Dear parents, carers and students,

**Australian Primary Principals Conference**

As you know, last week I attended the Australian Primary Principals Conference in Sydney. The theme of the conference was “Moving Forward Together” and there were some excellent guest speakers including wheelchair ironman John Mclean, Geoffery Robertson QC, ex Queensland Premier Anna Bligh, as well as international speakers from Canada and Ireland. The overwhelming message was about resilience in education and moving our children and nation forward in a time of increasing "interruptive technology". Without embracing the pace of technological development in our world and preparing our kids to be creative, innovative, problem solvers, we will fail as a society and educational system. The three days allowed me to network with Principals across Australia, and was well worthwhile.

**Excursions**

During the next few weeks, most classes will be participating in both paid and unpaid excursions. Please ensure your child has paid by the due date, as it is increasingly difficult to book buses and arrange changes to routines when classes and staff have been allocated to responsibilities.

**School Crossing in Hunter Street**

Mrs Densie Broomham and I have been shocked at the behaviour of some parents and carers who are collecting their children without regard for the safety of both pedestrians and students at our school. IT IS UNACCEPTABLE to collect or call children from the middle of the road. This includes stopping on the zebra crossing. DO NOT stand on the other side of the road and call your children across. PLEASE drive slowly when you are moving into or away from our school gates. Life is precious - please do not let your impatience cause a catastrophe!

Sarah Rudling  
Principal

**Year 6 Parent evening**

We have been notified that incorrect information about the Year 6 Parent evening was sent out. The packs sent out had the 27th of November as the date. However, it is actually Tuesday the 25th of November at 6pm.

**Lost Property**

Our lost property pool is growing. Any item of clothing that is labelled with a student’s name will be sent to the child. All other items will be on a table outside the canteen until the end of this week. After that, the unclaimed items will go into our second hand clothing pool.
Cup Cake Fundraiser
A big thank you to everyone who donated cakes, donated time and purchased cakes for last week’s Cup Cake Fundraiser. We raised $286! Half of the funds raised will go to our school for resources and the other half is going to a school in the Philippines to help in the purchase of a new photocopier. Well done and thank you again!
Mrs Kolevski

Handing in money and notes – Secure letterbox in the Foyer
As you may have noticed, the new secure money collection box is now installed in our foyer. It assists the office in being efficient and is a much more secure and safer option. When paying for excursions or events, please put notes and money in the envelopes provided with your child’s name, class and what is being paid for. Money will no longer be accepted at the office or by your child’s teacher. The letterbox will be emptied daily. Thank you to everyone for your cooperation this week in using our secure letterbox system.