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Term 1 Dates

Feb 18-22	Year 6 Camp Roses Gap
Feb 25	School Photos
Feb 27	District Swimming
March 5	Year 5 Open Water Swimming
March 6	Year 6 Open Water Swimming
March 8	Division Swimming
March 11	Labour Day Holiday
Mar 12	Education and Facilities Committees
Mar 19	School Council
Mar 21	Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival (MSAC)
Mar 22	Ride to School Day
Mar 25	Parent Teacher Interviews P -2
Mar 26	Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6
April 5.....	Term 1 ends 1.30pm

President's Report

School Council Update

(i) School Vision

Council ratified the Vision Statement for our 2019-2022 School Strategic Plan: *To empower a community of inclusive curious learners who inspire each other*

(ii) Annual Implementation Plan

Council endorsed the 2019 Annual Implementation Plan (available on the school's website) which sets out the school's Goals for 2019, along with our Key Improvement Strategies and their corresponding Actions, Outcomes and Success Criteria

(iii) Out of School Hours Care Program

Council has called for tenders for the implementation of our Out of School Hours Care Program for the period term 2, 2019 to term 1 2021, and the successful tenderer will be confirmed at or prior to the next Council meeting

(iv) Oval Upgrade

Council approved an in-principle Masterplan for the upgrade of our oval, which will include both artificial turf and additional "green" areas, and is inviting tenders for the detailed design and construction of the project

(v) Parent Reps Policy

Council accepted in principle a modified Parent Rep policy which Jess McPherson will distribute to all parent reps

(vi) Parents and Friends Association Calendar

Council approved a range of PFA organised activities for 2019 as well as the funding necessary to facilitate these activities. A full list of the activities is available in the PFA report in this Newsletter

A Facebook-friendly School

The school manages its own *Facebook* page and any school groups wanting to have a Facebook presence should contact me about how their proposed site can be incorporated into our existing Facebook page.

New Newsletter Format

Our Newsletter is available in a web-based format again this week. If you have been able to access this newsletter in our new web-based format, please notify the office. We seek your input on the new format. Email your comments to the school's address

port.melbourne.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Annette Maloney

Principal's Report

Student Leaders 2019

At PMPS we acknowledge that students have unique perspectives on learning, teaching, and schooling, and should have the opportunity to actively shape their own education. Student voice is students actively participating in their schools, communities and the education system, contributing to decision making processes and

collectively influencing outcomes by putting forward their views, concerns and ideas. *Student Voice* allows students to engage, participate, lead and learn.

PMPS provides a variety of opportunities for students through its Student Leadership program. At a senior level, we have just completed House Captain elections and we are proud to announce that our 2019 school leaders are:

School Captains: Aidan Farrell & Scarlett Marshall

School Vice Captains: Louis Fulcher & Grace Lord

House Captains:

Beacon: Milan Belic & Lily Pham

Hobson: Dylan Lewis & Morgan Pettigrew

Lagoon: Madison Hagg & Jasper Nelson-Holliday

Sandridge: Jack Walters & Abby Woods

Sports Captains:

Our 2019 Sports Captains are Thomas Harrison and Honour Tobin

We are electing our Arts, Community, LOTE, ICT, Music, RAP and Captains later this month.

Elections for ONE Junior School Council representative from each shared pair from Year 1 to Year 6 will take place later this month.

Staffing Update

Georgina McKinnon will commence maternity leave in late March and we will ensure that the teacher who will replace her has the opportunity for a “handover” at school in the week before Miss Georgina leaves.

I will be at the Year 6 camp at Roses Gap next week and Katie Klajnblat will be Acting Principal while I am away.

School Photos

Our school photos will be taken on Monday February 25. All students should be at school punctually in school uniform 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.

Prep 2020 Transition

Our transition activities start with school tours for prospective Prep families on Wednesdays (March 6, 13, 20 and 27, as well as April 3, 23 and 30) from 9.15am to 10am. To book a tour, contact Juanita McKeefrey on 9646 1001 or email Juanita on

mckeefrey.juanita.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

In Term 2, we are running our “Taste of Prep” programs on Tuesday May 7 and Wednesday May 15 from 2.30 – 3.15pm.. Our annual Open Morning is on Saturday May 18 between 10am and 11am and everybody is welcome to attend. In Term 3 we will be holding an information night – date to be advised and our Prep teachers will be liaising with our local feeder kindergartens/crèches to get to know the children. In Term 4, children enrolled at Port Melbourne for Prep 2020 will be participating in specific "transition" activities at the school.

Sports Update



(a) Swimming Trials

These take place again Monday morning at MSAC from 7:30 am - 8:30 am in lanes 8 & 9 of the outdoor pool. This is the last chance to trial in hope of making the PMPS Swim team which will compete at Prahran Pool, February 27.

(b) Southport District Tennis Competition

Congratulations to Hannah Johnston who won the tournament and progressed through to the Beachside Division Tennis Competition on March 13.

(c) SSV Trials

Trials for nominated students will occur when the Year 6 students return from camp. Please do not go to the SSV website and pay the \$25 unless you have received a letter signed by Mr. Martin & Mr. Stephen endorsing your child to attend the trials.

Nominations from parents to the school closed on Monday February 11 as previously advised. Once these trials have been coordinated students and parents will be notified via letter. Nominations and payments will close on March 1.

Year 5 & 6 Swimming Program

This year, our Year 5 & 6 students are participating in an open water swimming and lifesaving program, led by LifeSaving Victoria instructors at Port Melbourne beach on March 5 and March 6. Consent and payment can be made through *Compass*. Payment must be made at least three school days before your child's swimming day.

Year 2 Swimming Program

Our Year 1-4 swimming program will take place at MSAC from June 17 to June 21. Each class will be involved in five x forty-five minutes sessions over the week.

Consent and payment will be notified through *Compass* next term.

School Assemblies

During Term 1, assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons in front of the flagpole or in the gymnasium at 2.45pm on a cyclical basis:

Feb 15	Junior School
Feb 22	Junior School
March 1	Whole School
March 8	Senior School
March 15	Whole School
March 22	Senior School
March 29	Junior School

Parents are invited to attend these assemblies. In line with our school values, we ask that everyone attending assembly models respect by not chatting, particularly through announcements or during the singing of the National Anthem.

School Council Elections 2019

Councillors eligible for re-election are Linda Baird, Anna Heerey and Simone Cresp (parent members) and Candice Skinner and Kath White (DET members). Councillors continuing are: Rohan Bentley, Annette Maloney, Victoria Mackey (parent members) and Jessica McPherson (DET member).

Stephanie Viljoen completes her term as a co-opted member at the AGM. There is a co-opted position on Council reserved for a PFA nominee. The current nominee is Bre McGrath. The new Council will fill the remaining co-option vacancy at its discretion, although the outgoing Council may wish to make a recommendation to the new Council.

There are vacancies for three parent Councillors with a two-year term, and two DET Councillors with a two-year term.

The timeline for the election process is:

Call for nominations: Friday 22nd February

Nominations close: Friday 1st March

Ballot papers circulated: .. Friday 8th March

Ballot closes: Friday 15th March

..... at 4pm

Poll declared: Friday 15th March

..... at 5pm

The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 19th March. The new Council will take office from that date.

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 until April 30 and again after September 1.

Scholastic Book Club Online!

Did you know that you can order books through Scholastic Book Club online? Browse the catalogues and order at your convenience from home and books will be delivered to your home for a \$5 fee.

Simply register and pay online via the LOOP system. PMPS earns 10% in literacy and learning resources from all purchases through the Scholastic Rewards program.

Please do not return orders or money to school. Note that all issues are ONLINE and HOME delivery ONLY!

Book Club One needs to be ordered before the 18th February.

For assistance contact Margaret Whitford – School Librarian

Whitford.margaret.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

For more information, visit
www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP

Weekly Staff Profiles

This week we profile our Prep C&D teachers, Nicole Welsh and Brittany Baxter



Nicole completed her Bachelor of Education P-12 in 2013, specialising in student wellbeing and psychology. She has been working in the Early Years area for five years and 2019 will be her third year in Prep at Port Melbourne Primary School. Nicole has a passion for student engagement and wellbeing and hopes to make school a fun and happy place for students to learn!

Outside of school Nicole enjoys cooking, spending time with family and friends and, on weekends, can often be seen checking out the best cafes and restaurants around Melbourne.

Brittany moved to Melbourne ten years ago from Bendigo, where her family still live. She moved to Melbourne to pursue a career in Event Management and decided after studying it wasn't the right for her. She always had a love for teaching, so she decided to go back to study to complete a Bachelor of Education. During her time studying, she worked full time at Mont Albert Primary School coordinating their Before and After school care program, which she loved!

Brittany began her teaching career at Hawthorn West Primary School and spent the last 2 years teaching Prep before transferring to PMPS this year. When she isn't at school, she enjoys catching up with friends and experiencing all the delicious food that Melbourne has to offer. Over the past 8 years, she has developed her skills in cake decorating and has recently began a small

cake decorating business where she creates cakes for various occasions.

Peter Martin

Curriculum Update

A Professional Learning Community!

Our Annual Implementation Plan (available on our school website) sets out the school's **Key Improvement Strategies** for 2019, along with details of what actions we intend to take, who will implement each one, and when this will happen, and the Success Indicators will identify if we have been successful. A quick look at the Success Indicators will give you a clear idea of the direction that the school is to take in 2019. For example, *Student endorsement of Differentiated Learning Challenge and Effective Teaching Time will increase from 78% in 2018 to 85% in 2019.*

Each year, we survey the senior students about a variety of issues such as curriculum delivery and student well-being, and last year, only 78% of these students reported that we had addressed their learning needs and that teaching time was fully effective. Our aim is to improve these perceptions each year.

Our teachers currently plan in Year Level teams and these year level teams interact with other teaching teams as we do our best to develop and implement programs that best meet the needs of all the students in our school.

Teachers at each year level are released together for a two-hour block of APT in which they will meet as Collaborative Teams in a designated meeting room, where they are supported by members of the school's Leadership Team. This supports the school's stance on collaborative planning and commitment to use data to inform teaching and learning opportunities in line with the concept of the school functioning as a **Professional Learning Community (PLC)**, committed to ensuring learning for all. Leadership is providing professional development for our Team Leaders to assist them in ensuring that this shared time is used effectively.

By reading our Annual Implementation Plan, parents can gain a better understanding of how we are working towards improving student outcomes during 2019. You are welcome to

contact any member of the Leadership Team to, learn more about.

Katie Klajnblat
Assistant Principal

Parents & Friends

PMPS Colour Run

Our annual PMPS Colour Run (a fun run in House Colours) will be conducted on Friday, 15 March between 4pm and 8pm at JL Murphy Reserve.

An evening filled with fun, obstacles, COLOUR, music and running! Dinner is easily sorted as delicious choices will be available for purchase on the night. Be on the lookout for our Volunteer roster (we can't do this without support from our community). Please remember you are responsible for your child on the day. There will be more information from next week. See you there!

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle will be drawn on the last day of term 1. Jane and Rachael, our amazing Easter Raffle gurus, have put their hands up again to run this terms hugely successful Easter Raffle, more info in following weeks, but if you are keen to get involved please email the address below.

Year Book

Gail Byrne, mum to Harry in grade 6, has put her hand up to head up the new Year Book committee. The book will be filled with fabulous memories from the year, and will cover all year levels and classes, sport, art, music, French and everything in between. If you think this is something you would like to get involved in please email. I would love to see at least one person from each year level get involved and as always many hands make light work. I believe the year book will be a fantastic reminder of their school year.

Through the year there will be many more opportunities to get involved, look out for calls for help and volunteer rosters.

If anyone has any questions, feedback or wants to find out how they can get involved please do not hesitate to contact me on my number below.

Bre McGrath: 0411 228 921

pmpsparentsandfriends@gmail.com

Community Announcements

Port Colts Family Day

This Sunday, the Port Colts Junior Football club is holding its annual Family Day at Murphy Reserve between 1pm and 6pm.

Activities include a DJ, a BBQ and refreshments, footy competitions and games, face painting, and the opportunity to register for Auskick and for boys and mixed teams from Under 8 to Under 12, boys teams at Under 13, to Under 16, as well as girls teams from Under 10 to Under 18.

Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships

The Port Melbourne Ski Club is pleased to confirm that the forthcoming Vic Snowsport Championships will be held at Mt. Buller from Monday 21st August to Sunday 25th August, disciplines include : Slalom, Ski Cross and Moguls, across all ages from Prep to Grade 6.

All details can be found at www.vicinterschools.com.au and includes discount ticketing for competitors and volunteers.

If you are interested in attending / participating at your own cost, please contact either of the following two parents who can assist / provide all appropriate details as well as registering children who would like to participate :

Steve Schreuder (0423 555 430 or steve@limerickarms.com.au)

Scott Graham (0401 562 552 or scottdgraham@hotmail.com)

Steve and Scott are also looking to hold a pre event training session for anybody interested at Mt Buller, dates to be confirmed, please let them know of any interest and they can provide further details.



