DATES TO REMEMBER

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PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Welcome back to all students, staff and parents. I hope everyone has had a restful break and are refreshed and eager to be back at school ready to learn. We welcome back Luda Prokopiwskyi in the Prep – 3 classroom, who’s busy this month conducting grade prep and one online assessments & interviews. Mrs Hughes is back ready to fire. She’s hit the ground running already preparing students for athletics sports and other exhilarating tasks including German this year, ‘You speaka the deutsch?’

Mr Beale & Mrs Swankie are both back facilitating the PITW & Rock & Water programs as well Literacy & Numeracy support for all students.

Gerry Katz our resident Art Therapist is back again. Gerry will work with selected students every Thursday during semester 1 this year.

Rebecca Keller is back again helping out this year with our Kitchen Garden Cooking program each week. We’re organizing a suitable day and we’ll keep you notified hopefully next week or the week after.

Mrs Sutherland is also volunteering her services every Wednesday throughout the year. She’s eager to prepare for the upcoming mini production in third term.

Vikki Ingamells our Business Manager will continue to work on Wednesdays & Fridays. If you need help with uniforms, hats, payments etc. pop in and see her on the above days.

Anne Bohacz is also volunteering cataloguing books for the library as quick as she can before Chris Butler tops them up from discarded Ca

HOAX PHONE CALLS TO VICTORIAN SCHOOLS

In light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days please rest assured that our school would act accordingly to ensure the safety of everyone at the school.

Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year.
Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well.

The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

If you have any questions please contact me.

Damian Tirchett

SCHOOL CANTEEN
School canteen will run twice this term. The first day will commence on Thursday 25th February and the second on Thursday 17th March. Keep an eye out for the first canteen menu in the coming weeks.

Student Medical Alerts - ASTHMA PLANS
We are in the process of updating every child’s details on our system. Part of this involves updating medical information for children that have an asthma diagnosis. If your child does have asthma, we need their current treatment plan, signed by their doctor. All children who are asthmatic will be sent home an Asthma Care Plan. Please return these as soon as possible so we can update your child’s details.

PREP ENROLMENTS
We welcome our six new prep enrolments – Cooper Kelly, Jesse Jin Winfield, Jordan Butler, Jessica Fahie, Cameron Bohacik & Ella Tirchett.

MORNING ASSEMBLIES
A reminder that morning assemblies will be run on Friday mornings, starting at 9.00 am in the multi-purpose room. All parents are welcome to attend to keep up to date with events and celebrate students’ achievements.

School Uniform & Hats
A reminder to parents that during terms one and four children are required to wear school hats when outside. Please make sure that your child has a school hat for these terms. Hats are required to be left in students’ desks or tubs and not taken home each night. See Vikki in the office if your child requires a new hat - $10 each, Students have been advised that if they take their jumpers off at play they will need to tie them around their waist and not place them on the ground or seat. This way the children can take responsibility for their belongings and also it helps minimize lost property issues. Finally, school uniform is expected to be worn at all times at school.

PREPS & 2016
Another reminder that our new prep students for 2016 do not attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February. After February they will attend every day. This arrangement allows the school to conduct important Online Assessments for P-1 students on these days. The assessments will include an interview with parents to discuss and inform you on your child’s performance.
If you have not received a relevant notice and made an interview time, please see Mrs P as soon as possible.

SCHOOL CHARGES 2016
Parent contributions for 2016 are due by Friday February 27th. Fees are $230 per student, which covers booklist items (workbooks, stationery, pencils etc.), 24/7 online access to Mathletics, Reading Eggs, & Sound Waves online classroom resources, as well as photocopying and other consumables provided to students during the year. Please pay your contributions by the due date. To make alternative payment arrangements, see Vikki in the office on Wednesday or Friday.
**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING**

Calling all school councillors. There will be an extraordinary school council meeting this Wednesday 24th February at 6.30 pm. Any new parents who would like to join school council there is a position available this year. Interested parents should fill in the attached nomination form and return it to school ASAP.

School council would like to thank Olivia Martin for all her hard work and support as a councillor over the last few years. Olivia is retiring from school council this year.

**HOME EC LEVY**

Letters regarding the Home Ec Program will be sent home shortly, including a request for payment of the first term levy - $20 for first child, $10 for each subsequent child.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM – 2016**

Our Sporting Schools program starts in week 4 this term - Monday 15th February. This term we will only have one sport a week running after school. Softball will run on Monday afternoons running from 3.45 pm – 4.45 pm. The other sport-gymnastics will be run during school time on Fridays starting on Friday 26th February.

A permission form for gymnastics will come home shortly. Please fill in the form below if you wish to participate in after school softball.

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School banking is on Fridays again this year.

**SCHOOL DROP OFF TIME**

The school yard is supervised from 8.45 am until 9.00 am every weekday. If dropping your child off prior to 8.45am, please ensure you supervise them yourselves. At 8.45 am our yard duty teacher will take over.

**LAND FOR WILDLIFE PROJECT**

Things are progressing nicely with our habitat project. Chris Brooks & Adrian Passingham installed the water tank over the holidays, we’ve had the bog lined with clay and it’s now holding water. Chris Brooks will fence the area over the next week & I’m meeting with Bendigo bank to secure more grant money to move onto to stage 2 of the project – landscaping.
Diary Dates

House Sports Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} March
- whole school

District Aths Day Friday 18\textsuperscript{th} March
- Grade 3/4/5/6 students

German – Deutsch

Grade P/1/2/3 students are learning names of colours.
Grade 4/5/6 students are learning simple greetings.

Art

Please ensure your child has a named artsmock.

Grade P/1/2/3 students will explore elements of art such as colour, shape, texture and lines through painting, printing and collage this term.

Grade 4/5/6 students will complete a unit over the next two terms. They will learn about the following art movements: Graffiti, Impressionism, Expressionism, Cubism, Pop Art and De Stijl.

Phys Ed

All students must wear runners in Phys Ed. Students can either wear them for the day or bring them to school to change into before class.

Please keep the District Aths Day free as I will need parent helpers for every age group. Volunteers are also required to hold a current WWC.

Grade P/1/2/3 students will focus on the skills of vertical jump, leap, catch and dodge this term. All students in Grade 3/4/5/6 will focus on training for the Aths Day in: sprint, relay, long distance, shot put, discus, high jump, long jump and triple jump.

ICT

Grade P/1/2/3 students will focus on creating folders which are correctly named, locate information on the internet and create a range of graphic organisers and documents. They will also complete units of work about cybersafety.

This terms students in Grade 4/5/6 will use a website builder called Weebly to upload their work, and post on a blog. They will also continue learning about internet safety.

Music

Grade 4/5/6 are learning about the music element tone colour where they will create and perform short compositions and identify a range of instruments in different music genre.
School Council Elections
Schedule 5A: Self-nomination Form for Parent Member Category

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the

, school council.

Name:

Residential address:

Contact phone (mobile or landline):

Email:

I am the parent/guardian of , who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training but not engaged in work at and for the school

Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that I am not:

• an undischarged bankrupt

• of unsound mind

• currently serving a sentence for an indictable offence; or

• a registrable offender within the meaning of the Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004.

Signature of Candidate

Date, / , /

You will be notified when your nomination has been received.

Personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable).

Further, the name, membership category, gender, term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on

If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted. If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.