



NEWSLETTER

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday 1st February	No school for Preps
Wednesday 7th February	3-6 swimming
Friday 9th February	Working Bee & BBQ 3.30pm
Tuesday 13th February	Parents Association Pancake Tuesday
Wednesday 14th February	Parent Information Night 7pm, 7.30pm
Thursday 15th February	School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Wednesday 21st February	MARC Van
Monday 12th March	Labour Day Public Holiday

Nut and Allergens Policy

Reminder that we have students with nut allergies.

It is our policy to not have nut products at school, to have the children supervised during eating and to wash hands after eating. In the event someone has inadvertently brought 'nut' food to school they will be asked to eat away from the students with allergies and wash their hands thoroughly after eating.

Welcome back!

Welcome to the 2018 school year and a very special welcome to our new families and students: Emily Hateley, Evo Hennessy and Cooper; also Benson and Larry.

Assembly is on every Monday morning at 9.00 in the multi-purpose room where awards and certificates are given out, birthdays are celebrated and achievements acknowledged.

Hats

Miss Blake washed the school hats over the holidays. Hats must be worn during terms 1, 2 and 4. Some children bring sunscreen to school but we also have sunscreen available at school.

Uniforms

It is lovely to see the girls in dresses. It is strongly recommended that the girls wear shorts under their dresses, however, to make it easier for them to play without being too worried when they play upside down on the monkey bars. Children also sit on the floor with their legs crossed. Also be mindful when the girls choose to wear shorts with their school shirts that they are not too tight or too short which can also inhibit how they play. Whether it be uniform or free dress it is very important to consider what we wear and to ensure it is suitable for school activities. It is not just for the comfort of your child but also for the comfort of those they sit with or play with.

Printing School Logos

I am collecting shirts, jumpers and jackets to take to Hip Pocket Work Wear for screen printing the school logo. Please put your name on the item and place it in a bag and put your name on the bag as well. Place your bag in the clothes basket near the staff room door. I will take them in on Friday 16th February.

PE Mondays

All the children have Physical Education on Mondays so wearing sports clothing and runners is very appropriate. PE is in a morning timeslot for the cooler time of the day.

Swimming (extra-curricula)

The years 3 – 6 are participating in the swimming program at the Goroke pool this term on Wednesdays between 11.15am and 2pm. There has been an inquiry about wearing wetsuits as some children get very cold. It is always preferable to wear bathers and a rashy but if it keeps your child in the pool and learning to swim it is acceptable. We also try to have the children swim without goggles but understand that some children need them.

Payment and forms should be at school. We request that if you have any issues in regard to payment please contact the office as soon as possible. No payment will indicate you do not wish your child to go swimming. Children who are not swimming will remain at school.

Welcome BBQ and Working Bee

We are having a working bee on Friday Feb 9th and hope many of you will come. We will be clearing dead plants and weeds from the garden, a never ending task. The leaf litter around the grounds will have to be gathered and put on the bonfire as well as we have too much for the garden to cope with. Whippersnippers for edging and blower vacs are great for easy cleaning. We will also need chainsaws as some trees or limbs will have to be removed. If you want wood for your fire consider bringing a trailer.

Please return the slip attached for catering for the Working Bee. The only payment required is your participation in the Working Bee.

Start of School

The first school bell goes at 8.55am. This is a warning bell for children to finish organizing their belongings, grab their hat and head outside for fitness. The school day begins at 9.00am. Staff are not expecting children to arrive at school before 8.40am or 8.45am unless a prior arrangement has been made. Staff arrive at school early and utilize their time to ensure they are well prepared for the day's lessons.

Ingrid Clarkson

Wednesday 14th Feb. 2018
Return form as soon as possible

We are asking for expressions of interest to be able to run the evening. It will be cancelled if numbers are too low; those interested will be spoken to individually.

Parent Information Evening

This is one way that we can get information to you about the programs that are running for your children and explain the expectations in regard to homework, home reading and school work in general.

Name of parent:

I /we will be / will not be attending 7.00pm - Miss Blake

I / we will be / will not be attending 7.30pm - Mrs. Buckman and Mrs Clarkson

Welcome BBQ and Working Bee

Friday February 9th from 3.30pm

Eating from 5.00pm

Please return this slip by Monday so we can order the food
Payment for BBQ is made through participation in the working bee

Name:

I will be / will not be attending the working bee

Sausages QTY.

Hamburgers Qty.
(Sharon's special mix)

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit
www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

NEW FOR 2018!

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2017, you do not need to complete an application form in 2018 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2018 or you did not apply in 2017.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2018.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

