Term 1 Dates
Feb 20-24.........Year 6 Camp
Feb 27.............School Photos
Feb 28 Senior School Athletics Sports
Mar 3..............District Swimming
Mar 10 Beachside Swimming
Mar 14 Education Committee Buildings & Grounds
March 17 Netball Gala Day (Year 5/6) Green Day Fun Run
Mar 20 & 23.....Year 5 Swimming Program
Mar 20 Parent Teacher Interviews P-2
Mar 21 Parent Teacher Interviews 3-6 School Council
Mar 27 & 30.....Year 6 Swimming Program
Mar 31.........Term 1 ends 1.30pm

Reading the Newsletter
Thank-you for reading the Newsletter. However, up to a third of our families are not reading it on-line. Please remind other school community members to read the Newsletter each Thursday so that they know what is happening in our school community.

Reminder notices are distributed via Konnective. Please also remind other community members to download the Konnective App and register if they have not already done so. Konnective is a very easy way to keep in touch with what is happening in the school.

Kiss and Go Zones
There are seven spaces allocated outside the school’s main entrance on Clark Street for drop-off and pick-up with NO PARKING restrictions applicable between 8:30-9:15am and 3:00-3:45pm on school days. You should NOT leave your vehicle unattended in this zone, and must remain for two minutes or less. If you will need to spend more than two minutes at school, please be considerate of other users and park elsewhere.

Please do not use the Clark St double gates to make a U-turn. It is both illegal and very dangerous to any children in the vicinity.

Voluntary Contributions
Thank-you to the families that have already made voluntary contributions for the 2017 school year. It is very difficult for the school to provide your children with all necessary educational resources without your financial assistance. You can easily make your contribution via Compass (with Compass taking a small percentage) or by Credit or Debit Card (almost all monies go directly to the school). Refer to school website.

Annette Maloney

Principal's Report

Staffing Update
I will be taking long service leave for ten days commencing next Tuesday. Kym Hall will be Acting Principal while I am away and Milli Lloyd will be Acting Assistant Principal.

School Photos
Our school photos will be taken next Monday 27th February. All students should be at school punctually in school uniform on Monday. 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.

Bikes and Scooters in the Yard
Students (and parents/toddlers) are requested NOT to ride bikes and scooters in the yard. Please walk them once you are on school property.
Year 6 Camp
Our ninety campers are enjoying the rural setting at Roses Gap while they participate in a range of adventure activities including abseiling, rock climbing, tackling a high ropes course and a flying fox and canoeing. They are due back at about 3pm tomorrow. Parents will be advised by Konnective if there is any change to the arrival time.

A New Playground
The Port of Melbourne officially opened its brand new park/playground at Perce White Reserve on Monday and Kym Hall and some of our students attended the ceremony, as some of our students had been involved in the consultation process when the playground was being designed. The playground is a great new local amenity and our students will enjoy accessing it out of school hours.

Athletics Support Required
All our Year 3 to 6 students were all set to spend next Tuesday at Lakeside Stadium for their athletics carnival, however due to high temperatures forecast for next week, this date has been changed to Tuesday 7th March.

Sporting Achievements
Congratulations to Niamh and Roisin Gilheany who have won their way through to the Beachside Division Tennis Trials on Wednesday 8th March at St Patrick’s Tennis Club, Murrumbeena.

Ben Kuklych and Siena Farrell competed at the Little Aths Victoria (LAV) Western Metropolitan Regional Championships last weekend. Ben won 4 gold medals (100, 200, 400 and 800m) and Siena won 3 gold and a silver (200, 400, triple jump and long jump). Qualifying for State Championships across all events!

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.
**Hats and Lost Property**

Please remember to clearly label your child’s hat and uniform so it can be quickly returned in the event of it being lost.

**Berthe Mouchette**

The Berthe Mouchette French poetry competition will be taking place at Port Melbourne Primary School in early June 2017. The competition is open for students in Grades 3 - 6 to enter. Each student is required to learn a poem in French (poems are provided) and then perform this in front of an examiner at school.

In term 2, students will be required to attend rehearsals with either Madame Emily or Madame Bianca as well as taking the time to learn their poem off by heart. This is not compulsory, although it is a fantastic opportunity for students that are enjoying French who would like to take an extra step and challenge themselves. Last year, 8 students made it to the finals. I wonder how many finalists we will have this year?!

The entrance cost is $5.60 per child which needs to be paid on Compass by Friday 31st March 2017. Bonne chance!

**School Assemblies**

During Term 1, assemblies will be held on Friday afternoons in the Hall at 3pm on a cyclical basis:

- Feb 24: Whole School
- March 3: Senior School
- March 10: Junior School
- March 17: Whole School
- March 24: Senior 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.

**Council Elections 2017**

Councillors eligible for re-election are Simon Magasanik, Paul Perrett and Dave Roberts (parent members) and Sarah Tyo (DET member). Councillors continuing are Annette Maloney, Thea Kogler and Paul Spottiswood (parent members) and Kym Hall (DET member).

Rohan Cresp completes his 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 Anna Heerey. 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, one DET Councillor with a two year term, and one DET Councillor with a one year term.

The timeline for the election process is:
- call for nominations: Friday March 3rd
- nominations close: Friday March 10th
- ballot papers circulated: Friday March 10th
- ballot closes: Friday March 17th at 4pm
- poll declared: Friday 17th March at 5pm

The Annual Reporting Meeting of Council is on Tuesday 21st March and the new Council will take office from that date.

**2016 Year 6 Students ~ Self Portraits**

Each year, all students in Visual Art complete a self-portrait. This is kept at school and all 7 (from Prep to grade 6) are returned to the student at the end of their Year 6. Unfortunately, this didn't happen last year as Mrs O'Donnell was absent for the term. However, these portraits are still available. If you had a child in grade 6 last year, you can collect their self-portraits any time from the office. Or, if you know others who no longer have siblings at the school, can you pass the message on that their work is now available.

**Weekly Staff Profiles**

This week we profile our Prep CD teachers, Emily Fenn and Nicole Welsh.

Emily is originally from the UK and has recently returned to Melbourne and to Port Melbourne Primary where she previously worked in Prep. She has been teaching for several years in Australia and in the UK specialising in Early
Years provision and is really excited to be returning to Port Melbourne Primary after taking a career break to travel around Australia, New Zealand and Asia.

Outside school Emily enjoys playing hockey for Brunswick, going to the cinema and exploring the city. In the holidays she also enjoys travelling, hitting the slopes and hiking. Emily and her husband really love living in Melbourne, although she misses their dog Poppy, who is much happier in the UK countryside.

Nicole completed her Bachelor of Education in 2013, specialising in psychology and student wellbeing. She has previously taught in a primary school in Flemington for three years, in Years 1 and 2, before moving to Port Melbourne Primary School this year.

In her free time, Nicole enjoys eating out at some of Melbourne’s best cafes and restaurants, reading and going to the movies. On the holidays she enjoys travelling, with her most recent trip being to Sri Lanka and the Maldives!

Peter Martin

Curriculum Update

Professional Learning Communities
In 2014, an external reviewer facilitated a major review of the school’s curriculum and welfare programs. As a result of the reviewer’s recommendations, the school developed its 2015-2018 School Strategic Plan, with six key goals for the next four years. Two of the goals are: To improve student learning growth for all students in English and Mathematics and to implement a more distributive model of leadership.

To attain the targets set for these goals, the School Strategic Plan places considerable emphasis on our teachers working together as a Professional Learning Community (PLC), with the teachers at each level forming a Collaborative Team. These teams (CTMs) work collaboratively to ensure that our students have every opportunity to maximise their learning outcomes.

The move towards a PLC culture has involved many hours of research and planning. This PLC culture’ is backed by the Education Department and is supported by copious amount of research from around the world. We are providing the staff with ongoing support to further enhance team productivity and build upon our teachers’ repertoire of skills.

Classes are presently working collaboratively across the school, with no physical barriers between shared classrooms so that our teaching teams can group students flexibly in their shared learning spaces allowing the teachers to better target the learning needs of either individual or targeted groups of students.

Our timetable has been structured so that all teachers at a particular year level are able to meet in a Collaborative Team for two hours each week, to analyse the data collected from student assessments and work together to design specific programs for students working towards different learning outcomes across the year levels. Each Collaborative Team has a team leader who is provided with an additional two hours of non-teaching time to ensure that his/her team is meeting each student’s particular learning needs. Three Sub School Leaders (Leading Teachers who are members of the school’s Leadership Team) co-ordinate the CTMs and one attends each each Collaborative Team meeting to assist the team members in their analysis of student data and in ensuring that the curriculum addresses the learning needs of every student.
At our Parent/Teacher interviews on March 20th and 21st you will meet with one of the teachers who work with your child but he/she will also share with you the assessment data and any relevant advice from any other Collaborative Team members who have been working with your child. If another Collaborative Team member also wishes to see you, you will be contacted about a possible second P/T meeting.

Our Team Leaders are:
Prep:  Kristen Cutting
Year 1:  Alex McLeod
Year 2:  Elise Mackie
Year 3:  Maddy Reid
Year 4:  Sarah Tyo
Year 5:  Lucas Dredge
Year 6:  Kim Nickels
Specialists: Maria Chadwick

Our teaching teams are grouped into three sub-schools with a Leading Teacher at each level supporting the staff in implementing our PLC culture. Our sub-school leaders are:
Prep – Year 2  Susannah Smith
Years 3 & 4 Lisa Kendall
Years 5 & 6  Jessica McPherson

Ongoing Reporting: Learning Tasks
On Compass this Friday 24th February, students from year 1-6 will be receiving their first Learning Task. This learning task is the first of our new reporting structure this year. These tasks will provide families with current information about your students’ progress, achievement and their areas for improvement or future learning in one area of the curriculum. Please feel free to talk with your child’s teacher if you have any questions.

To access the Learning Task, parents will need to log on to their compass homepage, then go into ‘Profile (Attendance, Schedules, Reports)’, then go into the ‘Learning Tasks’ tab. In this section you will find a learning task for your child/children. If you do not have access to compass see the office staff for assistance.

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Parents & Friends

FIRST PFA MEETING OF THE YEAR
Thank you to all the parents who attended the PFA meeting on Tuesday evening. It was great to have not only familiar faces but 4 new parents who are new to the school. We spoke about upcoming events, fundraisers and how we are going to spend money in the classrooms.

If you missed the meeting but are keen to be involved please contact Bre directly. We welcome all help big and small.

HOUSE T-SHIRTS
They have arrived! We had our first pop up shop on Tuesday and were pleased with the response from the parents. Kids were excited and it will be fabulous at future events to see children dressed in bold house colours.

We plan to run our next pop up shop between 3:15 and 3:45 this Friday and next Monday at school, after that they will be available from the second hand clothing stall.

The T-shirts are $8 each and is not a fundraiser but a way for the kids to connect with others in their houses and to feel a sense of school and house pride when they are competing.

SUSHI DAY - Thursday 9th March
On Thursday 9th March the PFA is having a sushi lunch day at school. Sushi will be provided by Yurakucho Modern Japanese Eatery in Bay St.

There will be 4 flavors to choose from Salmon, cooked Tuna, Teriyaki Chicken and Avocado. Each sushi roll will cost $3, order as many as you like, mix and match is fine.

We will be only accepting orders through the Qkr app.

Final orders need to be in by Monday 6th March at 12.00 noon to ensure we get all orders to our suppliers.
The sushi will be freshly made and delivered on the day. Please note we are unable to cater for any food intolerances or allergies.

As with all our PFA food days we cannot do it without volunteers. If you can help us pack and deliver the sushi to the classrooms we will need volunteers from 11:30 till 1:00. Please meet at the canteen. The more the merrier.

PMPS FUN RUN is coming: Friday, 17 March 4-7pm at JL Murphy Reserve.

An evening filled with fun, obstacles, water cannons, 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), and our Sponsorship form going home in the next week. Please remember you are responsible for your child on the day. See you there!

PMPS ANNUAL EASTER RAFFLE

Each year the PFA holds an Easter Raffle, which is drawn on the last day of term, Friday 31st March.

To ensure the raffle is a huge success we ask a few things from you.
1. Raffle books are coming home with your child in the following weeks. Each child will receive a book of 10 tickets, valued at $2 each. Please encourage your child to sell the tickets to family, friends and neighbours, and don't forget to ensure names and mobile numbers are clearly written on the ticket stub. Please return money and tickets to your classroom teacher;
2. Donation of Easter Eggs - we need as many as possible, the more eggs the more winners! Last year we handed out over 130 prizes! Egg donations can be made to the office.
3. Please return all egg donations, tickets and money by Monday 27th March.

MOTHERS DAY LUNCH - Friday 12th May - save the date

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TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday 2nd June - save the date

NEXT MEETING

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday 14th March, this meeting will be our AGM, and our office bearers for 2017 will be elected. More information regarding the roles available will be available next week, but any questions please find me in the yard after school or call me.

We encourage everyone to come along and get involved and look forward to meeting many new parents. There is no pressure to put yourself your name against any role, just come along, have a voice on what we can do to add to the school for the kids, parents and teachers.

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