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February

Thurs 22 nd	G3-6 – District Twilight Swimming (select students)
Fri 23 rd	Whole School – House Spirit Launch Day / BBQ Lunch
Tues 27 th	Foundation – Western Water Incursion G5/6 – Josh Bull visit to Heights
Wed 28 th	G3-6 – House Swimming Sports
March	
5 th – 8 th	Whole School – School Dental (Phase 1)
Mon 5 th	G3-6 – Divisional Swimming (select students)
Wed 7 th	G3-6 – SHPS Athletics
Fri 9 th	Whole School – Curriculum Day
Mon 12 th	Whole School – Labour Day Holiday
Tues 13 th	School Council Meeting
Thurs 15 th	G3-6 – District Athletics (select students)
Tues 20 th	G6 – Sunbury College visit to Heights
Mon 26 th	G3/4 – Camp Information Session (5.30 – 6.15pm)
Thurs 29 th	Whole School – End of Term (Early Dismissal 2.30pm) – Casual Clothes Day

A note from the Principal

Jo Fogarty (AP), the staff and myself have really enjoyed the opportunity to meet with our families this week and to learn some things about your children through your eyes.

The foundation BBQ was a great way to meet our new foundation families and for you to see how your child has settled into school and quickly made relationships with their classmates teachers and other members of our school community. These evenings do take a great deal of organisation and I thank the staff for being willing to stay back and get to know you all. Of course there were other people who helped and we are always grateful, Thank you Jo Miller, Donna Page Krissy Black, Sharon Ramunno, Cliff Bishop and Garry Fisher for feeding the hoards. A special thank you to our OSHC providers for volunteering to do face painting on the night. It really was popular!



Interschool Swimming Sports

Congratulations to Chanelle, Cooper M, Ayisha, Sam, Kim, Kyle, Toni, Karlee, Lana, Keiralee, Aidan T, Nick, Shayla, Tate, Arran & Lilly R who have been selected to represent the school at the SDRN Swimming Carnival this evening. Thank you to Ashlea Barnes for organising and preparing for the event and in advance to our staff who are supporting Ashlea this evening.



Congratulations to 3U who had 100% attendance on Wednesday.

School Council

I hope some families at the Foundation BBQ took the opportunity to talk to our school council president Leanne Fisher. Leanne has performed the role of school council president admirably over the last couple of years and is always looking to encourage new people to join. Nominations for 2018 school council **closes on 23 February**. You can choose to nominate someone you think will represent the school in the community in the best light or self-nominate if you think the best person is you.

HAPPY

BIRTHDAY

22nd - 28th February

Julian, Ryan, Summer, Kelsey, Andrew, Caroline, Jade, Christian

2018 Camps

This year we are extremely lucky to be able to offer camps to our Grades 3-6's. In previous years our camps have only been offered from Grade 4 but we feel as the Grade 3/4s work as a team, it is beneficial for them all to attend. The Grade 6 families have received some information this week at the meet and greet, Grade 3/4s will have an information evening on Monday 26 March and more information will follow for Grade 5 families.

So you can mark the details in your diary, the dates are as follows:

Grade 3
DOXA Malmsbury
18 – 20 June
Approx. Cost \$140

Grade 4
DOXA Malmsbury
16 - 18 June
Approx. Cost \$140

Grade 5
DOXA City Camp
5 – 7 September
Approx. Cost \$140

Grade 6
Shipwreck Coast Camp
16 – 19 October
Cost \$460

Through your eyes

This week staff will have the opportunity to make notes of anything of importance that you spoke to them about and pass on relevant information to Jo F, myself, Damian and other relevant staff. Please be assured that anything told in confidence will remain just that. If you have not completed the form or shared information with your child's teacher please either make a time to see them or fill in another form that will be made available outside the office.

Kindness and Friendship

Each grade are continuing to display our school values.

Today Zoey received a reward block for showing kindness to Django.



Absences

Thank you to all the families who are now ringing the school prior to their child's absence. As you have been made aware, we are now required to contact parents as soon as possible if a student is absent without an explanation. The easiest way for you to let us know if your child will be absent is to ring. Please ring the office on 9744 3377 on the day of absence. If we haven't heard from you a member of staff will make contact you to check on the wellbeing of your child. If your child is late, to avoid a phone call please make sure they come to the office prior to going to the classroom to collect a late pass.

Foundation 'Prep' Science

The students in Foundation have approached Science lessons with enthusiasm, as well as a real eagerness to learn in the few weeks that they have been at school. This is absolutely fantastic to see.

The Foundation Scientists have been busy becoming familiar with what humans need to survive. Water, food and sleep were quickly mentioned, however the need for shelter is one that we have discussed in length. This week, they were set the difficult challenge of building a shelter using wooden sticks and play dough to house a toy dinosaur. It was important that their shelter could fit the dinosaur and that it would stand up on its own. This proved to be particularly hard. All students accepted the challenge and showed great persistence throughout the activity. Well done everyone!

Mrs Langmaid



No Smoking

Please can we remind families that....



SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED within four metres of an entrance to any primary and secondary school in Victoria, and within the school grounds.

Every day counts

Getting my child to school...no matter how hard parents try, some students may be reluctant to go to school. Addressing attendance issues promptly and setting up good attendance patterns can lead to future success and can help students feel more engaged and connected at school.



Did you know?

- Patterns of late arrival at school or missing classes are early warning signs of disengagement from school
- Missing one day of school each week adds up to 2 months missed over a year

Remember

- You can talk with our school staff such as a teacher, Damian O'keefe (Student Engagement and Wellbeing), Jo Fogarty (Assistant Principal) or myself (Principal) to find out what support we can provide to keep your child attending and engaged

More tips / information will follow over the coming weeks.



GRADE	STUDENT	REASON
Prep B	Jaxon	For always using beautiful manners
Prep H	Lexi	For working hard to learn the golden words in class and at home
1D	Dakota	Showing kindness to other students
1E	Ryan	For trying hard to improve writing
2M	Angel	For her genuine love of and interest in learning
3U	Alex	For demonstrating our school values at all times
4M	Brodie	For trying his best when writing and sounding out new words
4H	Anthony	For showing kindness towards his classmates
5K	Assyria	For showing confidence and engaging in class discussions
5A	Riley	For always displaying positive attitude to his learning
6PA	Arran	For a fantastic start to the year
Art	Tyson	For admirable efforts with his winter Olympics artwork
Science	Zaarah	For excellent predictions in Science