Principal’s Report:

I.N.O.K.T.B.A:
Regular school attendance is essential if students are to achieve expected educational progress and maintain normal social development. At Red Cliffs Primary we encourage and reward good attendance. Our aim is for all students to achieve 100% attendance. Students with outstanding attendance (96% or better) for Semester 1 will be invited to a free Pizza lunch. Students with 96% attendance (8 days absence) or better for the entire school year will be invited to a free visit to the Water Slide in December. It is important students see that their parents value coming to school every day. Excuses like celebrating a child’s birthday or entertaining visiting relatives are not valid reasons for missing school.

Remember -
It’s Not Ok To Be Away, unless you are genuinely ill.

Student Leaders:
Mr Peter Crisp M.L.A. for Mildura, presented the 2014 Student Leaders with their badges and certificates at Monday’s assembly. It was wonderful to have so many parents at the assembly to see the presentation.

Meet the Teacher:
Yesterday’s “Meet the Teacher” opportunity was very successful. I was impressed with the number of parents that were able to visit our school and their children’s classroom. The teachers were very pleased with the opportunity to meet new and existing parents and carers. Numbers that attended exceeded formal replies and as such our catering was not up to usual standards. I sincerely apologise to those families who missed out on a sausage towards the end of the evening. It won’t happen again. Thanks to Mr Laity for his expert cooking in very hot conditions...

School Crossing:
Parents and students are reminded the Calder Highway School Crossing operates from 8.25am each school day and again from 3.10pm in the afternoon. Students should not cross the highway before the crossing supervisor is present. I have been advised that Red Cliffs Police are actively enforcing all speed zones at local school crossings. I urge parents to check their speed when driving through crossings.

School Hours:
The school day officially starts at 9.00am. Students should be at school at around 8.45am to ensure they are ready and organised for the day ahead. Students may come to school from 8.30am. Unless there are special circumstances, students should not be at school before 8.30am as no teachers are on yard duty before this time.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle:
Red Cliffs Primary School will be running the Bunnings B.B.Q on Sunday 16th March. This is a wonderful opportunity to raise funds for the school. We will need a large number of volunteers to be placed on a roster to allow us to run the sausage sizzle. A note will be sent home next week asking for volunteers.

Rod Beer
Principal
★Stars of the Week★

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First Junior School Council Meeting:
On Monday the first junior school council meeting for 2014 was held in the 5/6 department. It went well. We had some excellent suggestions like getting new hand dryers in the toilets, and running lunchtime activities on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We also talked about the great start to the New Year. We talked about how well the preps and new students were settling in and what the students like about the school.

Courtney Baird
Junior School Council President

Red Cliffs Swimming Carnival:
All primary school aged swimmers are encouraged to enter, whether learners or more competent.

Date and Time: Monday 17th March 2014, 5:45pm.
Venue: Red Cliffs Pool.
Entry forms: Available from Mr Warburton.
Entries close: Tuesday 11th March 2014.

Junior Golf Clinic:
Red Cliffs Golf Club are running junior Golf clinics for 8 years and above, beginning March 5th. Contact Catherine Lanigan– Junior Golf coordinator for more information – 0448 618 282 or catherinelanigan11@gmail.com

This Week’s Birthdays……
Emrich Tree 7 Friday 14th February
Vada Tree 7 Friday 14th February
Xander Morrison 8 Friday 14th February
Benjamin Sharp 5 Saturday 15th February
Blake Wallace 11 Sunday 16th February

Great Behaviour in the Yard:
Congratulation to Blake McDonald, Eboney Hocking and Fei Taliloa for their Great Behaviour in the Yard this week.
Enjoy those free Great Australian Ice Creams kids!

IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
STUDENT LEADERS 2014

School Captains—Liam Heath and Grace Mitchem

House Captains—Zoe, Daniel, Tylah, Zac, Zac, Tahlia, Finn and Fei.

Junior School Council—Blake, Tristen, Ava, Bree, Courtney (President), Joel, Emily, Zane and Simauga
The **Active After-school Communities** program is a major component of the Australian Government’s package *Building a Healthy, Active Australia* that aims to improve the health and well-being of Australian children.

Red Cliffs Primary OSHCS is participating in the AASC program in **week 3, Term 1** on Tuesday and Thursday nights and will run for seven weeks.

This program has been developed to run in the after school timeslot to provide families with an opportunity for structured physical activities for their children.

The program will offer fun, safe and inclusive activities, which will provide children with the opportunity to develop their motor skills. It also promotes a healthy lifestyle in a comfortable, non-competitive environment.

The program has been designed to engage traditional non-active children whilst using a variety of local personnel; to deliver the activities, in an aim to promote local community links.

**Look what activities are starting in week 3, term 1:**

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For further information on your school program please contact your OSHCS coordinator **Liz. Ph. 0409 992 246**