Welcome back to Term 4! It will fly by and before we all know it we will be farewelling Year 6 on Wednesday 17th December!

I hope that all our families enjoyed the break and spent quality time together. All students were smiling and happy to see their friends and teachers this week.

It’s wonderful to be back after my long holiday and I am looking forward to a great term ahead. During my leave Ms Martin, Ms Vella and Ms Hicks all stepped up into relieving executive roles. I would like to thank them for the smooth running of the school and all its programs; they have done an outstanding job!

Student Leadership is an important aspect of school life for Stage 3 students. All students at Eastlakes have the opportunity to participate. In Term 4, Year 5 students will start their student leadership journey that will support them in developing their campaign to become a student leader. Teachers and students will vote for candidates and student leaders will be announced at Presentation Day 10th December 2014. The new student leaders will make a school pledge and their parents will be invited to pin badges. The structure of the leadership team for 2015 will be slightly different to our current one due to the size of the Year 5 cohort. The structure will ensure equality and fairness across the leadership roles of Captains and Prefects.

Anthia Tsantoulis
Principal

Reminders

Attendance - It is a legal requirement that school-age children attend school each day the school is open. Our school commences at 9am and students must be here by that time to commence their lessons. Please accompany your child to the office if they are late to school to obtain a late note. Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten Orientation and Transition

Our 2015 Kindergarten Orientation and Transition Program will start on Wednesday 15th October and continue every Wednesday until the 17th November.

If you know of any families with children of school age in the area let them know that we are enrolling now for 2015. New families can call in at the office and fill in or pick up enrolment forms for 2015.

Swimming Scheme - Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October

We thank BKK shopping centre for their generous donation once again that will enable all of our year 2 students to attend and participate in this important program. Trained instructors teach our students swimming skills and water safety at Botany Aquatic Centre. Ms Taylor and Ms Vella will accompany the students. Students will have a meeting at lunch on Friday 17th with the teachers to discuss final details.

P & C News

- Ice-blocks will be start again next week Friday 17th October – bring $1 for a sweet lunchtime treat.
- P&C will provide a morning tea at kindy Orientation to welcome next year’s new parents.
In Term 3 5/6R studied Mathematics in an interesting way. The class was involved in pairs in planning a trip around the world. The pairs were given criteria to follow including luggage limit, a budget and having to travel to three continents, six cities – staying 48 hours in each city and recounting sites and activities they viewed. The starting point was Eastlakes Public School and the end point was Buckingham Palace, London. There were 13 teams taking part in the great 5/6R "Amazing Race". At the end of the race each team displayed their trip in a presentation to classmates. Ms Roth and Mrs Taylor had great fun participating too. The students also included pictures of themselves in famous places.

Here are some reflections of the "Amazing Race".

The Amazing Race for me was awesome. This lesson will help me in the future when I am travelling. I have learnt about the prices of flights and accommodation and this activity also helped me with presentation skills. The activity also covered many topics like, time, working with numbers and money. Sanjar

I enjoyed doing the Amazing Race because we did everything about maths in a fun way. We learnt about time, money and how to manage your belongings. I especially enjoyed Elisha and Daniella's presentation because it was short, funny and easy to understand. I also enjoyed Ms Roth and Mrs Taylor's because it was funny and informative. Nishka

Doing the Amazing Race was pretty exciting. One of the exciting parts was choosing the places that we could go to. It was also fun how we could pretend that we are there and flying and staying at hotels. Even though it was fun, finding the information was challenging and after the presentation I was relieved. Azhan