Dear Plumpton Public School Community,

12 June 2014

Last week, I requested an assessment from the Department of Education’s School Safety and Security Directorate. A Risk Management Officer attended and I have now been provided with a Risk Assessment Report which outlines a number of recommendations to enhance our existing security procedures and access controls.

At the moment, we are looking at procedures to ensure all unnecessary gates are secured during the school day. This will mean that all visitors will need to enter via the main gate. Signage is being organised to indicate the times the gates will be accessible and inform all visitors to enter via the main pedestrian gate at the front of the school. Other recommendations include an automated, remotely controlled gate to our car park driveway and some additional fencing to identified areas within the school.

Our school P&C has organized the purchase of seating for students waiting for buses in the afternoon. This will be installed inside our school fence near the gate to the bus bay. Thank you to our P&C – this will enhance the safety of our students by helping to keep them off the street and within the school grounds whilst awaiting buses.

Please note my change of name as it appears below. This will be utilised in all future reference.

School Reports are due to come home the last week of this term. Don’t forget to check bags in Week 9!

Yours in partnership,

Ms Maureen Larkin
Principal
DON'T RISK INJURING A CHILD
The 40km/h speed limit in school zones operates between 8.00-9.30a.m. and 2.30-4.00p.m. on school days – be aware of the time or you could get fined.

Children can be unpredictable and hard to see. It is important that parents and carers observe local school safety initiatives when dropping off and collecting children. Penalties are high, new fines and demerit point increases include:

- Speeding – minimum fine of $177 and 2 demerit points (10mph and under) to a maximum $2341.00 and 7 demerit points (for 45kmph over the 40kmph limit)
- Approaching children’s crossing too quickly to stop safely - $506 fine and 4 demerit points
- Double parking - $304 fine and 2 demerit points
- Stopping on or near a children’s crossing - $304 and 2 demerit points
- Illegal use of mobile phone in school zone - $405 fine and 4 demerit points

The worst penalty is knowing you’ve caused an injury to a child.

CANBERRA NEWS
Students from our school have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the national capital. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of $20 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate is paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. This rebate was calculated into the initial cost of the excursion due to the fact that this school, is operating under the new accounting system and cannot issue a cheque.

Three delightful days were had in Canberra last week and a huge amount of learning transpired. I must firstly thank my team of teachers, as taking a group of eighty Stage 3 students 24/7 is no easy feat. There is certainly no extra pay for those extra hours, our dedicated teachers do it so children in our school have every opportunity for learning. I must also mention Mrs Addy who also accompanied us as a teachers’ aide and invaluable at many times during the trip. A big thank you to Mrs Vella who paid for the pleasure of being with us but was a wonderful extra pair of hands at many times during the excursion.
11/6/2014
ON MONDAY WE WENT TO CANBERRA ON A COACH. WHILE WE WERE THERE WE WENT TO QUESTACON, TELSTRA TOWER AND PARLIAMENT HOUSE. I LIKED IT SO MUCH THAT I DIDN'T WANT TO COME BACK TO SCHOOL.
BY DANIEL SIDORUK 6K

11/6/2014
Canberra wow man you can’t explain wait yeah I can it goes like this-

Monday the 2nd of June 7am everyone arrived at school and the buses turned up we actually left early we kissed our parents and left and then
4 and a half hours later..... we arrived in CANBERRA
(IT WAS COLD MAN BURRR) WE WERE ALMOST BEING ESKIMOES I WOULD LIKE TO GO AGAIN BECAUSE WE WENT TO ~QUESTACON ~TELSTRA TOWER AND A LOT OF OTHER PLACES

By Dion 6K

As we pulled up in front of old Parliament House all of us were excited to go in and look around. After the tour ended we went to Parliament House and went to the Chambers and in the House of Representatives we saw people giving their reasons about child care. Next we went back to old Parliament House and saw how an election works. As the election ended we went to the motel we were staying at and had dinner and went to bed. The next morning we got up early and got on the bus and went to the Australian museum. After we went to the Australian art gallery and saw very interesting paintings. Then we went to Questacon and went on the freefall it was scary. Then we drove up to Telstra tower it was cold. On the last day we went to Mt Aliesne and saw nothing but fog. Then we went to the Australian war memorial and saw the changing of the guard. Then we had lunch and were back on the bus coming home. We also stopped for MacDonald's. Before we knew it we were back home and that was the end of camp.

By Emily Kinsey. 6K
**SRC News**

Thank you to everyone that came to school with a crazy hair style on Wednesday 10th June. We had some very colourful and wacky hair styles. The SRC raised $336.30 as a result of your support.

Winners from each class are as follows:

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The money raised will go towards sponsoring our animals at Taronga Zoo.

Each stage has voted for the animals that they would like to support.
Kindergarten – Zebras
Stage One – Giraffes
Stage Two – Cheetahs
Stage Three - Penguins

Ms Katon, Mr Tasker and SRC Members

**UNIFORM**

It really is nice to see our students in their full school uniform. The school uniform helps to reinforce a sense of pride, identity and unity. Lately, quite a few students have been out of uniform. If your child needs to be out of school uniform for the day could you please send a note to the classroom teacher. Some students may be choosing to wear non-school jumpers and ‘hoodies’ instead of their uniform. In addition, many students are wearing sport shoes on non-sport days instead of the black school shoes. An Out of Uniform note will be sent home to keep you informed. The school has a small amount of funding for student assistance for uniform purchases. Applications for student assistance are available at the front office. All applications are treated confidentially and you will be notified of the outcome as soon as possible.

**ENROLMENTS FOR KINDERGARTEN FOR 2015! – READY TO ENROL**

If you have a child commencing school next year I would encourage you to submit your enrolment application soon. We will be planning our Transition to School Program next term, places will be limited, and are only open for children enrolled for Kindergarten at Plumpton Public School in 2015.

Please pass this message on to neighbours, family and friends in our school community who may have young ones ready to start school next year.

**REGIONAL CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Regional Cross Country at Penrith Regatta Centre on the 11 June, 2014. All students represented the school with pride.

Thalia Henshaw 2P
Ayisha Asad 5A

Mackenzie Doust 3/4T
Amy Brines 6K

Praneet Singh 4/5D
Haven Tedeschi 6P

Miss Barker
STEWART HOUSE CLOTHING APPEAL
It’s that time of year where we ask that you put aside your old clothes to help the needy. Put these dates in your diary for this year’s collection for Stewart House Clothing Appeal - 23rd June and 6th November.

Collection bags will be sent home soon for the first collection. Please send the filled bag in on the morning of the 23rd June, as there is limited space to store them before the pickup date.

ARE YOUR CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?
Please make sure you inform the front office if any of your details including any emergency contact details have changed.

LOST PROPERTY
A reminder to parents to ensure that all school uniform items are clearly marked with your child’s name. Lunch containers and drink bottles also need to be labelled as well please.

SCHOOL PROCEDURES & REMINDERS
PAYMENTS
All payments for excursions, camp, activities etc. must be paid by the advised closing date. All money is to be put in the slot at the counter of the office. Please ensure you have enclosed the correct money (no change will be given) in an envelope clearly marked with child’s name, class, activity and amount. Sorry we do not supply envelopes.

This includes Student Banking.

Bookclub money goes directly to Mrs Bailey in the library.

P&C NEWS
Uniform shop.
Monday AND Thursday 8.30-9am and 2.30-2.55pm.
CASH ONLY

The next P & C meeting will be held on Monday 16 June at 5.00p.m.

SCHOOL SAFETY & SECURITY
If you see any suspicious activity at Plumpton P.S. after school hours, please phone:

The School Security Hotline:
1300 880 021