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Our children’s future in the very best of hands.

Friday 17th November 2023

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Dear Parents and Carers,

PARENTS AND FRIENDS - DISCO

On Friday we held our Prep - 2 and Grade 3 - 6 discos. We had approximately 140 of our students attend with their dancing shoes on. Thank you to our wonderful Parents and Friends Committee who ran the events. This group of hard-working volunteers planned, promoted, and ensured that all disco-goers had a great time. Thank you to the teachers who stayed after school on a Friday and assisted with supervision.

PREP TRANSITION - TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

Our Prep/Foundation Transition Program aims to get children and parents familiar with our school facilities and meet the Prep teachers. They will experience fun, engaging learning activities that introduce them to the environment and structure of the school. The first session will be on Tuesday 21st November from 9am – 10am.

OUT OF UNIFORM DAY – FRIDAY 1ST DECEMBER

On Friday 1st December we are raising awareness and funds for Type 1 Diabetes as Speci has several past and current students who have Type 1 Diabetes. We ask that students who come out of uniform wear blue clothing or accessories as a blue circle is the global symbol for diabetes awareness. A gold coin donation for any student out of uniform would be greatly appreciated and funds raised will be donated to the Type 1 Foundation.

Type 1 diabetes can occur at any age, although most cases develop among children, teenagers, and young adults. Every year over 2900 children and adults are diagnosed with type One and approximately 1300,000+ Australians are living with T1. There is no means of preventing type 1 diabetes. It is one of the most common chronic diseases amongst children and Australia and has one of the highest rates of type 1 in the world. There is currently no cure.



SPECI STUDENT AWARDS

Term 4 Week 7 – Awards presented at the following Monday's Assembly

Empathy

Excellence

Honesty

Resilience

Respect

Grade	Student of the Week	Values Award
Prep/One – Room 1	Elliemae P	Max M
Prep – Room 2	Jett K	Aleena W
Grade 1/2 - Room 3	Patrick E	William B
Grade 1/2 - Room 4	Ryder F-M	Whole Class
Grade 1/2 - Room 5	William L	Archie T
Grade 1/2 - Room 6	Seb B	Tyson C
Grade 3/4 - Room 4a	Liam W	Jake L
Grade 3/4 – Room 7		
Grade 3/4 - Room 8	Talon D	Bella D
Grade 5/6 - Room 9	Matilda C	London W
Grade 5/6 - Room 10	Blayden W	Archer A
Grade 5/6 - Room 11	Kara L	Jackson W
Grade 5/6 - Room 12	Mitchell W	Parker R
Grade 5/6 - Room 13	Lincoln C	Eh Klo
Physical Education	Siannah S – Room 8	
Art	Senior- Tilly C Room 9 Junior- Matilda V Room 1	
ICT	Levi C	
Music		
Chinese	Ivan C	
Circus	TBC	
Principal's Award	Room 9	

Weekly Additional Activities 2023

MONDAY

9:00am to 11:00am	Playgroup- No playgroup currently running due to staff unavailability. Multipurpose Room – run by Coordinator Chloe Hickey
2:45pm to 3:15pm	Whole School Assembly Basketball Court Weather Permitting or Multipurpose Room

TUESDAY

8:00am to 8:35am	Running Club
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WEDNESDAY

8:35am to 8:55am	Breakfast Club Served from the Canteen – Students eat in the undercover area
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THURSDAY

3:30pm to 4:30pm	EAL Homework Club Library with Mrs Manley, Paw Doh, and many wonderful volunteers
3:15pm to 3:45pm	Running Club

TERM 4 DATES



November

Tuesday 21st November	2024 Preps	2024 Prep Transition 9am -10am
Tuesday 28 th November	2024 Preps	2024 Prep Transition 9am -10am

DECEMBER

Friday 1 st December	Whole School	Out of Uniform Day - Wear Blue for Type 1 Diabetes Gold coin donation raising fund for Type 1 Diabetes Foundation
Monday 4 th December	School Council	School Council Meeting and Dinner
Tuesday 12 th December	2024 Preps and Year 6	State-wide Transition Day 2024 Preps 9:00am – 11:45am Year 6 students at Secondary School All Day
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School	School Dance Concert – Red Energy Arena
Thursday 14 th December	Grade 6	Grade 6 Graduation
Monday 18 th December	Whole School	Semester 2 Reports Sent Home
Tuesday 19 th December	Whole School	Fund Day at the Golden Square Pool – Free BBQ Lunch
Wednesday 20 th December	Whole School	End of Term 4 – 1:45 pm Dismissal



The Victorian Government is investing \$1.5 million from the Recreational Fishing License Trust Fund to provide up to 95,000 Little Angler Kits to primary school-aged children in Victoria.

The free kits provide a wonderful school holiday activity for children with their families and help ease the cost of living, providing a fun activity close to home.

Grade 5 students at all Victorian schools, including ours, will be offered the opportunity to receive a FREE Little Angler Kit. Grade 5 students have been selected based on the Victorian Curriculum focus, movement and motor development, and safety considerations.

The program is entirely voluntary. Schools were provided with the option to opt out of the program. Our school has opted to stay in the program so that parents can decide whether they want their child(ren) to receive a free fishing kit.

Parents of Grade 5 students can advise the school if they do not wish their child(ren) to participate for any reason whatsoever. We support parents in making decisions that align with their family values and beliefs.

The rollout of kits will occur through the second half of 2023 (16 October - 4 December) so that all participating children will have a kit in time for the summer school holidays.

The kits include a rod, reel with line, tackle tray, some tackle, and information on how to use them to catch a fish. Please note that the tackle tray includes fishing hooks. The tackle tray will be wrapped in cardboard and placed inside a pocket inside the fishing kit bag, which will be sealed with a cable tie to discourage students from opening their kits until they are with a parent or carer.

Kits will be handed out to students to take home with them as soon as the school receives them. Teachers will tell students not to open the kits until they are safely at home with a parent or carer, however, parents can contact the school and request to collect their kit from the school themselves if they prefer.

The Victorian Fisheries Authority will create a Little Angler hub on their website, which will be live when the kits start being distributed. It will have useful information, instructional videos, and online resources about where and how to fish linking to existing resources from Fish Care and new resources to be produced just for the Little Angler Kits program.

This initiative aims to grow recreational fishing participation in Victoria by actively encouraging primary school-aged children to learn how to fish, as well as learning more about marine life and the natural environment.

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