

NEWSLETTER

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2019 Friday 22nd February

KEY REMINDERS

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Thank you to the families that have paid the 2019 Parent Payments (essential items for students) of \$160.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Prep parent information sessions:

Wed 6th March 6:15 – 7pm Rm 7
Fri 8th March 9:15 – 10am Rm 7

Thursday 21st March Harmony Day

Year 6 Summer Interschool Sports dates (every Friday):

- Mar 1st Sun Harvester - Away.
- Mar 8th St Paul's - Away.
- Mar 15th Sun North - Home.
- Mar 22nd Albion North - Away.
- March 29th Christ The King -Away.

Friday 22nd March – Ride2School Day + Casual Dress Day – ride, scoot, skate, walk or park a block away (try doing this every Friday!).

Friday 5th April – Last day Term One – casual dress day.

Principal
Alex Artavilla

School Supervision Times
8.45am - 9.00am
3.15pm - 3.30pm

'We are a child safe school and compliant with child safety standards. Child safety policies available on website.'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you so much to everyone for supporting the 'Pop Up Bookshop' and for coming along to the Parent Teacher meetings on Wednesday.

The teachers enjoyed the opportunity of meeting everyone and having the chance to learn more about the students in their class. I hope you found the evening valuable as a positive working partnership between home and school is important for the student's development.

In regards to the Younger Sun Pop Up shop, we have added an extra 171 quality books worth over \$3000 to the library for the students to enjoy. Although we didn't reach our target of 250 books, this is still an exciting achievement. Thank you so much to our librarian Brenda Ransome for organising the event and to the Younger Sun Bookshop for coming along for the evening. Brenda is currently preparing the books, which will be available for students to borrow in the coming weeks.

Grounds masterplan update...

As part of the Parent teacher meetings evening, we also shared the latest plans for the grounds. The new plans are located on the wall next to the staffroom. Big thank you to Maya's dad Jeff for giving up so much of his time to bring our vision to life.

The principles behind the design development include:

- Develop the themes and idea of the Landscape Master Plan
- Consider use, scale, and relationship between spaces
- Focus on natural, imaginative and open-ended play
- Consider Physical, Cognitive and Social play needs
- Work with existing features wherever possible (trees, structures, drainage etc.)
- Allow for implementation over time


Allowing for implementation over time was an important part of the design as schools are not provided with specific funds for grounds development related works. This is why a long term vision and plan is necessary.

The design development created by Jeff centres on the front of the school and includes three key stages. Our goal for 2019 will be to complete Stage One of the plan, which centres around the big Ash tree and a new front fence (that is more welcoming). We are also aiming to complete certain works of Stage 2 which includes a mud kitchen play space next to the prep playground. Over the next few weeks, we will be contacting companies for quotes and further advice, which will give us a greater picture of what we can achieve, based on available funds this year. If you know of a landscape gardener that would be interested in working with us please pass on their details to the office. We will also be looking for helpers in our school community to support the process.

Please take the time to check out the design plans and share any feedback and/or questions.


Thanks again to Jeff and the Buildings and Grounds School Council subcommittee.

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Harmony Day Thursday March 21st

Preparations for our 2019 Harmony Celebrations have commenced. Thanks to Mr Greg who will be overseeing the event this year. While parents were meeting with teachers yesterday, Mr Greg had the chance to work with all grades to introduce the dance moves for the day. This year the theme centres around making people happy. Hmm - what will this look like on the day? Thanks for the suggestions from a number of students on what we could wear for the day to celebrate happiness. Don't forget that if you have an idea write it on a piece of paper and pop it in the red letterbox that is located outside the office area.

If you haven't heard, the 2019 dancing song will be 'Happier' by Marshmallow and the song that we will be singing will be 'Three Little Birds' by Bob Marley.

The location of our Harmony Day celebrations will occur on the steps of the Old Treasury Building, which is an exciting stage for us to showcase our amazing school community. More information will be coming home soon. Hope you can keep the date free or schedule a long lunch break so that you can sing and dance with us!

School Council election update

Nominations for school council closed at 4pm yesterday. In the Parent category, we had 5 vacancies. 6 nomination forms were received.

As the number of nominations is more than the number of vacancies for the Parent Member category, a ballot is required. The names of each candidate for the ballot has been posted on the notice board.

Ballot Papers will be sent home on or before Monday 4th March 2019. Voting will close at 4.00pm Wednesday 13th March 2019.

It is exciting to have so much interest from parents in becoming a part of School Council for 2019. Thank you to all the parents that have been nominated and I wish you well during the process.

The ballot process includes:

- Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed - on or before 4th March 2019. Ballot papers to include a brief statement from each candidate about themselves.
- Voting will close at 4.00pm Wednesday 13th March 2019.

And one last thing...

Finally next week teams will be released from their class for a full day to work together to review and refine the learning developments and expectations for students as part of their Term One Professional Practice Day. The day will focus on writing and mathematics. All teachers in Victoria receive 1 Professional Practice Day each term as part of the new agreement. The day is used to support teachers with their role. Casual relief teachers will be used to cover classes and we will ensure that classes function as normal.

In the second last week of each term, we also provide teams with an extra full day out of the classroom to work together to reflect on how students are going and to establish plans of action for the next 10 weeks. We refer to these days as our planning days.

These days give the teachers the opportunity to discuss what is working well in their classrooms and what they can refine. They are valuable in building teacher practice and knowledge, as well as building a consistent understanding about teaching and learning across the school.

It was great to catch up with so many families on Wednesday evening. Have a nice weekend.

Alex Artavilla
Principal