President's Report

School Strategic Plan Draft 2015-2018
Council has approved our new School Strategic Plan which is posted on the school website. It sets out the schools priorities for the next four years. I thank all the many Education Committee and sub-committee members who developed the document.

Annual Implementation Plan 2015
This document sets out what the school will be doing in 2015 in four key areas: Curriculum, Productivity, Student Engagement and Student Well-being, in order to meet the priorities and targets in the School Strategic Plan. A draft will be discussed at the Education Committee meeting on Tuesday 3rd March at 5.15pm.

Meeting the Minister
Council is seeking a meeting with Education Minister James Merlino to raise a number of issues associated with our continuing growth.

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.

Buildings & Grounds Update
(a) Working Bee Sunday 15th March
Our first working bee for the year will be on Sunday March 15th, from 10am to 2pm, with a particular focus on tasks in areas such as the Prep playground. More details of the tasks will be published closer to the day. Prep parents are particularly welcome to assist and our “older” parents will welcome our Prep parents with a BBQ lunch.

(b) Mod 5 Maintenance
DETC have recently placed notices on hundreds of relocatable classrooms to remind tradesmen that there may be some asbestos containing materials sealed in these buildings. We are not permitted to undertake internal maintenance in these buildings, and the verandah on the far Mod 5 is attached to external supports on that building.

(c) Losing a Tree!
An arborist has advised that the gum tree near the Walter St gate behind B Block is infected with borer, and the tree will be removed in the coming days.

Michele Williams

Principal's Report

Council Elections 2015
Nomination forms for parent positions on School Council will be available from the office from tomorrow, with the election timetable being:
- call for nominations: Friday Feb 13th
- nominations close: Friday Feb 20th
- ballot papers circulated: Friday Feb 27th
- ballot closes: March 6th at 4pm
- poll declared (5pm): Friday March 6th

The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council will be on Tuesday 10th March and the new Council will take office from that date.

Athletics Support Required
All our Year 3 to 6 students will spend Wednesday 4th March at the Lakeside Athletics Track, Albert Park for our School Athletics Carnival. We urgently need parents to assist particularly with field events such as high jump, long jump and shot put. Please notify Tim Boylan or Dervla Murtagh if you can assist on the day.

Lunchtime Clubs – Volunteers Wanted
Do you have a particular skill or passion that you would like to share with a group of students
once a week? If so, you could be part of our Lunchtime Clubs program that will start in a few weeks. To express interest, or to find out more, please ring or email me so we can chat about how you can be involved in it.

**Take Home Books**
Students in Prep – Year 2 will begin to bring home a ‘take home’ book to read. Reading at home is a requirement as part of Port Melbourne Primary School’s Home Study policy. Take home books are designed to be ‘easy’ for your child to read. More challenging texts are used in class for teaching purposes. Please take some time to listen to your child read every night.

**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 instruction 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.

**Information Overload**
Thank-you to the 400+ parents who attended our Curriculum Information Sessions this week, and to my staff for their very professional presentations.

Approximately 100 Prep parents attended our Prep BBQ yesterday evening. Particular thanks go to our wonderful PFA volunteers who organised the event and displayed such great culinary skills.

**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.

**School Photos**
Our school photos will be taken on Friday 27th February. 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.

**Calling All Netballers**
Our Port Melbourne Netball Club is holding a Gala Day this Sunday at R.F.Julier Reserve, (off Dunstan Pde) for current and new junior netballers. There will be exhibition matches between 2pm and 4pm, with a BBQ and cool drinks on sale.

From 4pm, the BBQ will continue, while there will be live music and bar service until 6pm. Raffle tickets for a retro style ladies bike (worth $400) as well as many other prizes, will be on sale all day with the raffle to be drawn at 6pm. All money raised on the day from the food and bar service will assist the club in purchasing further equipment and amenities for our members and keep membership fees to a minimum.

**Weekly Staff Profile**
This week, we profile our Prep C & D teachers, Emily Fenn and Kate Lewis.

Emily grew up in the North of England and after completing a degree in Classical History trained to be a teacher specialising in the Early Years. She taught in a school in Barnsley for six years from Prep to Year 4 before moving to Melbourne with her husband. She co-ordinates our Prep buddies program in addition to her teaching role.

Outside school Emily enjoys playing hockey, going to the cinema and reading. In the holidays she also enjoys hitting the slopes, travelling and hiking. After living the rural life, Emily is enjoying the buzz of Melbourne, although she misses her dog Poppy, who is much happier in the UK countryside.
Kate graduated from Latrobe University in Bendigo with a Bachelor of Education, and is currently completing a PhD in Early Years Literacy. She commenced her career teaching English and History at Echuca Secondary College. Kate then spent three years teaching Prep at Tongala Primary School, before travelling to the United States to spend a year teaching Kindergarten students in North Carolina. This was an amazing experience, and Kate hopes to undertake further travel around the United States in the future. On returning to Bendigo Kate taught at Big Hill for six years, working mainly with Prep students. During this time she was also a School Councillor and a member of the school's leadership team. Kate also completed her Master of Literacy through Melbourne University, researching beginning writing development.

Kate decided to try a change in lifestyle by moving to Melbourne last year. She is enjoying exploring the range of restaurants and activities city life has to offer. Kate also enjoys running and has completed several fun runs, as well as a marathon last year. Kate's other hobbies include reading, watching movies and spending time with family and friends.

**Term 1 Dates**

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**Parents & Friends**

**Prep Welcome BBQ**—Wednesday 11th Feb
Thank you to the parents who assisted with yesterday's Prep BBQ.

**PFA Meeting Wednesday 18th Feb**
The first PFA meeting for the year will be held at Mardo's (formerly the Sloany Pony)
1 Crockford Street, Port Melbourne at 7.30 pm on Wednesday next, 18th February. We will be getting the ball rolling for our fete preparations as well as looking at the PFA calendar of events for the year.

Please join us. You can sit and listen or you can put your hand up to run an event. You will have a skill that is useful so don't hold back! Your support is greatly valued and we need you.

**Thea and Sim**
Thea: 0438 084 186
Simone: 0419 559 410
Email: PMPSparentsandfriends@gmail.com

**Community Announcements**

**Kinder Vacancies**
Ada Mary A’Beckett Children’s Centre has limited 3 year old kinder and preschool (4 year old) vacancies for 2015. If you are looking for long day care or wish to supplement your three or four year old who is attending sessional preschool, please contact the centre Monday to Friday 9.00 - 4.00pm on 96461065 to arrange a visit or email adamary@bigpond.com www.adamaryabeckett.com.au

**Council Consultations!**
City of Port Phillip Councillors will be visiting Bay St between 9am and noon on Saturday to get your input into the Council Plan and Budget 2015/16. They are on the road with ‘Betsy’, a vintage caravan that's easy to spot, so look out for them and stop by for a chat.

The Councillors and ‘Betsy’ will also be in Beacon Cove between 7am and 9am on Wednesday March 4.

**Peter Martin**
GARDEN CLUB NEWS

Hi All,

We had a lovely garden club day on Thursday. We completed quite a few jobs, topping up the apple crates with bags of mulch. We weeded the paved area, watered and trimmed.

The children picked **roma tomatoes**, mint, coca cola plant, radishes and strawberries.

We also positioned some egg shells with eyes on stakes which scare off the cabbage white butterflies.

The eggplants are flowering, the tomatoes are looking good and our sunflowers are at least 8 foot tall!

Sasha, teacher of 5C brought her class for a tour after lunch. The kids looked, smelt and tasted some of the herbs. I showed them my drink bottle filled with pineapple sage (and sometimes with mint). All the students took a sprig of pineapple sage with them which Sasha said they put in their water bottles when they got back to class. They also have decided to compost their fruit scraps for Garden club which is awesome.

Each child took home 5 roma tomatoes, herbs a radish and a strawberry.

Thank you to the summer holiday waterers Lou Griffin, Caroline Khelaifia, Kelly Warszewski, Katarina Cobain, Kweling Lee and Jennifer Barton

Thank you also to new prep mum Susan McBride who has offered to water every Monday this term. It really is a team effort to keep this garden going.

Thank you to Rachel Fortunaso for helping in Garden Club.

Hoo roo Prue 😊
Hi Everyone, we hope you have had a great second week.

As a reminder our open times for the term are from 7am to start of school in the morning and end of school to 6:15pm in the afternoon.

To help get your family back into the swing of things, here are some tips that you might find handy for easing your children into after school care.

**Tips for helping children (and parents) feel comfortable in after school care:**

1. Give your child as much advance warning as you can that they’ll be coming to After School Care.
2. Pop into the program with your child to meet our Camp Australia team and find out what kind of activities they can look forward to.
3. Speak with the Camp Australia Coordinator if your child is nervous, and let us know how your child felt after their first visit.
4. If there is something in particular your child would like to play when they are in our care, encourage them to let us know.

We’re here to make after school care visits the best experience possible – for you and your child.

This week we’ve had a broad range of art and craft activities on offer. Tomorrow we will be face painting too! Next week is Chinese themed as we prepare for the Chinese New Year.

I would really appreciate it if you could let me know if you will be picking up your child from school when they are booked in for after care. My number is 0431 882 747, you can reach me anytime between 7am and 6:15pm every weekday. Alternatively, you can email me on portmelb@oshccampaustalia.com.au

We hope to see you all soon, have a fantastic week!

James and the OSHC Team

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**Holiday Clubs**

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Yoga for Kids
Ages 5-10yrs

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Teams in the U10 & U12 Girls Competition
This year the "Bloods" will have Girls Only

Girls Football Teams

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- Previous experience is NOT necessary
- Training Wednesdays 5pm - Clarke Sheldrake Oval
- Games can be played with between 12 and 16 players.
- 14 week season starts April/November and August
- Games will be played on Sundays
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