Every Day Counts – Attendance is a very important aspect of schooling in relation to the success of your child at school.

There are some very easy ways for you to promote success with your child. Firstly, I would strongly encourage all parents to ensure that their children are at school every day. This ensures a continuity of learning for them and will help them to reach their potential as learners and as young people.

The second is ensuring that your child comes to school every day. We do have a proportion of our school population that have a number of unexplained absences every school term and also a large number of students that come after the learning bell (8.55am). Coming to school every day also helps to grow a child’s sense of responsibility and demonstrates to them that you value their education. I often tell students that coming to school is their ‘job’ and it is one of the most important things that they will do in their lives.

In 2015 we will continually monitor student attendance and monitoring the students that are often late. I would ask for your support by ensuring that your child comes to school every day and if for any reason your child is absent please send a note to your child’s teacher explaining the absence. I will be making contact with parents for continual unexplained absences or where patterns of absence are identified. A child’s attendance can greatly impact on student success. Please remember that learning in classrooms starts at 8.55am. Students need to be at school by this time as teachers will start teaching after this bell. It is important that a child feels that they know what is happening and if they miss the first part of the day they may feel like they play ‘catchup’ all day.

Over the past few years I have also noticed an increase in the number of students who have shared stories about having a day off school to celebrate their birthdays or because their grandparents are visiting. I would ask that such absences do not occur. Whilst I recognise the importance of birthdays and family visits, I do not believe that they are reasons for taking a day away from learning.

I thank all parents in anticipation of their support with this request for high levels of school attendance throughout this year. Parents please also note that if you wish to see your child’s teacher an appointment is best so that the teacher and parent do not feel rushed.

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**How to get the most out of Mathletics:**

- Take an active role in your child’s mathematics progress.
- Encourage your child to use Mathletics 3 to 5 times a week.
- Encourage a balance between the Full Curriculum section and Live Mathletics.
- Take time to work together with your child. The Support Centre in each activity will help show how to solve a particular problem.
- Encourage your child to do activities that challenge, rather than those he/she finds easy.
- If the Course is too difficult or too easy, then change to a more appropriate Course.
- Celebrate your child’s successes. Print the Certificates out and put them on the fridge!