Principal’s Report

Hope you were able to join us for the Parent Teacher meetings yesterday. Also a big thank you once again for supporting the Younger Sun Pop Up Shop book stall! We have added 150 books to our School Library, thank you to all the parents, Mrs Ransome and The Younger Sun Bookshop.

Professional Practice Days

Next week teachers will be involved in the first of four Professional Practice Days for 2018. The focus of the Professional Practice day will centre around supporting teachers with enhancing their understanding of how students learn to become mathematicians. This is a major focus of our 2018 Annual Implementation Plan. During this day, a casual relief teacher will release teachers from the classroom for the full day to work with their team.

Professional Practice Days are a new concept for all Victorian schools. As part of the Victorian Government Schools Agreement 2017, all Victorian teachers will receive one day per term when they are out of the classroom to focus on the improved delivery of high quality teaching and learning.

Your child’s teacher will spend four days per year further developing their skills in areas that are aligned to the school priorities. On these days, an alternate teacher will be provided with the learning plan for the day and be well equipped to assist your child with their learning needs.

Buildings and Grounds subcommittee report

The next stage of the grounds masterplan that the buildings and grounds team will be working on will focus on the area around the front of the school and play space next to the staff carpark. To help shape a more detailed plan, the Buildings and Grounds subcommittee have placed images of outdoor play equipment that they are looking at adding to the yard on the notice board outside the library. The committee is hoping that parents and students could head over to the noticeboard and add dots to their most preferred play equipment that they believe best captures the brief of the project. Dots are provided.

Finally, our Harmony Day preparations have commenced! We are looking to head to Queensbridge square in the city – big orange stage (which was our original plan last year until the weather interrupted our adventure). The date of our 2018 adventure is March 21st.

Hope everyone had a great week!

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