IMPORTANT DATES 2015

OCTOBER
19th to 28th
Swimming Program
Prep & Grade 1

20th
Sub-Committees &
School Council

21st to 30th
Life Education

NOVEMBER
2nd
Normal School Day

3rd
Melbourne Cup Day

10th
Prep Movie Night

17th
Sub-Committees & School
Council

18th
Prep Transition 9.30—
10.30am

25th
House Sports Day
Prep to Grade 2

26th
Prep Transition
9.30—10.30am

27th
Curriculum Day
(Pupil Free Day)

30th
Prep Transition
9.30am—12.30pm
Prep Info Session
6.30pm - 8.30pm
30th Nov—4th Dec
Bike Ed
Grade 5 & 6

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Principal’s Report

Our Vision
There is a prosperous path for every child. Each journey is theirs to lead. There is a place in which every child can shine.

Our Mission
Identify the talent, develop the confidence and create the leader.

Our Habits
Be Proactive – You’re in charge
Begin With the End in Mind – Have a plan
Put First Things First – Work before you play
Think Win-win – Everyone can win
Seek First to Understand Then to be Understood – Listen before you talk
Synergise – Together is better
Sharpen the Saw – Balance feels best

Our Motto
Always Moving Forward

Library Update
Andy White is managing the development of our new library. He has been working with staff and parents, auditing current books and preparing for the new barcode borrowing system. This term new shelving, furniture and hundreds of books will be added, into the oval room in the main building. Next term teachers and their students will continue to visit the library on a weekly basis, but greater emphasis will be placed on teaching the students how to navigate their way, to find specific texts quickly. Bev Watson will be our librarian. Bev will be on hand to support visitors and to manage resources and the borrowing system.

Vegetable Garden Progress
At the end of last year our vegetable garden was removed to make way for new classrooms. The new location for the development is between the Prep Centre and the multi-purpose room. To date, thanks to the fundraising efforts of our Parktone

Community Group we have constructed cubby houses and garden beds in the space. Planting has been put on hold until fences and wide multiple gates are erect. The cost to complete the garden will be around $20,000 including security and additional elements such as seating. We aim to have the new garden functioning as a teaching and learning facility, and as a fun place for the students to wander, early in term one next year.

Another New Building
As the school continues to grow the Department of Education will shortly deliver another double classroom building. It will be mounted behind the play equipment between the grade two rooms and the multipurpose room.

CURRICULUM DAY DATE CHANGE
Monday November 2nd (Cup Day Eve) was scheduled as a student free day. Due to unforeseen circumstances the date has been changed.

Cup Day Eve
The day before Cup Day, Monday November 2nd will be a regular school day. For a number of our families the day before Cup Day is taken as a holiday to create a four-day mini-break. The staff will facilitate a lighter learning program with a Spring Carnival theme, so students spending time with their families will not miss out on new learning.

Curriculum Days
This term Friday November 27th and Friday December 18th are student free days. The November date will be utilised for staff to plan comprehensive teaching and learning programs for Term 1 2016. The December date will provide staff the opportunity to prepare classrooms and common areas for 2016.
Parking
An increased number of parents are parking a little further away from the main school entry points. This is creating a calmer atmosphere just before and after school. Parents have said they enjoy the short one-to-two minute walk with their children, from the car to the gates. It is also a great opportunity to help focus the children before class and to celebrate and debrief about their day after school. This practice is much appreciated.

Educational Policy Team
Members of our Educational Policy School Council Sub-committee synergise to review and update policies, to support the community in understanding school processes and to clarify our purpose and roles as partners in the children’s education. The team is to be commended for the time and effort it puts into this area. Updated policies can be accessed via our school website.

Habit 1: Be Proactive
Look at the weaknesses of others with compassion, not with accusation. It’s not what they’re not doing or should be doing that’s the issue. The issue is your own chosen response to the situation and what you should be doing.

On Leave
I will be on leave for the next three weeks. Caleb Peterson will be Acting Principal and our Leading Teacher Teena Muscat will be supporting Caleb in administration.

Kind Regards,
George Danson