Key reminders:
- Whole School Photos 27th April Notice on how to order was sent home at the end of last term. Contact the office if you need another copy.
- Twilight Day 18th May 1.00pm - 7.15pm

Dates to remember 2017:
- Term 2
  Thursday 18th May
  Twilight School 1.00pm – 7.15pm
- Friday 2nd June
  Curriculum Day – No Student at School
- Wednesday 28th June
  Parent Teacher Interviews

Term 3
Dates to remember

Term 4
Monday 6th November
Curriculum Day – No Student at School

Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

Although we were going to send home the newsletter every second week via Tiqbiz and the website only, this week we have sent home a shortened version of the newsletter to highlight a few important things that are happening at the school.

Notices that have been sent home...
The first two weeks of 'Term Two' have seen a few notices go home. These include:
- Swimming expression of interest for students in Prep to 4 only. Note that we did send notice to students in Years 5 and 6 as information only. Due 28/4/17
- Camp notices for students in Years 3 and 4, and Years 5 and 6.
- Twilight School supervision notice.
- Twilight School Food Order Form and organisational information.
- Information about our school review and parent forums. This included the ‘2017 Our Big School Survey’ notice and Open Parent Forum/Discussion notice. Sent home with Newsletter today.

Please contact the office or your teacher if you require a further notice or need more information. Please check return dates of notices as this will assist with organising the events.

Twilight School Day 2017 Thursday May 18th 1:00pm to 7:15pm

Reminder also that it is not long until our 2017 Twilight School event, which is scheduled for Thursday May 18th. For our new families, please contact me at the school or feel free to chat to an experienced parent if you require further information about our Twilight School Day. On this day, school starts at 1:00pm and finishes at 7:15pm. Reminder that all students need to be picked up from their classroom at the end of the Twilight School Day.

For dinner this year, we are taking on a Spanish theme and offering students the opportunity to purchase a bowl of 'Paella' with chicken and vegetables. A food order form will be sent home...
by the end of this week or early next week. Please note that students may bring along their own dinner for the ‘Twilight’ day. I am hoping everyone gives ‘Paella’ a go so that we can set up an evening ‘cantina’ surprise in the middle of building A and B! I will be looking for parent waiters (volunteers) to help set up and serve dinner for the students! You just need black pants, a white top, red neck scarf/tissue and a Spanish accent!

**Wishing Mrs Gail all the best!**

On behalf of the whole school community, I just wanted to wish, Mrs Gail and her husband all the best as they prepare for the birth of their first child! Starting next week Mrs Gail will be taking leave until the end of the year. It’s a very exciting time for Mrs Gail and I’m looking forward to meeting the little mathematician!

**Reflecting on last week…**

Finally, although our Earth Day event was washed out last week, the students still managed to have the chance to listen to Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Bill Nicholson. A number of classes also enjoyed listening to the band Natural Culture and Ephemeral Artist Michael who is keen to explore grants to set up an ‘Artist in Residents’ project for us so that he can work with us in the future – which is exciting! We were unable to bring the other workshops that were supposed to happen at the creek to school, as they needed the creek for their activities. This included the Litter Boat and Water watch. Despite this, the staff and students were very impressed with the workshops that they were able to enjoy.

During the same week, a selected group of our senior students had the opportunity to head over to Moonee Valley Racecourse for a Leadership Day that included a number of other Victorian schools. The group that were selected were chosen because they have continually demonstrated a willingness to develop their leadership skills. On their return to school, they all said that one of the important tips from the day that they all took away from the experience was that good leaders ‘think outside the box’. Mrs Noel and Mrs Sculli joined the students for the day and Mrs Noel will continue to support and nurture the student’s leadership skills. Although only a few students could attend the day, all the 5/6 students this week were able to participate in a ‘Team Building’ incursion that focussed on leadership, problem solving, taking risks and working with others. Valuable skills for the students to learn more about and develop as they progress into their teenage years.

Hope everyone had a great week,

Alex Artavilla  
Principal  
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