Dear Parents,

NIDDRIE PRIMARY FAMILY BREAKFAST

On Friday 27th November, we will be holding an End of Year Breakfast for all students and families. Parents can pre-order breakfast for this day and enjoy their meal with their children in the area outside the canteen. Siblings and Grandparents are welcome to come along. This will be a great opportunity to catch up with the school community!

Orders cannot be taken after Tuesday 24th November. The canteen will be closed on this day following our breakfast so there will be no lunches available.

Breakfast will be served between 8:15 and no later than 9:00am on this day. School classes will commence at 9:30.

Further information and order forms were sent home last week. Should you need an order form, please contact the office.

P-2 Swimming

The final session of our P-2 swimming program takes place tomorrow. The program has been well organised and teachers have been impressed with how well children have been coping with remembering to bring swimming gear, changing and looking after belongings each day throughout the program. Children have also shown increased confidence in and around water.

Planning for 2016

As the end of year draws near I again urge parents to assist us with planning for 2016 by notifying us of any child/ren who will not be attending our school next year.
This week we are assessing possible grade structures for 2016 and investigating year level organizations. As soon as decisions are reached the school community will be advised. Without accurate pupil numbers, this task can be extremely difficult, if not a waste of time.

Any parents who have not yet enrolled their child for next year are also encouraged to do so promptly!

**Christmas Raffle**

Thank you to the families that have already left donations for the end of year Christmas raffle. Should you be able to donate, any food, tins, biscuits, bon-bons etc would be appreciated. (Please make sure that items will still be able to be used until January 2016). Donations can be sent to school with your children, or dropped off at the office.

**Do Not Leave Children in Cars Campaign**

Moonee Valley City Council is installing ‘Do Not Leave Children in Cars’ signs in all Council owned off-street car parks. They hope to raise awareness and increase understanding of the potential risks associated with children being left unattended in parked vehicles.

Child safety in parked cars is a serious issue. The temperature inside a parked car can be 20 to 30 Degrees Celsius hotter than the outside temperature, and children are at risk as they lose fluid quickly, become dehydrated and suffer from heatstroke which can be life threatening.

Council aims to reduce the number of incidents of children being left unattended in parked cars through this campaign.

Kind Regards,

Greg
Dear Parents/Caregivers,

At this time each year we give you the opportunity to draw to our attention information you wish to have taken into account regarding the placement of your child into classes for 2016. This process is not one in which you choose your child’s teacher or classmates for next year.

At this stage no decisions have been made about staff placements or the school structure for next year. These decisions are not made until our confirmed enrolment and staffing situation is known, which is typically late December. The number of staff and programs that we are able to employ is dependent on the annual budget provided by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Should you wish to share information with us, please use the proforma, (available from the office) to record your thoughts which are then taken into account as part of our consultative process.

In organising classes we strive to balance numbers, gender, social and academic interests. All teachers contribute to the formation of grades with the Principal giving the final approval. We base our decisions on what is in the best educational interests of all the children. Once the classes are determined and announced to the community during the last week of the school year, it is highly unlikely that they will be changed.

We do understand that transition from one class to another can be an anxious time for some parents and students. We therefore try our very best to consider all student’s needs for the next step in their education, within the constraints of our school structure.

We, in turn ask for your understanding of the complexity of the task before us, where many considerations, needs and personalities need to be taken into account.

This is one of many changes and circumstances that our students will experience as they progress through a ‘not always perfect life’. Our task as parents and teachers is not only to provide as supportive environment as possible but to work together to assist them in developing the necessary resilience and skills to deal with the challenges of life.

You may contact us now using the proforma, so that your comments can be considered. Please ensure that the proformas are returned by the date indicated.

We regret that we may be unable to consider information which is not on the proforma or received after the due date which is Friday 13th November, 2015.

Privacy Statement

The information you provide will be made available to all teachers to assist with the 2016 Grade Organisation process. Information which is strictly confidential needs to be forwarded directly to me.

Yours sincerely

Greg Peters
(Principal)

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PUPIL OF THE WEEK

Week Ending 6th November

GRADE PREP D

Mia B.: for her hard work and dedication to her learning. Keep up the incredible work!

GRADE PREP N

Aleisha H.: for working extremely hard during our maths sessions on place value. Well done Aleisha!

GRADE 1/2B

Jack B.: for his total engagement and lively enthusiasm during our reading sessions, particularly during the BFG.

GRADE 1/2T

Owen S.: for working so hard on his independence and completing work

GRADE 1/2S

Christabel M.: for writing so well during the ‘Big Write’. Keep it up!

GRADE 3/4K

Jye K.: for his outstanding effort in all areas of the curriculum and his inclusive nature to his classmates.

GRADE 3/4W

Jack T.: for showing such a keen interest in habitats!

GRADE 3/4C

Mikayla M.: for settling in so well at Niddrie PS and being a hardworking and happy member of our class.

GRADE 5/6S

Isabella S.: for being a great friend to her classmates and really trying her best in class.

GRADE 5/6E

Jarrah M.: for being such an active listener and always making excellent contributions to our classroom discussions.

THE ARTS

Erica Z.: for outstanding sewing!

SCIENCE

Bell S.: for beautiful recording of the growth of her germinated seed.

PHYS ED

Ava T.: for displaying great balance and concentration during our yoga session.

WELL DONE!!

PRINCIPAL

Adam L.: for always being such a happy and willing worker in all areas of his schooling.

TEACHER

Leanne Scully.: for the great job she does with our Student Leadership program.
’Play it Safe by the Water’ is a Victorian Government initiative that aims to increase community awareness of water safety and change Victorian’s behaviour in and around water. Water Safety Week is the main feature of the campaign, running from Sunday 29 November - Sunday 6 December 2015. You can discover what you can do to make sure your children are safe around water with various community activities and events run throughout the campaign.

When you and your children are playing around water it’s important to make sure that both you and they:

- Are aware and prepared for conditions
- Read safety signs to understand dangers
- Swim between the red and yellow flags wherever possible
- Never swim alone
- Children 5-14 years should always be in sight

Together we can ensure that Victoria’s coastlines and pools are a safe and fun environment for all Victorians.

For more information about the campaign see: ’Play it safe by the water’ - Aquatics & Recreation Victoria and http://www.watersafety.vic.gov.au/

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Here is the result of one of our Big Write sessions, written by Grace T in 5/6Craig.

Bang! I was born 10.32pm and this is where it all starts. Hi my name is Grace. I am writing this information report at school by the way. It’s all about me so you’re not getting the wrong information, so I’d better hurry before I bore you all out with this story about me. It all started at the hospital where I was born but I am very grown up now. I am 11. Pretty old right? I live in Australia which means I am Aussie. I am not really a girly girl. I am much more of a tom boy. Even my family thinks I act like a boy. I was born on the 7TH of February. I have heaps of family members which are on my mum’s side and my dad’s side. In total I have 7 cousins, 5 aunties and 5 uncles.

Now let’s talk about hobbies, friends, dreams, and my funny memories. Let’s first talk about memories that I will remember forever. That’s when it was the day of my cousin’s birthday and my dad was reversing. He did not see the big ditch behind him. He started reversing back and fell into the ditch. The car got stuck that much that we needed a tow truck. That shows how much my dad knows how to drive a car. Okay let’s move on to my hobbies. I don’t really have much hobbies. I am very energetic and sporty. I play cricket with a few friends from school here and friends on my team. I play for Keilor Park. On my team are 10 players Ty, Anoosha, Ojas, Andre, Scotty, Ethan, Rhal, Anthony and myself. As you can see from there I really would like to become a cricketer when I am older as one of my goals.