Welcome to the midway point of Term One. Students are now familiar with the “new” school and the rooms are looking fantastic. It is a busy time as you will see from the upcoming events - photographs (for Transition and Year 1 students), swimming carnival for these students, 3 way conferences and a trip to the Palmerston Campus (Transition and Year 1) for a performance by Graeme Denton on healthy life styles. The ELC will have their own special performance here in their area.

Each morning tea we have Middle School students in the playground acting as big buddies for the younger students. On Tuesday and Thursday they work in the classroom for a time before morning tea. We really appreciate this interaction with the Middle School. In preparation for the swimming carnival the Middle School House Captains will be coming to teach the students their house chant. These older students will also be a “familiar face” at the carnival.

We will be having a “disco” and sausage sizzle in Week 9. This will be for the Transition and Year One students. ELC students are welcome if they are accompanied by a parent. More details will be sent at a later date.

Thank you to all the ELC parents who have signed consent for the students to visit other areas of the Junior School. When we have an exciting find in the playground this makes it possible to share it with them. As Pastor Andrew commented at Chapel on Wednesday, it was lovely to see some of our parents there to share this worship with the children. The room in which we have Chapel is also our library room and children will be borrowing on a weekly basis. As we are in the process of building our own stock of books they will be supplemented by a fresh selection each week from other resource centres. This will ensure the students always have access to a range of reading material for both their learning and entertainment.

If there are any keen “greenfingers” reading this we would appreciate any potted, child safe plants which may need a new home. Some suitable for both the ELC and the office would be well looked after. A working bee is in the planning for next term. We aim to paint some hand ball squares, number lines and the like and also do some more outside planting.

Please do not hesitate to come and have a chat with any of the staff if you have any questions. We are really enjoying getting to know your children and love to share their successes, at school or at home, with you.

Regards

Elizabeth Baff

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Affirming words from mums and dads are like light switches. Speak a word of affirmation at the right moment in a child’s life and it’s like lighting up a whole roomful of possibilities.

-Gary Smalley
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Three Way Conferences

Three Way conferences will be held on Monday 30 March and Tuesday 31 March for Transition and Year 1 students.

Information letters with instructions on how to book an appointment time have been mailed to each family.

Book Club

All students will be receiving Book Club pamphlets. The school has opted-in to the Linked Online Ordering & Payment System (LOOP) for ease of use for parents. Details are on the back of the ordering forms. If you require any help or further information please see Rebecca in the front office.

Around the school

College Photos

College photos will be held on the following days:

- Transition and Year 1 students will be on Tuesday, 10 March 2015
- Sibling photos will be on Wednesday, 11 March 2015

Students are required to wear their formal College uniforms for the photos.
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ELC News

Over the last couple of weeks as part of our Unit of Inquiry: Who We Are, we have been learning about the types of jobs our mums and dads do during the day, while we are here at preschool. Thank you to parents for coming in and visiting our preschool. The children had visits from vets, police officers, an educator, a music teacher, an audiologist, a laboratory manager and a firemen.

Rowena Kalikajaros
Preschool Teacher
Early Learning Centre

Grahame Denton Healthy Lifestyle Show

On Friday 27 March the Transition and Year 1 students will travel by bus to the Palmerston Campus to see the Grahame Denton Healthy Lifestyle Show. The show runs for approximately 50 minutes. This engaging and interactive show encourages children to develop positive life habits in order to achieve maximum power in life. No matter whether you want to become a great story writer, an inventor of amazing creations, or to achieve more in your favourite sport, then we all need maximum power. In the show the children will meet three amazing super heroes, who each think they have the answer to achieving maximum power.

Swimming Carnival

The swimming carnival is being held at the Palmerston Leisure and Aquatic Centre on Friday 13 March.

- Transition students will travel by bus and arrive at approximately 10.00am.
- Year 1 students will travel by bus and arrive at approximately 11.15am.

Please refer to the permission note that went home earlier this week for any further information.

Icy Poles will be for sale every Friday after school for 50c each.