14 October, 2015
Week 1, Term 4

Diary Dates

**October**
- 23: Assembly: Room 2.2 hosts
- 27: School Council meets
- 29: Disco - Halloween

**November**
- 3: Casual Day-Melbourne Cup theme
- 6: Assembly: Room 2.1 hosts
- 11: Open morning
- 13: Japanese Games Day
- 20: Assembly: Room 2.7 hosts
- 25: Orientation for 2016 starters

**December**
- 1: School Council meets
- 2: Music Concert
- 3: Celebration Night
- 4: Assembly: Room 2.4 hosts
- 8: 2016 Class placements
- 10: Yr 7 leaving Ceremony
- 11: School Picnic
- 13: last Day of T4. 1pm dismissal

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**White Ribbon Day.**

Our children are growing up in a world where violence against girls and women is in the news and in our communities.

At Plympton Primary School, through our Health Education and Child Protection Curriculum we promote safe, respectful and equal relationships between both boys and girls. White Ribbon Australia observes the International Day of the Elimination of Violence against Women, also known as White Ribbon Day, annually on November 25th.

Wearing a white ribbon is a personal pledge that the wearer does not excuse violence against women, and is committed to supporting community action to stop violence against women. Wearing a white ribbon demonstrates opposition to violence against women.

In support of the White Ribbon campaign we will be selling the white ribbons in the front office for $2; all the proceeds go to the White Ribbon Campaign. Please call in and purchase one.

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**Class placements for 2016**

Over the next few weeks, staff are placing students into classes for next year. Do parents need to be involved in this process? No! Leave it to us. However sometimes, parents have information about their child that may help in making the best placement for a particular child. If you have some information that will help us in placing your child in a particular class, please either put it in writing, or make an appointment to speak with Tom by Thursday 29 October. Please look at this as an information-sharing process, rather than a request for a certain teacher. Remember, the final decision about class placement rests with the school. Trust us! We’ll make the best placement for your child.

**CELEBRATION NIGHT**

Celebration Night is fast approaching – Thursday December 3rd. We are trying to organise a raffle to raise funds for the school. If you have any items in good condition that you would like to donate for raffle prizes, please drop them into the Finance Office. We also need volunteers to help cook the BBQ and serve food/drinks on the night. Please leave your name with Wendy at the Front Office and the Fundraising Committee will contact you closer to the night to organise a roster. Thankyou in advance for your help – we couldn’t put a night like this together without your help!

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**UNIFORM SALE**

For Sale at a reduced price – all brand new with tags attached

- Black cargo pants size 6 x 1 - $20 (normally $37)
- Green long sleeve t-shirt size 14 x 1 - $15 each (normally $29)
- Green short sleeve t-shirt size Large x 1 - $15 (normally $29)
- Green short sleeve t-shirt size 3 x 1 - $15 (normally $29)
- White long sleeve t-shirt size 12 x 1 - $5 (old stock)

Please see Alison in the Finance Office on Tuesdays – Thursdays to purchase.
Welcome back to the last term for 2016! I hope that you have all had a refreshing break and are ready to race through the last 9 weeks of the school year. It is always an exciting term as we head through spring into summer towards the longest holiday break of the Christmas and summer holidays, the children prepare for the end-of-year concert, the Year 7’s prepare for Graduation and plans are made to farewell people who are leaving and to welcome new faces for next year. I had the privilege of attending an Australia-wide Church Convention in Brisbane. At the end of a week of hard work there were the AFL and NRL finals to enjoy. Then I relaxed and visited relatives in the country and on the Sunshine Coast, finally ending up in Brisbane again for a family wedding. Weddings are very special occasions for getting families together. Not only does this allow the families to support the new family that is being created, but it also allows relatives and friends to support those whose spouse is ill or has died or those who are experiencing relationship and marital difficulties. After the wedding it was time to come home to my very, very excited dog “Toby” and a flooded kitchen floor from a leaky tap! Aaarrrgh! And hooray – a new problem to learn about and solve! Leaky taps remind us that school never really ends!

It was also Mental Health Week last week where the spotlight was on the promotion of good mental health and the prevention, treatment and management of poor mental health. Mental health has many different facets but among the topics I heard discussed were drugs (especially ice), cyber-bullying and suicide. It is usually shame and guilt that lead to unhealthy risk taking and to not being able to seek help once one is in trouble. But it is even better to know that there are people who care enough to engage with these topics and who research ways to help themselves and others with these issues. There is always hope.

Til next time – Karen (CPS)

Karen Tramans works in our school as a Pastoral Support Worker, and her role is supported through the Federal Government Schools’ Chaplaincy Program.

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