

Year 6 Positive Boys Program 2017

July 20, 2017

Dear Parents,

This term the Year 6 boys will participate in the 'Positive Boys' program. The aim of the program is to enable the boys to work together in positive ways, recognising that each boy is unique and has different skills and abilities. We hope that through this program we will be able to help the boys interact with each other in a more positive and encouraging way, as they recognise and value the different skills and ideas that each person brings to the group. We are also aiming to see the boys feel more positive about their own abilities and gifts that God has given them and to nurture and encourage growth in these areas.

Each Friday during Term 3, the boys will be spending time talking about what it means to be a young man in God's world today. During this time, there will be interactive small and whole group discussions around this topic, some facilitated by guest speakers. From there, the boys will work cooperatively in teams building, designing and painting billy carts. Then on the last day of Term 3, we will have the **Billy Cart Race** which will take place on **Friday 22 September** during **periods 6 and 7**.

The term and our unit will conclude with the highly anticipated "**Blokes Night**" on **Thursday 21 September**. This will be a great night for dads and their sons to enjoy an action packed night together including dinner, games and an auction of the billy carts with proceeds going towards Jinga Christian School in Uganda. The night will begin at 6:30pm in the main staffroom.

To start off the program, the boys will be heading off on an excursion to the Oasis Camp. The focus of the excursion is to encourage and develop teamwork skills to complete set challenges, as well as develop camaraderie amongst the boys, all of which will be helpful when working in small groups to build the billy carts.

- **Date: Monday July 31**
- **Venue:** Oasis Camp, Mt Evelyn
- **Departure:** Meet at the Senior Primary classrooms at 8.50am. We will take the bus and need to leave promptly as we have a day packed with activities. We will be back at school by 3:10pm.
- **What to Bring:** A usual packed lunch and a larger than usual morning tea, drink, coat (for cool/wet weather) and suitable walking shoes.

Normal school rules will apply, therefore no mobile phones or electronic devices are to be taken. Students will not have the opportunity to spend any money on this excursion.

We're looking forward to a great program! Many thanks for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Ben Clark
Positive Boys Program Coordinator