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Donation from Good Start Middle Park

A group of very motivated people joined a group training session at Good Start Middle Park to raise money for the ECDP. After an hour of ‘sweating it out’ they managed to raise $285!! We were able to personally thank staff from the centre with a gift and certificate of appreciation.

Learning Partnerships:

We have been very lucky to have students from Centenary High School visit our school each Wednesday afternoon. They have been visiting classrooms and engaging with our students through music, stories or assisting with classroom activities. Feedback has been positive from this initiative and we look forward to continuing this program in 2017.

Community Collaboration:

The Bunnings Oxley ‘I got worms’ classroom challenge will began this week with 2 classes participating (Senior’s and Early Years). This initiative involves students learning about and taking responsibility for a worm farm. A representative will be giving a short brief on how the challenge works and will provide all the equipment and worms for the classrooms. This program will support students learning in multi-sensory experiences, literacy and numeracy.

Grants

Research is ongoing for suitable grants.

Parents Opinion Survey

A new Parent Communication Survey is being prepared to go out to families prior to the end of term. Feedback from this survey will be used to better improve communication in 2017.

Using feedback from last year’s survey (Minutes 17 February 2016) some changes have been implemented to improve the way we as a school, communicate information.

- ‘Keeping In Touch’ (KIT) was introduced and has been well received by families.
- Communication between parents/carers and teachers continues to be achieved using an individualised format and approach.
- The introduction of a Parent Information evening was well received with sector leaders and speech therapists providing information to parents/carers.
Facebook is being utilised more regularly to share good news stories, events, student achievements and outcomes.

The website continues to be updated with current P&C and departmental information.

Parent requests for support at various excursions and events have gone out during the year. Beginning 2017 a specific request i.e. ‘what will be your one thing this term’ will be introduced with more specific examples of how parents/carers can help.

**Other Information**

QParents will come on line early 2017. Leadership staff will be meeting on Wednesday to discuss rollout for early Term 1.

**Upcoming Events**

28th November – Christmas Party

2nd December – Volunteer & Bus Driver Afternoon Tea

7th of December – Senior Graduation

Thanks,

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