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Education for a Sustainable Future

School Newsletter

Friday 11th May 2018



Diary Dates

Student banking each Tuesday

Lunch orders each by Wed 9am

Assembly each Thursday 3pm

Breakfast club each Friday 8.30am

May

- 15th Grades Prep, 1 & 2
Coolstore visit 9am
- 15th - 17th Naplan
- 16th Bus Meeting 7pm
- 17th Assembly - grade Prep
- 18th Grades Prep, 1 & 2
interschool tabloid sports
9am - 12.30pm
- 22nd Grade 3/4 - Netball /
AFL 9's Interschool
sports
- 23rd Grade 5/6 - Netball /
AFL 9's Interschool
sports
- 23rd Open Morning 9 - 11am
- 24th Assembly - grade 5
- 25th Grades Prep, 1 & 2
Edward's farm visit
9.30am - 1.45pm
- 31st Assembly - grade 3

June

- 8th Curriculum Day -
No students
- 11th Queen's Birthday
public holiday

Reminders:

Grades Prep, 1, 2

Tabloid Sports & Edward's
Farm
permission forms

RSVP to office:

Bus meeting

Principal Report

MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Whilst the weather was on the chilly and wet side, it was great to see numerous mothers and grandmothers enjoy pancakes for breakfast this morning with their children or grandchildren. We hope the mum's are able to get some form of a sleep in this Sunday? Happy Mothers Day! A big thankyou to Mr Watkins and Mr Walter for cooking and preparing the pancakes.

NAPLAN

Next week, the Grade 3 and Grade 5 students will be participating in the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Attached to today's newsletter is additional information relating to NAPLAN. If you require further information relating to the NAPLAN testing, please do not hesitate to contact me.

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCES

All Victorian government schools must contact parents/carers as soon as practicable on the same day of an unexplained absence. This requirement supports student safety and wellbeing. Schools need to know when and why a student is absent and parents/carers need to know if their child is not at school. Prompt communication also promotes daily school attendance.

Our school will text you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why they are absent. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by texting, calling or emailing to let us know where your child is. If we cannot reach you because we don't have your correct contact details (i.e.: message notification fail, disconnected number), then we will make contact with any emergency contact/s nominated on your child's file held by the school, where possible, on the same day of the unexplained absence.

LEARNING OVERVIEWS

Attached to today's newsletter are Term 2 class learning overviews. I encourage families to read through these overviews as they are designed to help raise an awareness of the particular topics being taught in subject areas for this term. Evidence based research states, 'Strong parental-school engagement leads to a positive attitude towards learning for students which in turn builds student motivation and confidence as life-long learners.'

OPEN MORNING

An open morning for prospective families will be held on Wednesday May 23rd from 9:00 am to 11:00am. I encourage prospective families to contact the school prior to the 23rd of May to assist with the scheduling of tours.

P/1/2 FARM VISIT-FRIDAY 25TH MAY

Please be advised that due to the inclement weather, the Grade P/1/2 students' excursion to Coote's farm has been rescheduled to Friday 25th May.

BUS MEETING FOR FAMILIES UTILISING THE SCHOOL BUS SERVICE

A meeting has been scheduled for next Wednesday 16th May commencing at 7:00 p.m for families that utilise the school bus service. The purpose of this consultation meeting is to discuss DET policy regarding the school bus program, current bus route and associated bus timetable. Families intending to attend this event are requested to register their interest by contacting the office. In preparation for this meeting, I encourage families to familiarise themselves with DET policy relating to the school bus program located on the following link:
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/transport/Pages/schoolbus.aspx>

Regards

Andrew Blake

Students of the Week



Prep:

Crawford - for having a fabulous week at school!

Grade 1:

Zhara - for working hard on her handwriting.

Grade 2:

Cooper - for demonstrating determination and persistence during tabloid sports.

Grade 3/4:

Isa - for writing a very convincing persuasive piece and writing using paragraphs.

Grade 5/6:

Isabelle - for her beautiful description in her story. Well done on engaging the reader.

French:

Alicia - showing enthusiasm in class and taking extra measures to improve her understanding.

Cooper - excellent use of new vocabulary in class.

Art:

Amy - for her very clever mirror image drawing of a bird.

Megan - for always being a positive role model in the art room.

School BBQ coming up!

The school's next big fundraising target is to raise enough \$\$\$ to install solar panels at the school... and it's very expensive! To that end, we'd love your help and support for the school's two BBQs at the newsagent in Castlemaine this year.

The first one will be hosted by the Grade 3,4,5 and 6 families! (anyone else can also help, of course 😊)

When: Saturday 23 June

Most of you know the drill, but for all the new families:

Pencil in the date above in your calendar

Put your name down for an hour or two on the day (you might help set up or pack up, cook sausages or serve customers). There will be a roster at school reception soon. If you don't come into school, please email or ring to have your name added.

If you are unable to help on the day, please consider making a baked goodie for us to sell on the day.
Cookies, slices, cakes, jams... or anything yummy!

<u>DATE</u>	<u>MAIN \$3 each</u>	<u>DESSERT \$1 each</u>	<u>WED VOL.</u>	<u>FRIDAY VOLUNTEERS</u>
18 May	Sushi – Tuna or egg – EF (tuna)/DF/GF	Coconut cake – EF [Nat P]	Lynda Q / Nat B	Nat P / Stacey T
25 May	Hot chicken rolls – EF/DF	Weet-bix ginger slice – EF/DF [Jason M]	Lynda Q	Bek E / Jason M
1 June	Pizza – ham, cheese, pineapple – EF	Coconut, white chocolate and raspberry slice – EF [Alicia B]	Lynda Q	Lynda W / Kelly W
8 June	Fried Rice – GF/EF	Carrot cake – EF [Nat B]	Helen S	Lynda Q / Ange F
15 June	Baked potatoes – EF/GF	Jam slice – EF [Sandra G]	Elsa H	Naomi HW / Nat B
22 June	Lasagne – EF	ANZAC biscuits – EF/DF [Sharon U]	Nat B	Andrea B / Jessica B
29 June	Two sausages in bread – EF/DF	Apple crumble – EF [Veronica]	Lynda Q	Nat M / TBD

