Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Cyber Safety - Social Media Use

Over recent weeks, there have been a number of concerning reports made by students, parents and caregivers of inappropriate use of social media including Facebook and WhatsApp. These matters have been investigated further by the school and students / families involved contacted.

I have provided some important information below for parents and caregivers to discuss with your child / children. It is recommended that parents, caregivers and students who are victims of cyber bullying report matters to SAPOL for further investigation and monitor their child’s behavior on these sites.

Important terms:

‘Cyber-safety’ refers to the safe use of the Internet and ICT equipment/devices, including mobile phones.

‘Cyber bullying’ is bullying which uses e-technology as a means of victimising others. It is the use of an Internet service or mobile technologies - such as e-mail, chat room discussion groups, Facebook, instant messaging, websites or SMS (text messaging) - with the intention of harming another person.

‘ICT equipment/devices’ includes computers (such as desktops, laptops, PDAs), storage devices (such as USB and flash memory devices, CDs, DVDs, floppy disks, iPods, MP3 players), cameras (such as video and digital cameras and webcams), all types of mobile phones, gaming consoles, video and audio players/receivers (such as portable CD and DVD players), and any other, technologies.

‘Inappropriate material’ means material that deals with matters such as sex, cruelty or violence in a manner that is likely to be injurious to children or incompatible with a school or preschool environment.

Student Responsibility for Computer and Internet Use

Child Protection Education and rigorous cyber-safety practices are in place, whereby staff and learners have been involved in discussions regarding the responsible use of the school network and respecting internet copyright laws.

This extends to the home.

It is expected that students will act responsibly when using all computer facilities and accept and respect the guidelines related to Internet use in the school. Any material sent and received using the school’s network is filtered by DECD monitoring software to restrict access to certain sites and data, including e-mail in an effort to prevent students’ exposure to inappropriate content.

Kind Regards
Dan Jarrad - School Principal

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During History lessons in Room 5 we have been learning about the history of Australia. Janet has been supporting us in our learning of Australian history prior to European settlement. Students have been learning about traditional and contemporary Aboriginal culture. We have learnt about family and community structure, roles and responsibilities of family members and the sustainable use of the environment when hunting and building housing structures. Dreaming sto-

We enjoy our Kitchen Garden lessons every Wednesday.

In Gardening lessons with Tyler we learn about taking care of our school garden.

This week we made teepees and decorated them ready to place in the garden.

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Book now for OSHC

If you need OSHC on the pupil free day on Tuesday 9/06 you can get Booking Sheets from the Front Office at school.

Book now (15 children minimum) because if there are not enough requiring OSHC on the day OSHC will NOT be open.
At the centre we have a strong focus on numeracy and literacy. As educators, we are always looking for new and creative ways to inspire and nurture a love of learning and one of the best ways to do this is with books. In the early stages we look at how the books come together—with the front and back covers, the author and illustrator, the illustrations, and the title. We talk about the front cover, what we can see, what the pictures on the front mean to us and what we think the story might be about. This helps build an interest for the child to want to learn what happens in the book.

Elizabeth Grove Children’s Centre

One of our favourite ways to teach and learn is through sensory play. It’s a fantastic and inexpensive way to develop vocabulary and language skills, imagination, inspire experimentation, social and play skills. We use materials such as sand, mud, creek stones, playdough, goop (cornflour and water), bubbles and paint and more!

We had a visit from Rebecca Mumford, our gardening guru recently. Rebecca read us the book she had written about autumn planting and we went out to look at the veggie garden. We found the radishes were ready to be picked and were able to taste them. We are very excited about how well the garden is growing and reading the ‘Gaye The Garden Girl’ books helps us to understand what is happening in our vegetable garden.

FOOTBALL

Last week we played Trinity College with the final scores Swallowcliffe / Elizabeth Grove 15-11 to Trinity 1-5. A great team effort with best players (from voting card) including Dakota, Caleb, Joshua, Titan and Vianne (kicking 5-1 in the last quarter). We have been so impressed with how the two teams get along and play together.

Most recently, we played Paralowie with the final score Swallowcliffe / Elizabeth Grove 8-5 to Paralowie 9-12. Another solid effort with a couple of big lads for Paralowie proving to be the difference in the end. The team never gave up, outscoring Paralowie in the last quarter by 2 goals. Best players (from voting card) including Caleb, Lachlan (rucked all day against the big boys, great effort), Dillon and Joshua.

Positive Education

In Positive Education we are talking about how we are all special in many different ways. We are discovering how beautiful it is to just be you, and not try to be anyone else. We are all special to many people in our lives. Keep being you!!

SIMPLY FOOTBALL in conjunction with Campbelltown City Soccer club will be holding a 7-A-SIDE Summer competition

Where: Campbelltown City Soccer club
When: Friday evenings from October 18th to December 18th
Who: Teams from U10, U11, U12, U13 & U14
Cost: $50 per team per game. $10 per player Registration & $100 Team Bond (Registration covers Insurance costs and bond will be used for any forfeit fees or to pay for last two rounds if unseeded).
Registration: www.simplyfootball.com.au/7-a-side Registrations close 31st August
Enquiries: Phone Adrian on 0402 418 300 or Email: info@simplyfootball.com.au

Bar, BBQ & Canteen facilities available.
Relaxed atmosphere and Family-friendly environment!

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Sorry, this seminar has been filled, but we can have this by webcast. Let Anne-Marie Shaw know if you are interested in attending.