Hi everyone,

We may all find it hard to believe but we are very nearly at the end of first term! And a very busy term it has been.

Despite the short term, the camping program is already well under way; the Transition Group planned, budgeted and shopped for their independence skills camp at Garfield last week and next week the first of our bike camps is off. Unfortunately the Junior School BBQ at Garfield last week had to be cancelled because of the rain but it has been rescheduled for April when we have another week booked at Garfield. The Camp committee has done a great job in planning camps that cater for the full range of ages and abilities.

Because of the short term one this year, Individual Education Plans detailing students’ annual goals will not go home at the end of term as in the past. Instead they will go home at the end of the first week of Term two and can be discussed with teachers at the Term two SSG meetings if necessary.

This term has seen several very nasty bugs work their way through the school population, both staff and students. One of these was a particularly unpleasant gastro infection which of course is very easily spread. Victorian Department of Health guidelines are that children who have had gastroenteritis should be kept home for 48 hours after the symptoms have ceased to avoid the spread of disease. Hopefully the worst is behind us now and we can all look forward to a happy healthy holiday.

Regards, Judy Norton (acting Principal)
Fawad received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** & taking his lunchbox to the kitchen.

Dean received his award for being **Respectful** and helping his friends.

Hamid received his award for being **Safe** when taking resources around the room.

Emmanuel received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** blowing bubbles & kicking without a floatation device.

Fletcher received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and trying new activities.

Ryan received his award for being **Respectful** when asking for help and items he likes.

Miguel received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** & **Respectful** at school.

Maryam received her award for being a **Learner** & improving **flexibility**

Hameedullah received his Principal’s award for being **Safe** in class.

James received his Principal’s award for being **Responsible** and looking after his own belongings.

Aiden received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and using PECS to create

James received his Principal’s award for being a **Learner** and changing gears while riding.
Movement & Music sessions have been a huge hit in Room 18. The sessions are designed to explore movement using a range of props. Props such as balloons, scarfs, ribbons, material and much more. Students are encouraged to work in groups as well as individually. Next term we are going to introduce emotions to our sessions.

Congratulations to all our Little Treasures as they continue to keep up their good work in term 1.
MUSIC THERAPY programs are up & running for 2016

We are busy making music and learning!
We have a lot of fun in Room 17, accessing local parks, painting, making play dough and starting the day with “Bash and Crash”!
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