Welcome!
Welcome back to school and to Junior School. The students have settled well into their new classes and routines. For the first few weeks we have been focussing on developing routines, classroom expectations and establishing good working habits. Now we have settled into our routines we have commenced our integrated topic, Travelling Along. This topic focuses on the history of various modes of transport, our personal use of transport and how it is used in our society.

Important Dates:

- **Tuesday 26th February** - Japanese Day and Sushi Lunch
- **Monday 4th March** – Swimming Week
- **Friday 29th March** Term 1 ends
- **Monday 15th April** – Term 2 begins
- **Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd April** - Possum Magic

These interviews will not be undertaken this year in the usual format. An extensive parent questionnaire has been sent home. Please return these forms as quickly as possible. If you do require a time to elaborate on this questionnaire please make a time with your child’s teacher. (Many of the teachers have a timetable of available times on their classroom window for you to fill out)

Performing Arts Production:
This year the Junior School students will be performing ‘Possum Magic’ based on the story written by Mem Fox. The students are working hard on choreography, scripts and their acting skills to have this performance ready for your enjoyment on Monday 22nd or Tuesday 23rd April.

- **Monday 22nd April** – 5.30 – 6pm – 1/2 O, 6.30 – 7pm – 1/2D, 7.30 - 8pm – 1/2J
- **Tuesday 23rd April** - 5.30 – 6pm – 1/2 P, 6.30 – 7pm – 1/2M, 7.30 - 8pm – 1/2S

Warranwood is a sunsmart school. Broadbrimmed and legionnaire hats are worn in terms 1 and 4.

Some of our students eating a small piece of fresh fruit or vegetable during our timetabled fresh fruit time
Junior School Swimming Program

The Junior School students participate in a swimming program at Croydon Leisure Centre.

Dates and session times are:
Monday 4th March – Friday 8th March
1/2D, 1/2M and 1/2VP – 9.30 -10.30
1/2J, 1/2O and 1/2S – 10.30 - 11.30

During the week of swimming, we would like students to arrive at school with their bathers under their school clothes and thongs/slip on shoes and underwear in their swimming bags.

Before we leave for the pool, students will change into their thongs and leave school shoes and socks at school. We have found this works well. Lessons will run for 45 minutes.

As students are often very hungry after swimming please consider adding more healthy snacks and lunch to sustain them. A roster will be displayed on the classroom window asking for volunteers to accompany us on the bus. You may like to meet us at the pool, extra help is always appreciated.

Parent Reps

If you are interested in being a Class Rep, please notify your child’s class teacher as soon as possible. (This can be a shared role)

Food Allergies

Please advise your class teacher if your child has food allergies or if there are foods, you would prefer they did not eat. A number of students in the Junior School are anaphylactic. Parents are requested not to include any nut or egg products in lunches to avoid these severe reactions. We ask that students do not share food or buy food for each other from the canteen for this reason.

Mia’s Program

This term Mia, our Student Welfare Officer, is running a program for the students called “What is a thought? A thought is a lot”. This program is based on a picture story book by Jack Pransky and Amy Kahofer. The activities within this program are designed to empower children to see how their own thinking creates their lives, moment to moment, day to day. They’ll also help students recognise that we have a thought, that thought creates a feeling and the feeling creates a behaviour. Students discover they can change their thoughts to achieve their desired outcome, dispose of unhelpful thoughts and that we make our best decisions when we are calm.

If you wish to purchase the picture book to read at home with your child it is available on the website www.socialthinking.com

Take Home Book Cover

These will contain the Reading Diary and Spelling Homework book. Spelling words will be given fortnightly on Mondays and tested the following Monday. We ask that you focus on both the reading and spelling of the Oxford Words in the second week.

Water Bottles

We encourage all students to have a fresh bottle of water on their table everyday.

Finally...

To assist with sniffs and runny noses it would be greatly appreciated if parents could send along two boxes of tissues.

We are looking forward to a busy and exciting year with your child.

Jenny, Vicky, Anita, Ann, Anne and Katherine
Junior School Team