All money for excursions goes straight to the office
I would like to thank the community for your support with money. You were very supportive sending your photo money straight to the office, rather than our old method of through classroom teachers. I feel much happier knowing that our kids are safe and are not carrying money around the school. Thank you 😊
PSSA money can still go to their coach as a teacher can ensure this is sent safely to the office.

Design Competition
As you know we have been building a roof to go over the small courtyard in our front office area. We now need your help to design what this space might look like. The space is 9 metres long and 8 metres wide. I want the area to be a comfortable place for families to use while they wait for appointments at the school as well as an interesting space for students to play board games in when they would like a break from the playground. The winner will be recognised as our designer with a picture of themselves on display and will be invited to a morning tea party at the grand opening.

Meet the Teacher
I hope everyone enjoyed our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon this week. It was great to see so many families at the school sharing what our kids have been doing in class. I know that the teachers were overwhelmed with the number of families that came and we really appreciate the interest you have in your children’s education.
Evacuation Drill

I want to let our community know that we are having a **Whole School Evacuation Drill** next Thursday 12th March. So please do not be concerned if you hear our school alarm sounding on that day as this is a scheduled practice that we must have to ensure our students know what to do in the case of an emergency.

I always love to hear some of the stories the students create for why we are evacuating, the best one I have so far is:

*Mum, we had to evacuate the school today because there was a kangaroo with a gun chasing kids around the playground.*

If your child comes home with a great story next Thursday please share it with me. I would love to publish the funniest ones in our next newsletter.

PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS

As you know we are upgrading our playground by replacing our netball court area. I can now happily report that the work is due to start within the next two weeks. This will mean a reorganising of our playground spaces with large ball games using the front grass area of the school while the work is being done. I expect that the work will take quite a while but I am hopeful that our students will be using the space by week 5 next term.

Building an Oasis (A flower & veggie patch)

I think great schools are ones that provide lots of opportunities with different activities, so students can get involved in learning in lots of different ways. I have been talking to a few of our teachers who would like to build a new garden and veggie patch, so our kids can see how things grow (maybe even a flower for Mum), explore worms and bugs and learn about healthy foods. So I am asking for any volunteers from our community that would like to join me in a garden building and planting day on the first Tuesday of the holidays, 7th April (the day after the Easter long weekend). If you are able to come along and help make planter boxes, fill them with dirt or help plant lots of plants, your help would be most appreciated. If you are available could you let the front office know so I can plan our project.

**CANTEEN MEAL DEALS**

Monday 9th March until Friday 20th March

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