February 2017

Dear Middle School Parents,

Welcome to the new school year. We have spent our first few days getting to know your child and establishing our classroom routines by implementing our ‘Learning to Learn’ Inquiry unit. Following this we will commence the science unit of work, ‘Beneath Our Feet’.

Students have responded well to the new routine with music at 8:50 during which they enter the classrooms. It has allowed time for classroom organisation prior to teaching commencing at 9:00 am. Thank you for your support of this initiative.

The forms, ‘Student Code of Conduct’ and ‘Acceptable Use of Technologies Agreement’ have been communicated via Compass. Please read both documents with your child and return these to school signed as soon as possible.

Homework
Please check and sign your child’s ‘Homework Contract’ book weekly. If you have any queries regarding the homework please don’t hesitate to contact the classroom teacher. The ‘Home Reading Journal’ is to be filled in each time your child reads. The students are expected to read 20 minutes, five times a week. The teacher will collect the journals once a week. Specialist teachers may request homework to be completed as well.

iPads
Thank you for ensuring correct organisation of your child’s iPad ready for 2017 by downloading additional apps and keeping the device updated. Please refer to the GPS website if you require another copy of iPad documents. The iPads need to be brought to school on a daily basis fully charged.

Hats
School hats are compulsory until the end of April including before and after school, recess and lunchtimes, excursions, camps and sport sessions. Please make sure your child’s hat is named.

Year 4 Camp
The Year 4 camp will be held on Wednesday 26th – Friday 28th April at Camp Oasis, Mt Evelyn. More information to follow.

Assembly
Assembly will be at 9:00am every Monday in the stadium.

If you have any concerns during the year, please contact us.

We are looking forward to a great year with you and your child.

Yours sincerely,

The Middle School Teachers

Year 3 – Miss Miller & Mrs Walling (3MW), Ms Rourke (3SR), Mrs Adam (3KA)
Year 4 – Mrs Verbi (4KV), Ms Durante (4CD), Mrs Kapoor (4TK), Mrs Birch (4RB)