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PRIMARY SCHOOL

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DAVID'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our students have settled back this week quickly and purposefully. I have enjoyed sitting with some students and reading with them during the week, which has also made me reflect on the reading I do as an adult. Research shows that although oral language is incredibly important for our students, a bigger predictor for adult literacy levels is how much students see their parents reading. I often wait until the kids have gone to bed before I read (it is a bit less chaotic then) so I have set myself a personal goal this year, to read in front of Maia and Teo as often as possible. The great news is that this does not have to be a book - it can be a newspaper or magazine. It also does not matter about the language, so if you have books in your home language then reading these in front of your children is a great thing to do!

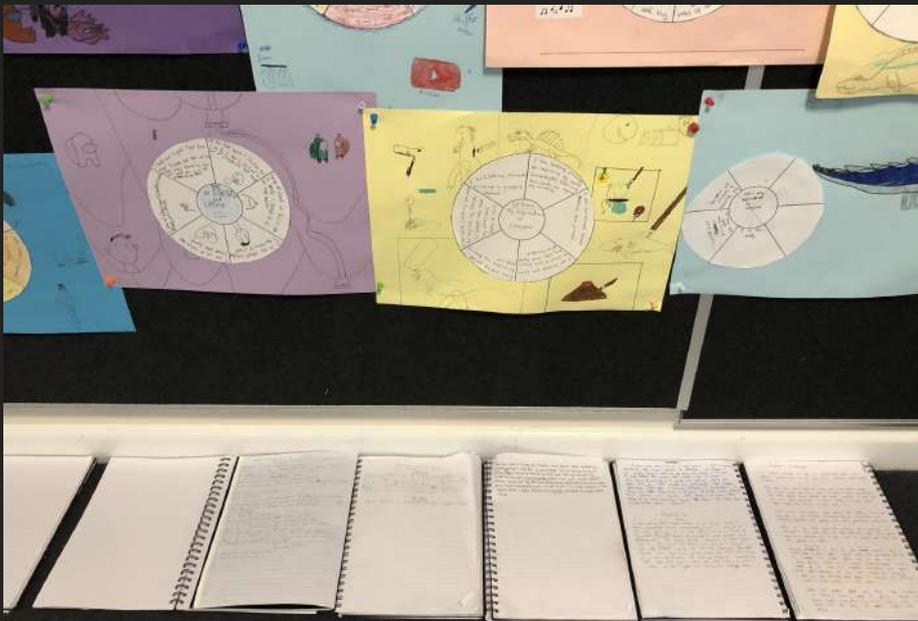
Harmony Day is coming, and we are exceptionally excited about this. I know that students will be feeling excited too, as we have more details we will let you all know. Please keep Friday 26th March flagged in your diaries and you might like to spend some time before then talking to your child about your culture. For me this means sharing British, Spanish, American and Australian cultures with my children, as well as celebrating the beautiful diversity present in our community. I can't wait to hear all about the cultures that are important to you, that represent your families and your traditions, and of course to have a special day celebrating this with our community.

ANTHONY'S MESSAGE

As we progress through the first term and children settle into their new classroom environments, as parents and carers it's natural to be curious about their school day. Most parents would be familiar with the very short and succinct response to the question 'How was your day?' As a parent myself I have experienced the difficult task of drawing out information from my own kids at the dinner table or in the car. Over the years I have experimented with some different approaches to the How was your day? question and I would like to share some suggestions that lead to some answers that last a bit longer than a few words. It's important to remember that children have the wonderful freedom of living in the moment and a broad question that asks them to evaluate the events over a full day can be too much. Trying targeted questions sometimes allows children to narrow their thinking to a moment or event and might bring a little bit more detail. One thing to keep in mind is to avoid leading questions that may ask them to dwell on a negative experience or relationship because they think that's the information you want to hear.

Five Alternative Questions

Was today a fast day or a slow day? Why?
Did anything make you feel proud today?
What was a learning and a playing highlight today?
How many different people did you speak to today, can you name them?
Were there any surprises today?



It's exciting to see student work appearing in our corridors.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday 3rd March
Prep Picnic
Wednesday 10th March
Parent Teacher Meet and Greet
Evening
Friday March 19th
Ride to School Day
Friday 26th March
Harmony Day!
Thursday 1st April
End of Term 1
Monday 19th April
Start of Term 2

DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS

IF YOUR CHILD IS A MEMBER OF A SWIMMING SQUAD YOU MAY WISH TO NOMINATE THEM FOR THE MARIBYRNONG DIVISION SWIMMING SPORTS ON WEDNESDAY MARCH 17 AT OAK PARK LEISURE CENTRE, 563 PASCOE VALE RD PASCOE VALE. YOUR CHILD IS ABLE TO NOMINATE FOR TWO INDIVIDUAL EVENTS.

*YOU WILL NEED TO BE ABLE TO TRANSPORT YOUR CHILD TO AND FROM THE EVENT. PLEASE SEE CHRISTINE FORREST FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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Victoria University Secondary College

Open House

Monday 15th March 2021

Morning Campus Tours

Tour 1: 9:20 am

Tour 2: 10:30 am

6:00pm **Welcome and Information**

6:15pm **Presentation by College Principal**

6:30pm **Interactive Tours**



Held in C Block at Junior Campus, Deer Park

Additional Tours available by appointment by phoning 9363 1155.

Attendance at the Open House evening or school tours **MUST** be pre-booked at <https://bit.ly/3axSCpL>

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