From The Principal’s Desk

This time of the year, as well as being time for Parent-Teacher Interviews, tends to be data collection time for Government agencies, so please note the following:

By Friday 7\textsuperscript{th} August we are required to collect data for the state and federal Governments as set out in the “Collection Notice” below. It is worth noting the definition of “Disability” is very broad in this case, and revolves around the need for “reasonable adjustments” to cater for the student within a school context. Further information will be provided in the coming days.

\textbf{Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability}

\textbf{‘Collection Notice’}

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the \textit{Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability} this year. The \textit{Data Collection} is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your Principal or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

The annual \textit{Parent Opinion Survey} is also due to take place over the next month. This survey provides information which is used as the basis for school decision making, and assessment. A computer generated list of families is used as the sample, so not all parents get a survey, although obviously the more children you have at the school, the more likely you are to receive a survey. In the past, relatively small samples have skewed results. This year 40 families will be surveyed and assuming all are returned, the larger sample should give a clear picture of how parents see our school.

A final reminder – bookings on schoolinterviews.com.au are now closed.

Please contact teachers directly to find a mutually agreeable time, should you require an interview this week.

Have a gorgeous week.

Peter Donaldson \hspace{1cm} PRINCIPAL
**Have You Seen?**
- Lilydale High Excursion Year 5
- Parent Opinion Survey Sample
- Lilydale High School Musical Years 5 & 6

**Weekly Attendance Champions**

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**Coldstream Primary School’s Value of the Week**

**FREEDOM**

*You can do what you want as long as you make the right choices in life*

**Student Star Achievers**

Abs.
Tyler and Mia J
1/2B

**Parent Club**

**Shopping Tour** - we have a couple of seats left on the bus for the shopping tour on Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup> if you would like to come with our crazy group please pay your $15 deposit to the office ASAP.

**Dim Sim Lunch** - is this Thursday, hope you got your orders in on time.

**Christmas in July Raffle** - Tickets will be coming home soon for this awesome raffle with some fantastic prizes to win, good luck everyone.

**Knox Audiology comes to Coldstream PS**

What an amazing response to this offer of bulk billed audiology screening. If you have not returned your completed form with your Medicare number as yet and you would like to take up this opportunity please return your form to the office by 31<sup>st</sup> July.

Any questions may be directed to Miss Carter.