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Dear Parents,

I write this letter as we come to the end of a busy first half of term. The girls have experienced some fantastic events so far including Book Week, Loud Tie Day, Kangaroo & Koala Sale, Australia Week in the Pre-Prep, The Primary Gymnastics Competition and two PTA discos to name just a few. We do include snippets of the weekly events in the photos and captions on our weekly bulletins in order to help you share some of the girls' school experiences.



## Staffing News



Firstly, we send huge congratulations and very best wishes to Mrs de la Fosse on the arrival of baby Maria Lucia on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February, a little sister for Alicia.

We welcome Ms Jones who joined us last week and is covering Mrs de la Fosse's maternity leave. Ms Jones, having visited us a great deal before her official start date, has already settled in to Melrose life very well – even taking part in the Lower Junior Cross Country!

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Le Noury who leaves us at the end of February to have her second baby. Mrs Le Noury has been a fantastic member of the Pre-Prep team and, in the past, lunchtime team. Her calm and caring manner with both girls and staff alike will be much missed. We wish her all the very best and hope that she will keep in touch.

Miss Kerrie Brush will be joining us as a full time member of the Pre-Prep team from the beginning of March. Miss Brush is very experienced with young children and we welcome her to the team.

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## House Events

### JR and Form I House Games

Well done to all Junior Remove and Form I girls who took part in the Junior House Games on the 10<sup>th</sup> February. The girls enjoyed putting into practice a variety of skills they had been learning in lessons and showed great enthusiasm and energy. The overall results were: Joint 1<sup>st</sup> Brock & De Sausmarez, 3<sup>rd</sup> Carey and 4<sup>th</sup> Durand.

### Junior Cross Country

We were blessed with good weather for the Junior Cross Country this year. The Junior girls all showed great resilience and spirit and even had some smiles! Those who were not keen runners really persevered and were cheered on by the rest of the girls. We were very proud of all the girls who took part and also send congratulations to Mr Lewis, Mrs Jackson and Ms Jones for completing the course – great role modelling! Well done to Beatrice Wilson who won the Lower Junior Trophy and Emily Gavey who won the Upper Junior Trophy.



Most importantly, all the girls' points were added up which resulted in a win for Durand in the Lower Junior race, De Sausmarez in the Upper Junior race and an overall win for De Sausmarez. A huge well done to all the girls for their super efforts.

## Information

### Half Term Challenge!

As part of thinking about wellbeing, through Junior Assembly, I have challenged the Junior girls to try and go 24 hours over half term without a device or screen! This is **optional** and they can choose from three levels of challenge, in case they need to use their phones for safety reasons!



Level 1 – No playing of games, use of social media, photos, internet etc. on their device

Level 2 – As above but no TV either!

Level 3 – As above but no use of phones for texting, calling or messaging.

If they can't manage 24 hours, they can see how long they can manage and then ask someone to jot down a note to confirm their achievement.

Whilst, this is a bit of fun, a lot of the girls thought that it would be really hard. We did discuss the problem of when devices become addictive and time is spent looking at a screen rather than socialising or doing something active. I also said that adults at home might wish to accept the challenge as well! I am going to try Level 2!

### Illness



At this time of the year, there are lots of 'bugs' around. Please may we remind you not to send your daughter to school if she is unwell and that school policy is for parents to keep girls at home for 48 hours after they have had any sickness or diarrhoea. If girls in the Preparatory Department are not well enough to swim on a Monday, they are generally not well enough to come to school. Therefore, unless there are exceptional circumstances, please keep your daughter at home.

At school, we have reminded the girls about how germs can spread and the need to wash hands or use sanitiser at key times and also to remember to sneeze and cough into their elbow or a tissue and put their tissue into the bins with lids. It is important that we work together to try and prevent the unnecessary spread of germs. Thank you.



## Traffic

Thank you to all for following the guidelines and being considerate at drop off and pick up. The traffic has been monitored for two weeks on a daily basis. Generally, traffic is flowing as well as can be expected for a school site, and your patience is appreciated.

Safety has improved now that girls are being dropped off in the correct place and not behind Mr Waddingham on the crossing or at a distance from the gate. Cars are generally entering at a sensible speed and parking in appropriate places, ensuring that other cars can pass. Staff spaces are not available for parking in at drop off in the morning. However, if a space is available after school, these can be used for pick up purposes.

We will continue to monitor the traffic at drop off and pick up times and thank you for your support.

## Forthcoming Events

### Eisteddfod

We are sure that there will be many girls taking part in the Eisteddfod this year, which should be a fantastic experience for them. Please can you let the school know in good time, when your daughter will be absent and ideally link pick up and drop off times with break and lunch times where possible. If your daughter is returning to school at lunch time, please could she bring a packed lunch that day as it isn't possible to keep cooked lunches back for girls who may be late. Thank you.

### Purple 4 Polio

We would like to support the Rotary appeal again this year with the aim to free the world from Polio by taking part in 'Purple Pinkie Day' on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February. Girls may wear purple or pink nail varnish to school for a donation of 20p or more. Just 20 pence can save a life and whatever we raise will be trebled! This is totally optional, however, we hope that you will support such a worthwhile cause.



Finally, may I ask you to keep an eye on the weekly bulletins for the rest of the half term as there are many events happening and the bulletins aim to keep you up to date with very useful information.

Have a lovely half term break.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Elaine Ozanne'.

Mrs Elaine Ozanne  
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