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**Newsletter**

**Edition 2 – Wednesday 17th February 2016**

**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 first then 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

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**Family Picnic and Games Night**

Everyone was invited to our annual Picnic and Games Night on Friday Feb 5th. The picnic provided opportunity for our new families to meet the wider school community. It was a BYO event though sausages, icy-poles and soft drinks were available for purchase. Whilst the children played games a local band provided some light entertainment for the adults. It was great to meet and speak with so many new parents.

**Parent and Teacher Meetings (Meet and Greet)**

Last Monday parents and teachers met. The meetings provided opportunity for parents to share information about their children and to get to know the teachers. It was satisfying to have such a high percentage of our families represented on the night.

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**Parent Information and Coffee Sessions**

Straight after some Friday assemblies, information sessions are held in the staff room. Thus far we have enjoyed a chat, coffee and biscuits whilst exploring Compass and summarising our progress in Literacy over the past twelve months. Our next catch-up is this Friday Feb 19th at 9:30am and will be held offsite at Oscar’s Hangout. The theme for the session will be purely social!

**Logging onto Compass Reminder**

As stated in the last newsletter we will only be sending bulk e-mails for events that require either consent or payment. Parents are encouraged to log onto compass at least once per week to keep abreast of current and future events and information.

**Minor Project Works Recently Completed:**

- Art room renovation of the main space and storage areas
- Performing Arts renovation comprising three small instrumental rooms, foyer and a closed-off large area
- 16 stage blocks for the Performing Arts area
- Double doors in the Prep Centre
- Three air-conditioners purchased and installed
- Two Smart TVs purchased and installed

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**Priority Jobs Pending:**

- Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden fences and development
- A sliding window for the front office so heat is retained during winter
- A Master Plan (a future facilities plan incorporating a hall)

Up-dates will be posted and an invitation to participate in the development of a Master Plan will be sent out early in term 2.
Principal’s Report continued ...

Grade Six Camp
Next week our Grade Six students and
teachers will participate in a five-day
educational adventure at Camp Woorabinda
situated on the north shore of Lake
Narracan. Camps are a wonderful
opportunity to implement a wide range of
curriculum learning outcomes in outdoor
education and for the children to experience
and develop both socially and personally. We
are always amazed at the responsible
attitudes children show whilst away and the
importance of the relationships they build
with peers, teachers and other adults. Most
important is how their own self-esteem
develops as they become aware of their own
capabilities and skills. We wish them a safe
and enjoyable trip.

School Council
Our Annual General Meeting will be held on
March 4th at 7:30pm followed by our new
Council’s first sitting for the year at 8pm. The
members of our new Council will be
announced shortly.

Our Mindset for the Week
What do we live for if it is not to make life
less difficult for each other?

Kind Regards,
George Danson

Have a great week everyone.

George Danson

Dear Parents,

We have a new counsellor from Engage starting at Parktone this week. This service
can provide assistance for students and their families who many need some
additional support in dealing with school or home issues.

We also have an on-site psychologist and speech pathologist; to refer you to should
you and your children’s teachers have concerns about potential learning difficulties
and targeted assessment.

Part of my role at Parktone is to facilitate and administrate the specialist referral
process.

Please feel free to contact me via Compass or through the school office, or if you are
in the school my office is located in the main building foyer near the front door.

Kind Regards,
Bree Jones
Welfare and Special Needs Coordinator

FAIRY GARDEN – We need YOU!

We are building a small fairy garden. It will be located near the canteen.
If you are interested, you are very welcome to donate items to help make our wonderful,
magical fairy garden. The items must be okay to be left outside and must also be weatherproof. Please leave items in 6C classroom, thanks!

We are looking for:
• small mushrooms (e.g. fake clay, concrete or ceramic)
• fake flowers
• tiny fairies
• a small bridge
• succulents
• mini houses/bird box
• shells
• coloured or white pebbles or rocks for the outside of the fairy garden
• any other ornaments or items that you think would help make our fairy garden even more special (e.g. old cups and saucers, filled with a succulent or a fairy item)

Millie, Freya, Molly and Miss Callanan (Grade 6C)
Hi Everyone, welcome back. We hope you had an enjoyable break.

We have a new menu for Term 1 with a few changes to the Special Day Orders. Mondays: Sushi is back for this term. Tuesdays: Egg and Bacon Rolls. Wednesdays: Our famous Chicken Tender Wraps with Lettuce and Mayo. Thursdays: We’ve kept Dim Sims as they are a favourite and Fridays will still be our Hot Dog Day.

**Fee Free Fridays**

Don’t forget to register for online ordering at My School Tuck shop.

Due to the changes in the timetable and lunch now being 30mins earlier all Friday Orders will need to be placed via My School Tuck Shop online. It’s the possessing of the cash that takes the longest time and we want to have the lunches ready on time.

We are covering the $3.30 fee for Friday orders so if you do a direct deposit it will not cost you any extra to place your Friday orders online and bags are included. Give it a go!!
COMMUNITY LINKS

Don’t forget to look at the Community Links section of the Newsletter for some ideas on after school activities for your children. There is always lots of great information on these pages so make sure and have a look.
We have been learning a lot about Chinese New Year over the past week, the children have been busy making lanterns, lucky red envelopes, painted money trees using the arms as the tree and then a bottle top for the print of a coin. We also have been working on a wall display to find out what Chinese zodiac year everyone belongs to.

This week our theme is “all about me” where the children will learn new things about their friends and the educators, like: what colours we like, what is our favourite food, what do we like doing in our spare time, these will help us not only to get to know everyone a little better but will also help us to make our program more relevant to the children’s needs and lets them have ownership of” their time” at the service!
School Sport Victoria Team Vic Online Registration Process

12 Years and Under

Registration to trial for most SSV 12 Years and Under Team Vic teams to compete in School Sport Australia Championships is done through an online process managed by the School Sport Unit.

Historically, the exceptions are Australian Football, Netball, Soccer and Basketball due to the large number of students that start the trial process in these sports. These sports have traditionally started with nominations through their schools to enable attendance at District trials as the first step. If selected they proceed through to the next stage being Division trials. If selected at Division level a student will move through to Region trials except for basketball where a conference trial is held; and finally a State trial for possible selection in a Team Vic team.

After 18 months of consultation and planning with Region Coordinators and Sport Coordinators across the State, SSV has decided to change the process. Two changes have been made;

1. District trials will no longer be held

2. SSV is implementing an online registration process for the four sports mentioned above across the State from 2016. This is being done for the following reasons;

   - It will ensure all 12 Years and Under registrations to trial are done the same way.
   - It will ensure that regardless of where a child is and in what sector, primary or secondary, the process will be fair and equitable.
   - It will reduce the cost of running trials, allowing District Coordinators to redirect their funds to school based sports that increase participation at a local level.
   - It will ensure the trial process attracts only students capable of performing at a high standard and move away from a ‘come and try’ opportunity.

The Online Registration process will open on Jan 25 and close on March 16 2016

Please be aware of the following;

1. On the SSV website it has been made clear that students need to consult with their Sport Teacher at school to ensure they have the skill level to trial and represent their school.

2. It is imperative that teachers will decide on your child's capability of representing their school at a state level trial.
3. This discussion with the school Sport Teacher is necessary as all students MUST get the Sport Teacher / Coordinator and Principal signature on their registration form prior to attending a trial.

4. Registration is a NON-REFUNDABLE $25 fee. This fee will be for the cost of hosting the trial and subsequent expenses as well as an administration fee.

5. This Registration is a registration for a Division trial. Confirmation to attend a trial will occur after registration.

6. Once registered, you will receive an email confirming payment and a bar-coded ticket through Eventbrite (the supplier of the registration process software) which will require a Sport Teacher’s signature and the Principal’s signature. This ticket must be handed in to the Division Trial Coordinator on the day.

7. Once registration for Division trials close on March 16 2016, Division Coordinators will email the registered participants and inform them of the time and place of their trial.

Please go to the respective sports - Australian Football, Basketball, Football (Soccer) & Netball – via the Team Vic page of the SSV website for more information on final State dates.

If you require any further information about this process, please contact your school Sports Coordinator / Teacher.

Regards

Jude Maguire
Chief Executive Officer
School Sport Victoria
We are very excited to introduce our new **House Coloured Sport T-Shirts** which can now be purchased at the PSW store in Cheltenham. Like, with our existing sport t-shirts students are asked to wear them for their weekly PE session and on special sport days such as Athletics Day.

Please do not feel that you must purchase one straight away this is just a courtesy letter to let you know that the design has changed and are available whenever your child grows out of their existing one or you need to get another one.

Thanks,

Teena Muscat