Welcome back to the final term for 2011! This term will be a very exciting and busy term. Kindergarten are looking forward to many new learning challenges.

The children and teachers in Kindergarten are excited by the progress they have made in reading and writing. Here are some reading and writing tips for your child:

Tip 1. Take turns reading. Have your child read aloud to you every day. Make sure you read to your child every day as well.

Tip 2. When watching a suitable children’s show with your child, turn on the closed captioning on your T.V. This shows the words the characters are speaking on the T.V. screen. Ask your child to have a go at reading the captions.

Tip 3. Make a writing kit: Find a box or basket, fill it with paper and pencils and take it with you when possible. Find reasons to write, in the car, at the park, at relatives’ homes. Write thank you notes. Write grocery lists. Write a sentence about an outing. WRITE, WRITE, WRITE!

Tip 4. Say positive! Your child is learning to write, don’t worry about spelling mistakes. Children who are worried about spelling every word correctly will often stick to a small group of words they can spell. Don’t limit your child. In Kindergarten we think their spelling mistakes are very cute, (every cute).

Dates for your diary: Intensive Swimming Program: Week 5 and 6

Welcome back to Term 4, where it will be very busy and eventful. I was happy to see that the Stage 2 students have settled in nicely and thanks go to Mr. Klumpp and all the Stage 2 teachers for ensuring this.

Stage 2 Coordinator

Love begins at home, and it is not how much we do... but how much love we put in that action.

Looking forward to a productive and eventful Term 4! God Bless

Missing Elizabeth Woodin

Welcome back to the beginning of a very busy and exciting term. I trust you all had a restful and relaxing holiday and are ready to work diligently during this final stretch of 2011. We have many activities and special days planned for the Stage 3 students in Term 4. Please make sure that you read the newsletter and keepers to informed. The Year 5 students will be looking forward to their excursion to Mary Mackillop Place (6 December), their Personal Development Workshop (2 November) and their SRC nominations and elections. Year 6s will be kept busy with their Transition to High School Program (beginning Week 4) and their preparation for their upcoming Graduation Mass (5 December). Stage 3 students will be spending a lot of time in the pool this term, with their two-week intensive Swimming Program (Weeks 5 & 6) and their Swimming Carnival (31 October).

A lot happening! Please ensure that your children are adequately prepared for all the exciting events: correct swimming costumes, uniform etc. Academically, the pressure is on as well. The Year 5s are learning about The Solar System and how to write a narrative, while the Year 6s are investigating problems in maths groups, and polishing their debating skills in sport.

Students need to work consistently throughout the term to produce their “personal best” results. Term 4 is a reporting term, so the students should expect an increased workload and a focus on assessment. Parents can assist their children by checking homework and class work and by signing their child’s diaries. Have a happy and eventful term.

Stage 3 Coordinator

Miss Marie-Claire Haxeva

Welcome back to the final newsletter issue of Term 4. I hope that all students and staff have had a restful break and regained their energy for the remaining weeks of this school year.

Last term on the 21st of September 2011 the College Community gathered as one to celebrate the official opening and blessing of the new Multi-Purpose Hall. The occasion was made more significant by the presence of the Superior General of the Lebanese Maronite Order, Most Rev Abbé Tannous Nehme and numerous dignitaries. Thank you to all staff, students and parents whose efforts and attendance contributed to this.

Year 12 students are currently sitting their Higher School Certificate examinations. Also Year 10 Students will be sitting their School Certificate Examinations on the 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th of November. We keep them in our prayers and thoughts.

We also pray for our Year 2 students who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation on the 4th of November. May they in receiving this sacrament cleanse their souls and be brought closer to Jesus.

Analysis of the College NAPLAN results reveals generally students in all years are placed above state average in Writing, Spelling and Grammar. However Reading skills could be improved.

Be a role model for your child and make sure not only to provide books for them but to make sure your children see you reading. It doesn’t matter what, a newspaper or magazine is fine. It all helps to promote a culture of literacy.

Thanksgiving is a good thing: thanksliving is better.
We hope you enjoyed the exhibition. It is wonderful to be part of an area where students can explore and be creative. A true musician, captivated the audience with her performance. Amal Chakty performed their “Derbakeh” performance and Rap skills. 11 Music class and their band headed by Alexandra Younes performed with great enthusiasm. Our Primary students contributed Art works and crafted pieces on display. Performance art featured for the first time this year. Our Primary students showcased their talent and shared their experiences. We look forward to a continuation of effective communication throughout this term.

Deputy Principal Primary School
Mr John Klumpp

As we enter the final stretch we need to keep working hard towards the winning post (a little Melbourne Cup analogy). However it is true, because while there are going to be many distractions this term, we need to regularly remind ourselves that we are at school to learn. This term we have our annual swimming program and I hope that all students embrace the opportunity to develop their skills and confidence in the water. With the Christmas holidays just at the end of the corner, many students will be visiting pools and beaches while the skills and confidence they learn in the two week program could save their life.

Year 2 receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation of the 4th of November. They have spent a lot of time preparing and we pray that they recognise and celebrate the reception of the Sacrament. I look forward to seeing and speaking to many of you during the term. Please support your students and your College by attending and supporting all events this term.

Library News
Dear Parents,
Shorty textbooks lists for 2012 will be sent out so please ensure any orders are returned WITHOUT MONEY to the library by Thursday, 1st of December 2011.
Yorke book orders can be collected and paid for in the Art/TAS Room on Tuesday, the 31st of January 2012. Please continue to ensure your child brings their library card every day to school to enable them to borrow books from the library. Replacement cards can be purchased from the library.

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TAS Coordinator-Secondary
Mrs Mary-Rose Maatloek

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Deputy Principal Secondary School
Mr Jaime Rodriguez

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