Below is an interesting article I recently read. It’s written by Josephine Tovey, Education Editor Sydney Morning Herald. I thought I would share it with you.

Young children who frequently take days off school have poorer results in maths, new research shows, but the same level of absenteeism appears to have less of an effect on literacy at the same age.

A major longitudinal study from the Australian Institute of Family Studies shows high rates of absenteeism in primary school - about one day a week - had a noticeably detrimental effect on NAPLAN numeracy scores.

Students who frequently missed days of school also had poorer literacy results, although it did not have an independent impact over and above other more influential risk factors, such as social and emotional problems or learning difficulties, the study found.

The negative effect of absenteeism on academic achievement is well established in secondary school but few studies had recorded its impact in earlier years, Dr Ben Edwards, executive manager of the study, said.

"High levels of absenteeism were associated with lower levels of numeracy when children were eight to nine years old and again when they were 10 to 11 years old," he said. "What is concerning is that we find that even absenteeism in these primary years undermines achievement later on, and it seems to set in place a self-sustaining process."

Associate Professor Janette Bobis from the University of Sydney said the nature of maths and the way it is taught - in topics and building on foundation concepts - might explain why children struggle to catch up.

"If they've missed out those foundational bits of knowledge, they're just going to be lost when they come back into a classroom situation," she said.

"Suddenly the teacher's moved on to a more difficult concept and assumes the children have this background information."

Another factor could be while children may read at home, they may not do maths activities, according to Professor Doug Clarke, director of the Mathematics Teaching and Learning Research Centre at the Australian Catholic University.

Professor Clarke said all parents could find "incidental opportunities to do mathematics with their kids", such as weighing ingredients, assessing prices in the supermarket and playing card and board games.

"Parents have a vital role in supporting the maths learning of their kids," he said.
The negative effects of frequent absenteeism on numeracy were avoided if the child had a parent who attended university, suggesting the capacity and willingness to assist children to catch up was important, according to the report.

Hope you are having a wonderful week.

_Lena Clark_

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General

FIT CLUB AT DONVALE
We meet every Friday morning after drop off and exercise until around 9.45am. It's free, everyone is welcome.

Meet us in the GP room, bring a bottle of water and fitness mat if you have one. For all fitness levels, do as much as you can or are comfortable with.

It's a great way to support each other in a positive way.

Hope to see you there.

Any questions please contact Laura (Giorgia F1HW) or Barbara (Theo 12C, Amanda 56W).

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property rack and tub (located opposite the library) is overflowing with lost windcheaters, hats, lunch boxes and drink bottles. Please check on a regular basis.

Lost - Size 12 windcheater belonging to Josh G. Please check the name tag on your child’s windcheater, if you have his windcheater please return to the office or Josh in 56W. Thank you.

CHICKENPOX
We have a confirmed case of chickenpox in the 1/2 area.

The symptoms of chickenpox include:

- low-grade fever
- general discomfort, illness or lack of wellbeing (malaise)
- intensely itchy skin rash – appears as small blisters surrounded by irregularly-shaped patches of inflamed skin known as ‘dew drop on a rose petal’ (blisters first form on the body and later on the head and limbs and the blisters usually burst and develop crusts after about five days).

People at increased risk of catching or having complications from chickenpox include:

- newborn babies – there is an increased risk of severe illness in the first 28 days of life
- pregnant women – who have not had chickenpox or been immunised for chickenpox
- people who have a weakened immune system.
A loss for the **Dolphins** this week against OLOP Pearls. Player of the week went to Charlotte M. Next Game: Saturday 24th October 11am DISC Crt 2 against OLOP Flames.

**U9 Daredevils** played a great game. It was a close result going down to Beverley Hills 6-4. The boys are learning so much every week. Well done Tait on a great game.

**U9 - Donvale Demons** - Boys played a real team game with everyone contributing to a great win. Well done to Cooper for a 100% success rate at the free throw line.

**U11 - Destroyers** had a nail biting loss in a great game. Losing by only one point to the Milgate Monsters. Every time we play this team it’s close. We will try and get them next time. Great team effort.

Our boys, the **Dynamites** did well in the first half, but the piranhas opened up the gap in the second half, leading 36 to 21. Izaiah R played with bronchitis, what a trooper!

Open Girls - **Daisies** had a bye. A restful weekend ready to score big time this weekend!!

**COME & TRY BASKETBALL**

Great participation again this week!

‘Come & Try Basketball’ goes for another 2 weeks.

28 October & 4 November – 3.45 – 4.45pm.

Get to DISC next Wednesday & enjoy the fun!

$3 each week, bring a ball & a drink bottle.

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If you can’t make it but you’re interested in playing next year, Please contact Cass or Kim or ask at the Office to be put in touch.

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**Birthday Wishes To**

Ollie P, Holly M, Coco C, Khian N

*Who are celebrating birthdays from 23rd to 29th October*
This week's session went very well, with many happy faces so excited about our own style pancakes. Normal pancakes are too thick and normal crepes are too thin, so we created our own style. They even knew the answer about why we don't put sugar in the batter. Their creations were very well designed, some of them looked like a professional chef’s work.

Well done boys and girls.

Thank you to Laura Emozione, Marina Younger, Jaqui Frigo, Barbara Hoglund, Ellen Fraser, Liz Brown, Mrs Clark and Martin for helping with the program.

Also thank you to Andrew F 34E and Mrs Cheesman for their fruit donations.

We went on a culinary journey to Italy last week. What a fantastic opportunity for the little chefs, they even managed to speak a few Italian words. Grazie Signora Emozione and her team helpers for making this happen.

We are having 3 more one off cooking sessions, the Indian and Japanese are fully booked. But we still have a couple of spots for the Tongan cooking class (Pineapple tart), so if your child would like to join in please send $5 to the office and we will send the form home.

Christmas party invitations will be handed out in a few weeks, all the regular little chefs are invited. If your child is only involved in the one off sessions and would like to join in please send $5 to the office.

Next Tuesday is the turn of group 3 to create pancake with us. Ingredients we need are: strawberries, oranges, grapes, any fresh fruits.

We don't cook, we create food.

_Liang Dimitroff_

**FROM THE SWEET KITCHEN:**

- Angelica F 56C: I can't wait for next year's cooking class.
- Ashleigh F 34E: It was really yummy.
- Max D F1HW: The ice cream was good, and today is my Dad's birthday. "Happy Birthday Mr D."
- Ethan C F1HW: The pancake was so good.
- Tiffany L F1HW: Delicious.
- Hima T F1HW: It's all yummy and tasty.
- Michael W F1HW: Good, I know all about Peking Duck.
- Kade W F1HW: The pancake was great.
- Christopher B 12C: It's a very nice dish.
- Alannah T 12C: This is very tasty. The fruit was very yummy. I will do it again.
- Rosamund H 12C: I feel I am going to turn into an ice cube, it's freezing.
- Theodore H 12C: Sweet and nice.
- Olivia T 12C: Good. I really like the idea of the jam roll in the pancake.
- Kate B 34E: Delicious.
- Will E 34E: Ice cream mashed was delicious, I want to make more.
- Andrew F 34E: Great combination.
- Zoe N 34E: Ace and I would make it again.
- Holly O 34E: They are fantastic.
- Vienna G 34M: Delicious, I put in a lot of requested for Christmas party's menu.
- Christopher A 34R: Still delicious while eating healthy.
- Sophie E 56W: It was very yummy.
FROM THE ITALIAN LOCANDA:

On Thursday we had a fantastic "one off" session preparing delicious gnocchi with sautéed tomato and basil sauce. It was a treat! Not only for the children, who had 2 or 3 servings each and lots of fun, but also for me. Seeing these young souls working their little hands in the portion of mixture and turn it into gnocchi, cutting small/big/wonky gnocchi and picking up my Nonna's fork trick to make them ribbed (just by seeing it done once!) They are the best bunch I had the pleasure to play with and I am happy they enjoyed the taste of wholesome food, created with love just for them.

Many thanks to the great team of helpers I had: Liang and Martin Dimitroff, Ellen Fraser, Barbara Hoglund, Marina Younger, Karen Webber, Carolyn Gray and Lena Clark for supervising.

Here is what the children had to say:

Ashleigh F. 34E: I loved making it!
Hayden F. 12C: Just delicious!
Gemma G. 34R: It was creative.
Andrew F. 34E: Somehow tastes like chicken
Caitlin F. F1HW: Amazing and delicious.
Chloe C. FB: Yummy!
Kirra W. 34E: It's delicious and I had fun making it!
Amy L. 12W: First try- It's the best!
Jesse Y. 34R: I want to make this every day.
Chloe C. FGH: Yummy!
Keira B. FB: Yummy!
Rosamund H. 12C: It was hard to make, but I loved it.
Eva S. 34E: It's delicious, I want it 10 times a day.
Amelia S. 12W: I think it's scrumptious.
Karli M. 34R: Delicious!
Giorgia E. F1HW: Delicious!
Alessio G. 34M: I could have this every day for dinner!

I am looking forward to creating more Italian recipes with your children next year. Thank you for your support and the many positive comments I have received.

Arrivederci!

Laura Emozione
Dear families,

We have had a wonderful week exploring all things “Minecraft”. Some of our favourite activities have included making Steve heads, Creeper craft, colouring and hama beads. We have also received some new toys and sports equipment this week. The children have loved playing with the new Monopoly Empire board game and our new basketballs.

Next week we will be getting in touch with our ‘spooky’ side with a Halloween theme. There will be lots of Halloween themed crafts and cooking activities for the children to enjoy.

Just a reminder that as it is Term 4, it’s time to Slip, Slop Slap! Please make sure your child brings a hat to the OshClub program. OshClub has a “No hat- No outside play” policy. OshClub provides sunscreen. If your child is allergic to a particular type of sun cream please inform the coordinator at the program and ensure that your child brings an alternative sunscreen.

Remember bookings can be made right until 12pm the night before, or you can book on the day by calling or leaving the text message but there will be an extra charge of $3.00 for bookings within 24 hours. If you’re ever stuck and would like your child to attend OSH After School Care you can call me or leave a message on 0402 362 443 and I will get back to you. For some reason if you need to cancel the child from attending the after school care session you can cancel online if it is before 24 hours or leave a text message on the program phone (0402362443/98422261) if it is on the day.

Please remember to update the contact details (Especially the phone numbers and address) on the enrolment form if there is any change. This can be done online at www.oshclub.com.au

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OSHC program phone: 0402 362 443/98422261
Coordinator: Kate
Assistants: Caroline and Emily
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
ICY POLE RECESS - $1.00! - FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
Sales from the canteen window.
Treats sold every Friday @ recess for the rest of Term.…

If I had a dollar for every time I got distracted, I wish I had a puppy.

Bunnings BBQ - Sunday 8th November.
Volunteers needed, short shifts, very spiritually rewarding,
Save the date! Notice coming home soon.

Meal Deal - Thursday October 29
Sausage in bread & a muffin – $5.00
Form sent home this week. Orders due Monday.

Go ahead (PA), make my lunch.…

ICY POLE RECESS
FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER
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I GOT THE MOVES
LIKE JAGUAR

School Disco Friday 13 November!
Get on down with your moves.
Mee-ow
Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

Why it’s important
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.

Getting in early
Attendance patterns are established early – a child regularly missing days in kindergarten or in the early years of school will often continue to miss classes in the later years, and receive lower test scores than their classmates. It’s vital that students go to school every day – even in the early years of primary school.

What we can do
The main reasons for absence are:
- **Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they’re ill. It’s vital that they’re only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.
- **Day off** – Think twice before letting your child have a “day off” as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.
- **Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent’s permission. There can be many reasons for truancy. The best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

If for any reason your child must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don’t fall behind:
- Speak with your classroom teacher and find out what work your child needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teacher and ensure your child completes the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your child must miss school, speak with your classroom teacher as early as possible. Openly communicating with your child’s school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice.

If you’re having attendance issues with your child, please let your classroom teacher know so we can work together to get your child to school every day.


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- **Manningham**  -  Free family activities. The Australian Ballet presents ‘Out there @ the plaza park’ Sat 7 Nov 10am to 1pm.