PRINCIPAL’S NOTE

Hello families, students and staff,

School Student Leaders
School Captains: Tamzin and Micaela
Junior School Councillors: President Lilly, Secretary Hannah.
Congratulations to these students and enjoy your roles and school student leaders.

School Council Elections
The Annual Meeting for School Council will be coming up in March and there will be 3 vacancies. Please consider helping out the school and look out for the call for nominations notice in two to three weeks.
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

Student Entrant Health Questionnaire/School Nurse
This questionnaire was distributed to all prep students last week and were due back on Friday 10th Feb. If you have not returned your questionnaire please do so on Monday 13th Feb as the School Nurse will conducting her assessments on Tuesday 14th Feb. If the classroom teacher has referred your child then this consent form must be returned as well.

Prep Attendance in February
For the remaining Wednesdays during February (15th, 22nd), Prep students should not attend. This will assist in their ability to concentrate towards the end of the week.
Prep students will attend for the full five days from 1st March onwards.

Fruit break
All students in the school are provided with 5-10 minutes to have a fruit break at 12.30pm to assist with keeping their nutritional levels up and improving concentration before lunch. Please ensure you pack some sliced/peeled or prepared fruit or vegetables. This will ensure they do not spend the time peeling their fruit.

Office 365 Consent Reminder
Students in Grades 2-6 will require access to online services when they use a laptop or tablet in 2017. Notices with this information along with a consent form were sent home on the 1st Dec and were due on the 12th Dec. Please ensure you have signed and returned a consent form or contact the school for another one.

Principal note continued over page….
Grades 3-6 Roses Gap Camp
Our annual Senior Camp with Deans Marsh and Forrest to Roses Gap (near Halls Gap) is booked for March 8, 9 & 10. Buses will be transporting students to and from the camp. Mr Lee, Kerryn and Mr Szmidel will be the “teachers” attending from Alvie. Lots of fun activities are planned for our Gr 3—6 students including bush walking, low ropes, abseiling, giant swing, flying fox and canoeing. Cost of the camp is $282 per child. Parents eligible for the Camps & Excursion Fund of $125 pay $157 per child. Camp costs can be paid off in instalments contact Leanne in the office. All camp costs must be paid by March 6th please. More forms to be distributed soon.

Robo Cup Excursion
Grade 3-6 students will take part in a science excursion to the Earth Ed facility in Mt Clear Ballarat on Friday 24th February 2017. This excursion will give students an insight and hands on introduction to Robotics. Students will be learning building, coding and programming. Based in an attractive bush setting adjacent to Mount Clear College in Ballarat, Earth Ed (an abbreviation of ‘Earth Education’) is a state-of-the-art specialty science and mathematics education centre that delivers engaging and innovative curriculum to students from all Victorian schools. Students will depart the school at 8:20am and parents should ensure students are at school before this time. Return time is by 3:20pm. Students will need their school uniforms, lunch, snacks and drinks on this day. A consent form sent home this week should be returned to school by Mon 20th February. Please contact the school if you have not received one.

Grades P-3 Dash Into Robotics Incursion
Students will be treated to an introduction to robotics with a visit from the Earth Ed Centre. Students will meet “Dash” the robot and get a chance to manually navigate their robot. This session will take place on Friday 24th February and there is not cost for this event.

School Uniform Price Increase
There will be an increase on school uniform prices, once we have an accurate price list we will distribute an updated one to families in the coming weeks.

New BBQ Donation
We would like to send a big thank you to Colac Mitre 10 for their recent donation to our school of a brand-new BBQ. It will be used for sports days and other fundraising school activities.

Thank you
Richard Szmidel
P&F News

The P&F are always looking for more members. If you would like to contribute to how we organize fundraising or even if you would like to have say on any P & F related matters, please feel free to come along. We need more members to help keep P & F running. It is our children who will benefit from funds raised and we try to help keep the cost down on things such as swimming, camps, excursions etc.

CANTEEN
The canteen will be running every second week this term as we are unable to get enough volunteers to help. It will be looked at again if we can get enough helpers for term 2. So please if you would like to see canteen operating weekly please put your hand up to help. It is enjoyable for both volunteers and the children love to see parents or family members there too.

RECIPE BOOK
It is not too late if you are wanting more recipe books. You can got the front office or contact Raylein Sheedy on 52331151 or 0400263939. We will be selling them all year.

LEGO CLUB
Lego Club will be commencing from Tuesday Feb 14th 3:45pm - 4:45pm. If your child is wanting come and have some fun and enjoy the social aspect of Lego Club, please fill in a registration form and send form and money to school. If you have any questions you can contact the School or Raylein Sheedy.

What is happening in Art?

Mobile Art & Craft Centre (MACC)

It was fantastic to begin art classes this week and to see everyone back after our summer break looking so refreshed…..and tall!! This fortnight in Art, students spent time personalising the cover and front covers of their Artist Journals. These journals are used in class for students to draft ideas, complete sketches, reflect on and self assess their work, and they serve as a way to track student progress and improvement as the year goes on. These are high quality journals and are the same or very similar to those that a real artist might use, which is an authentic experience for the children as artists.

Ms Jess’
STUDENT RECOGNITIONS

February

P/1 Class
Riley H
For always putting in 100% at school

2/3 Class
Hartly
For displaying ‘excellent’ work habits and being a terrific role model for grade 2/3

4-6 Class
Kade
For working efficiently in the classroom

Grade 6 Award
Malakai
For playing fairly in Medic Ball

Sports Award
Tamzin
For using her manners while borrowing equipment

STUDENTS WILL BE RECOGNISED FOR OUTSTANDING EFFORTS WITHIN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS AND CLASSROOMS EACH MONTH
Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to school

Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students.

- Parents or guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs; and
- Parents or guardians can purchase insurance policies from commercial insurers.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

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WARRION PLAYGROUP
Tuesdays mornings
10:30-12:00
Where: Warrion Sunday School Hall
... No Fees ...
Further information: contact Laureen 5234 8440
Come along and join in the fun and friendship