President's Report

Congratulations!
Congratulations to the School Community on such a smooth start to the year, particularly in the way that everyone has coped with the late delivery of the double-storey classroom.

I particularly congratulate our Prep students, and their families, on their excellent first week at school!

Parking and Road Safety
Please observe the 40km/hr speed limit in Graham St at pick-up and drop-off times, as well as the 40km speed limit in Poolman Street at the rear of the school.

With the increased numbers the traffic issue is getting more severe. If you can, ride or walk to school. If you need to drive, try to park a short distance away from the school and walk. There are often parking spaces around the corner from Poolman/Clark Streets by Garden City Reserve. Remember: it is ILLEGAL to park across the driveway of the school.

Please also note that the kiss and go parking spaces are for exactly that - kiss your child and GO! Please do not park your car in these spaces and leave your car - enforcement officers will be monitoring the area and you will incur a fine if caught.

Do not leave young children alone in a parked car, even for a minute as this is both dangerous and illegal.

Voluntary Contributions
I have written to all families this week requesting that they contribute either $400 (one child), $600 (two children) or $700 (family) to the school in order to support our curriculum programs. It is very difficult for the school to provide your children with all necessary educational resources without your financial assistance.

The Federal government is again providing many families in receipt of Family Tax Benefit A with a $430 per child “Schoolkids Bonus”. If you qualify, you should have received your first instalment of $215 in late January. You may wish to use this payment to assist you in meeting uniform and booklist requirements or in making a Voluntary Contribution to the school.

After Care Attendance
Please ensure that you notify Camp Australia if you are collecting your child from school and he/she will not be attending After Care. When children go “missing” between the end of the school day and attending AfterCare, we are required to notify the police and you may be billed for any police time that is wasted.

Prep Welcome
Thank you to the PFA members who provided a morning tea for our new prep parents last Monday. I look forward to meeting our Prep families at Wednesday’s Prep Family Picnic.

Annette Maloney

Principal's Report

Hoax phone calls to Victorian schools
A number of Victorian schools have received hoax threatening phone calls in the last few days.

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.

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

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Information Evenings
Information evenings and our Prep Family Picnic will be held next week for parents/guardians in each Year level.
Preps:  6pm, Wednesday 10th Feb in B Block, followed by a Picnic at 6.15pm

Year 1:  6pm, Tuesday 9th Feb, in the Hall moving later to A Block

Year 2:  6pm, Tuesday 9th Feb in C Block (2C and 2D classrooms)

Year 3:  6pm, Monday 8th Feb in 3A and 3B Classrooms (downstairs)

Year 4:  6pm, Monday 8th Feb in the 4C and 4D (downstairs) classrooms

Year 5:  7pm, Monday 8th Feb in the 5C and 5D (downstairs) classrooms

Year 6:  7pm, Monday 8th Feb in the 6A and 6B classrooms in A Block

Each session will start with a short presentation. Parents will then move to their child’s classroom where the class teachers will provide more details of their class program.

Enrolments Update
As of today, we have exactly 750 students enrolled across our 34 classes, with an average class size of 22. We expect a few more enrolments over the next week.

Facilities Upgrade
Our new double storey building should be ready in about two weeks. As soon as the completion date is confirmed, I will seek some assistance via Konnective in moving four sets of classroom furniture into the building.

When the building is complete, we will construct a passive play space in the area adjacent to the E Block double storey buildings.

Council Elections 2016
Nomination forms for parent positions on School Council will be available from the office from Feb 13th, with the election timetable being:
- call for nominations:  Friday Feb 12th
- nominations close:  Friday Feb 19th
- ballot papers circulated  Friday Feb 26th
- ballot closes:  March 5th at 4pm
- poll declared (5pm):  Friday March 5th

The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 8th March and the new Council will take office from that date.

Life Education
Permission forms and a request for payment ($9) were sent home earlier this week. Please return your forms to your class teacher by Tuesday 16th February, and make your payment by Qkr, credit card or cash.

If a family has not paid for school excursions, then their children will not be able to participate in those excursions.

Visitors to School
If a parent/guardian wishes to see a child at recess or lunchtime, he/she MUST come to the office first. All adults in the schoolyard MUST be wearing a pass issued by the office or they will be asked to leave the school by the yard duty teacher.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken on Friday 26th February. All students should be at school punctually, in school uniform, on that day. If your child is a little “off colour”, you may wish to bring him/her along just for the photographs. Class teachers can advise you of the approximate time for your class photo.

Students Late to School
A punctual start to the school day allows the teacher and students to make the most of the learning day. Whilst 10 – 15 minutes may not seem much, a student who is late each day will miss between 34 and 51 hours of learning time in one year.

Parents are strongly urged to make all efforts to ensure their child/ren are at school ready for the start of class at 9:00 a.m.

Riding to School
Please make sure that your child walks his/her bike across the school crossing and in the schoolyard. Only children with a school issued “bike licence” should ride to school unaccompanied by an adult. All Year 4 and 5 students will participate in Bike Ed later this term in order to gain their bike licences.

No children or adults are permitted to ride or scoot in the school grounds between 7am and 6.15pm on school days.
Student Accident Insurance Arrangements
Parents/Guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs, unless the injury is caused by the negligence (carelessness) of a Department or school council employee or volunteer. Student accident insurance policies are available from the private insurance market. These cover a range of medical expenses not covered by Medicare.

No Hat, No Play
We are a SunSmart school and children not wearing an approved hat will be required to remain in a designated shaded area at recess, lunchtime and during outdoor class activities.

Senior Swimming Carnival
Our interschool swimming carnival will take place at the Prahran Pool on Friday 26th February. Swimming squad members will train at MSAC at 7.30am next Tuesday 9th Feb.

Senior School Athletics Carnival
Our Year 3-6 students will be participating in a range of track and field events on a House basis at the Lakeside Athletics Track on Wednesday March 2. Spectators and helpers are most welcome. Please contact me if you are able to assist on the day.

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)
At the beginning of March, our school will receive a $125 grant from the state government for every student whose parent/guardian holds a valid means-tested concession card. These grants are from the newly created Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund which has been set up to assist students to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities and will assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

For students at Years 3-6, the $125 grant will be used to subsidise the cost of attending school camp for eligible students, while at Years Prep-2, it will be used to support the swimming program and other class excursions.

If you are new to the school or your circumstances have changed, please contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by February 29th.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Weekly Staff Profile
This week, we profile our Prep Team Leader, Kate Lewis and our Prep Transition Co-ordinator, Kristen Cutting who together teach Prep AB

Kate, our Prep A teacher, graduated from Latrobe University in Bendigo with a Bachelor of Education. She is currently completing a PhD in Early Years Literacy. Kate commenced her career teaching English and History at Echuca Secondary College and then spent three years teaching Prep at Tongala Primary School. She travelled to the USA to teach Kindergarten for a year in North Carolina. On returning to Bendigo, Kate taught at Big Hill for six years, working mainly with Prep students. She was also a School Councillor and a member of the Big Hill’s leadership team. Kate completed her Master of Literacy through Melbourne University, researching Beginning Writing Development.

Kate moved to Melbourne in 2014. She thoroughly enjoys exploring the restaurants and activities city life has to offer. She also runs and has completed several fun runs, and even a marathon last year. Her other hobbies include reading, watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

Since finishing her Early Childhood degree in Adelaide, Kristen has taught in several primary schools in SA, NSW and Victoria. She relocated to Melbourne in 2007 with her husband and daughter. Three years ago they made the seaside move to
Port Melbourne and absolutely love the beachside community.

Outside of school Kristen, our Prep B teacher, enjoys spending time with her family and friends. She is often on, or nearby the beautiful beaches, either walking or taking photos. Kristen loves travelling both in Australia and also overseas. She has a passion for The Arts and really enjoys being involved in School Productions and Musicals. She is organising both the Prep and Junior School Choirs this year.

Kristen is also a huge fan of Carlton and likes watching the footy especially when the Blues beat Collingwood, which is her husband Mike’s team.

**Term 1 Dates**

Feb 8 .............. Information Evening Years 3-6
Feb 9 .............. Information Evening Year 1 & 2
........................ School Council
Feb 10 .......... Prep Family Picnic
Feb 26 .......... District Swimming
........................ School Photos
March 2 ..... Senior School Athletics Sports
March 4 ..... Cricket Gala Day (Year 5/6)
March 8 ..... School Council
March 11 ..... Beachside Swimming
Mar 15-16 ......... Year 5 Swimming Program
Mar 22 .......... Parent Teacher Interviews P-2
Mar 22-23 ........ Year 6 Swimming Program
Mar 23 .......... Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6
Mar 24 .......... Term 1 ends 1.30pm

**Peter Martin**

**Prep Morning Tea**

A very big thanks to those who were able to host the new Prep parents on Monday, and particularly the bakers of the delicious cakes and slices. We hope that the new parents had an opportunity to get a feel for the school community, and that their kids have had a happy start to school.

**PFA Meeting**

The first meeting of the Parents & Friends Association (PFA) will be held on Tuesday 16th Feb, at 7.30 pm with the venue to be advised later. All parents are welcome, especially those who are new to the school.

**Family Fun Run**

Please keep the afternoon of Friday 4th March free for our Family Fun Run – details to follow!

**Thea & Sim**

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Sim: simone@iascend.com.au;
Ph: 0419 559 410

**Community Announcement**

**Family Community Day**

The **Port Colts Junior Football Club** is holding a Family Community Day on Sunday Feb 21 at Murphy Reserve between 1pm and 6pm. The Colts are fielding mixed teams from Under 8 to Under 13 this season and well as an Under 15 Girls team. There is also an Auskick program for younger children.

**Be a Sport!**

We are looking for students, family, friends and community members to take part in an exciting new pilot project at Port Melbourne Primary. ‘Be a Sport’ aims to encourage positive sporting behaviours at lunch time. Volunteer mentors will encourage students to respect one another, give everyone a go, support team play, and create a fun active environment.

Volunteers are needed at lunchtimes between 1:40-2:30pm. We are looking to start in March. A short training session will be provided late February for interested participants. Contact Laura McDonald on 9525 1300 or email lmcdonald@ischs.org.au to register your interest.
FREE Event for Parents

Brought to you by a dedicated group of Elwood College Parents, the Elwood Hub (Elwood College, Elwood Primary and Poets Grove Family and Children's Centre) and City of Port Phillip's Youth Services.

Parents of Port Phillip bring you

Creating Amazing, Confident & Happy Young People

with Andrew Fuller

Resilience contributes more to career and life success than academic intelligence.

Join Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller in an interactive information session about building resilience in your young people.

Topics include:
- The ten most powerful ways to build resilience,
- Reducing stress,
- Creating happiness,
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs.

When: Tuesday 1st March 2016
Time: Arrive at 6.30pm, session 7 - 8.30pm
Where: Elwood College VCE Centre, 101 Glenhuntly Rd, Elwood
Bookings: Call Elwood College on 9531 9566 or email elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
Tennis lessons here at school

Techno Tennis is an action packed way for all 4-12 year old children to learn and play tennis! Using music, modified equipment and professional coaching, our fast paced Hot Shots program is a FUN way for children to keep active and learn a skill for life!

Get tennis coaching here at
Port Melbourne PS Term 1 2016

Date: Friday 12th February - Friday 11th March (5 Weeks)
(No Coaching on Public Holidays or Pupil Free Days)

Time: Friday morning from 8:00am - 8:40am (40 minute session)

Price: $75 - 40 minute session x 5 weeks!
(All enrolled students with Techno Tennis are eligible to receive a FREE Hot Shots t-shirt from the Hot Shots website!)

Student Information
Repeat students can TEXT 'Rebook with students name, term, school & timeslot' to 0400 217 744

☐ New Enrolment  ☐ Rebook

Student Name (1)__________________________________________________________
DOB ______/_____/_____ Age ______ Yr Level ______
Student Name (2)__________________________________________________________
DOB ______/_____/_____ Age ______ Yr Level ______
Address ___________________________________________________________________

Parent/Guardian Name ______________________________________________________
Mobile __________________________ Email __________________________ Medical Conditions ______________________________

Payment Information
Simply fill out your details here and either email, scan or take a photo and send to info@technotennis.com.au

☐ EFT
Account Name: Techno Tennis
BSB: 063115
Account Number: 1032 1267
Reference: Student Name + PMP5 + T1
Eg. Ajones PMPST1

☐ $25ea Junior Tennis Racquet

Total $________________________Due 5.02.16

☐ I hereby declare that I have read and agree to the terms and conditions

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Terms & Conditions

By signing up/registering or enrolling into the ‘Techno Tennis Program’ it is understood that you have read and agreed to the conditions stated below:

Payment
Techno Tennis requires term fees to be paid in full prior to the day of the first scheduled lesson. If fees are not paid the student will not be eligible to join into the session.

Refunds
Techno Tennis does not give refunds or discounts on missed sessions. If a student is absent due to illness a credit will be provided on proof of a medical certificate.

Promotional Material
Techno Tennis reserves the right to use any images, photographs, videos taken at any given Techno Tennis session. This material may be used for marketing, advertising or promotion unless formally requested by a parent or guardian in writing to Techno Tennis.

Liability
Techno Tennis accepts no liability for injury, damages or losses sustained through the involvement in the Techno Tennis Program. It is understood that participants engage in the program as a ‘sport’ in particular tennis, tennis lessons and tennis training. The activity of playing this ‘sport’ involves general risk outside the control of Techno Tennis. Techno Tennis will take all necessary steps in order to ensure the safety of all participants to the best of its ability.

Weather
All lessons will be presumed on unless otherwise stated by a coach or supervisor. It is the responsibility of parents or guardians to confirm a ‘wash out’ or ‘other weather condition’ by either phone or to arrive at a given venue. Lessons may often go ahead even after excessive rain or high temperatures. No lessons will go ahead if temperatures exceed 35 degrees.

Make Up Lesson Policy
Techno Tennis will not provide make up lessons for classes missed, unless a legitimate reason is given i.e. health or illness related. If a student has missed a lesson due to illness or unforeseen circumstance (up to the discretion of Techno Tennis), Techno Tennis may provide a ‘credit’ deemed by Techno Tennis to be of the same value to the sessions missed.

Important
Students are required to bring their tennis racquets to every session.

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