PREPS AT SCHOOL
This week was the last week that our prep students will have a break in the middle of the week. As from next week our preps will be coming to school every day.

THIRTY MINUTE CHALLENGE
Last year we had lots of fun competing in the 30 minute physical activity challenge. We made obstacle courses, played games and walked around town. The challenge is on again and we are up to it. The Challenge commences on March 4.

ILLNESS
Over the last few days we have had more students away than normal. A few families have reported that their children have been vomiting and have had abdominal pains. It is important that we are vigilant with hand washing. If your child is away please let the school know by contacting us on 5789 1234.

PREPS FOR 2014
We are already taking enrolments for 2014. Early enrolments make it much easier for school planning and can encourage others to enrol. If your child or a neighbours’ child, is starting school next year let us know.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
The first meeting of the new school council is next Tuesday. Danni Craig & Kellie Petersen are duly elected for 2013/14. We still have one vacancy. Please consider joining the team.

A consent form has been sent home with the children. Please complete and return to school as soon as possible.

ART IN THE SANDPIT
This week some of our children have worked hard creating some artistic sculptures in our sandpit. It is fantastic to watch children from all age levels working together on a fun activity.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE
applications due back at school by 28th February 2013.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK
Jordan Cuthbert for always striving to work to the best of her ability. She listens to advice and demonstrates great perseverance. This week she produced some outstanding art work.
Hardcopies of the brochure and factsheet are also available (free of charge) and can be ordered by contacting us at schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au

WRITING

This week the class has attempted to write an introduction to a persuasive piece of writing. In the introduction the students needed to explain the topic and then state their opinion. The topic we discussed is the topical issue of introducing alcohol detecting devices on cars. The children did a great job on their first attempt at writing an introduction.

Here we go again. The government just has to open their big mouth, putting breathalysers in cars. If you don’t blow into it your car will not start. Honestly, I think this is the stupidest idea ever and what a waste of time.

By Amy Hewitt

The government has made a new devise for your car to stop drink drivers but I disagree with this. I think it is stupid to even think about it. Let me tell you the reasons why.

By Christine

The government is thinking about making a new law for drink driving. They are thinking about putting a breath tester in drink drivers cars. I think this is a good idea.

By Elise

Well, what we are talking about is a device that goes in your car. What it does is you have to breathe in to it. If you have been drinking the car will not start. If you haven’t it will start. Now this idea came from the government. I think it is a good idea.

By Elizabeth

The Victorian government have made a new stupid rule about drink driving. They say if you get caught you get your licence taken away and you get a breath tester stuck to our car so you don’t drink drive. I think it is stupid and crazy that it’s not Australian so I disagree.

By Gemma Jane Smith

Recently the government has been trying to release a special device for the drink-drive offenders to stop drink-driving in Victoria. The device is an in-built breathalyser fitted into your car that needs to be used. The driver must be below an approved low alcohol level before the car can be driven. I think that it is an excruciatingly bad idea....

By Liam Hewitt

The Victorian Government as you know makes drink driving hard. Now they are making it even harder by putting in a new drink driving device. I personally like the idea of it because lots of people lose family every year because of drink drivers. Just imagine if it was one of your family members. I know for one, I would be upset. So I agree with the idea and I am definitely not against it.

By Stephanie

The government is making a new rule and I disagree with it. The new rule is about a drink driving machine with a straw. If you have been drinking your car will not start.

By Jordan

Drink drivers and speeding, it’s a big problem on the roads of Victoria. Too many people are getting killed by car accidents. At least that’s what the government thinks.

Now there’s a new breath testing device that fits onto your car, so if you have been drinking, the car won’t start. This is the biggest load of rubbish I have ever heard.

People will eventually find a way around this by putting fake breath into the breath tester.

It will also cost people lots of money, this device cost 200 dollars to fit into your car and 150 a month. And know that jobs are hard to get people are getting broke.

Also, it will put a lot of stress on people as there are other thing to do than pay for a stupid breath test device.

People could get it out of their car and how are the police supposed to hook it up to the ignition?

So as I said before it’s a heavy load of rubbish and there has to be a better way. I don’t like this idea at all.

By Michael

In Victoria the government is planning on doing a drink driving thing. So if you’re caught drink driving you go to court and get your licenses taken away from you for 12 months as we all know, but now we get that and more. We also get a breath tester attached to your car so if you are over .05 your car will not start. Here are my reasons why this is bad.

By Heidi

DARRAWEIT GUIM PS WEBSITE

We have a new website. I invite you to check it out and let me know your thoughts.

Jeanette K.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES ON DEECD WEBSITE

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) website has recently been modified so that parents and carers can more readily access information about emergency closures of schools, early childhood facilities and bus services.

As of 1 January 2013, all information about closures and cancellations can now be viewed from the Department’s external website by clicking on the ‘Emergency Closures’ button at the bottom of the Department’s website home page http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx