Captains: Farouk Masri, Aishe Ghazzaoui

**School Photos**
School photos will be taken on Thursday 8 May. This is the second week back at school for all students so please mark this date down clearly on your calendar. Envelopes and further information will be sent home on the first day of next term however if it would be more convenient for you to receive this information before the holidays please let the office know and I will arrange it for you.

**P&C**
The Annual General Meeting of the Parents and Citizens Association (P&C) was conducted last week. Congratulations to the following ladies who were elected as executive members for 2014:

**President:** Kelly Rowland
**Vice President:** Gjurgja Nedeska
**Secretary:** Amy Stevens
**Treasurer:** Michelle Hayley
**Canteen Supervisor:** Layla Charafeddine
**Fundraising Co-ordinator:** Michelle Hayley

**PSSA Representative**
Congratulations to Bryce Wilson who has been recently selected in the Green Valley District PSSA Rugby League and AFL teams.

**Stewart House**
Stewart House is the official charity of the NSW Department of Education and Communities and has supported students in public schools for over 75 years. Stewart House is now seeking your support, so that it can continue its wonderful work.

To help make a difference all you have to do is place a $2 gold coin donation in the envelope accompanying this newsletter. All those supporting Stewart House in this way, are placed in a state wide draw to win a $4000
fantastic family holiday to a destination of their choice.

Donations will be accepted up until the last day of this term.

**Attendance Tip**

If you are unsure, send your child to school with a note of explanation and a contact number should the school need to phone you. You may well find that this works and the number of times it happens reduces. It will also help your child develop the right habits for the world of work – where absence and lateness are rarely tolerated. If problems with attendance continue, make an appointment to see the classroom teacher, it may be an indication that your child is unhappy about something at school.

*Stephen Gray*  
*Principal*

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**PSSA Draw**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

1<sup>st</sup> April - Easter Bilby interactive video conference - KC & KP
10<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Fun Day
11<sup>th</sup> April – Last day for Term 1
29<sup>th</sup> April – Students return for Term 2
8<sup>th</sup> May – School Photos

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Positive Parenting Tips

from our School Counsellor Mrs Cheryl Dettmann.

Having children can be your greatest joy and at times your greatest frustration!
The best way to be a good parent is to be a POSITIVE PARENT. Think about how you like to be treated and treat your children the same way. Try the following suggestions:

1. Be loving and show it. Tell your child every day that you love him/her. A natural time to do this is at bed time but can take advantage of any occasion to do this.

2. Be happy with yourself. This will make it easier for you to enjoy being with your children. Try to find time to do one enjoyable activity for yourself each day.

3. Be responsible and responsive. It is important to listen to your child and what he or she wants. However you need to be the one to make the important decisions in his/her life.

4. Be with your child often. Spend time with your child/children and do things together that they enjoy and choose. Include your child in completing jobs with you at home such as looking after a pet, setting the table, peeling vegetables, gardening etc. Giving them some responsibility helps them feel good about themselves.

5. Be encouraging and supportive of their efforts. Give praise and encouragement for their small achievements and efforts. Praising effort is as important as praising achievement and will increase their confidence to do more.

A positive parenting approach can be very rewarding. It can help you become a happier and more relaxed parent and enjoy your children more.

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