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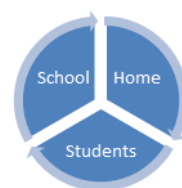
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SCHOOL VALUES

- **Care and Compassion** – Care for self and others
- **Honesty and Trustworthiness** – Be honest, sincere and seek the truth
- **Respect** – Treat others with consideration and regard: respect another person's point of view
- **Responsibility**—Be accountable for one's own actions, resolve differences in constructive, non violent and peaceful ways; contribute to society and civic life, take care of the environment

School Values & School Wide Positive Behaviours

Yesterday our staff met with Michelle Stone who guided us through some information about the School Wide Positive Behaviours Framework. On Tuesday March 12th and Monday 18th March a small group from school will undertake some initial training and work around the framework so that we can begin to implement some of the key strategies and ideas with our students.



School Council

On Monday families should have received a list of nominations for our 2019 School Council. We have had an amazing response this year with our nominations exceeding the number of available places. Today you will have received a sheet which tells you a little about each of our nominations so that you get to know them a bit before voting. You will have also received a voting form. You need to vote for 4 different people as we have 4 places available. Please ensure you get your name signed off when returning your vote. One vote per household.

Wednesday 13th February 2019 - Notice of election and call for nominations

Friday 22nd February 2019 - Closing date for nominations

Monday 25th February 2019 - The date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted

Wednesday 27th February 2019 - The date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - Close of ballot

Wednesday 6th March 2019 - Vote Count

Thursday 7th March 2019 – Declaration of poll

Thursday 7th March 2019 – First council meeting to elect office bearers (the Principal will preside)

Medical requirements

All new and changed medical requirements and plans should now be recorded or updated at the office through Kristy. It is also important to communicate these to classroom teachers if they weren't already aware. As students get older they should have a good understanding of their own needs so that they are taking some of the responsibility themselves to ensure they have items such as asthma puffers and epipens.

uEducateUs

I would hope that by the end of this week we will have sent out logins for uEducateUs. You will receive a username and temporary password which will need to be changed once you login. This system will give you access to announcements, calendars, newsletters and attendance to begin with. We encourage your feedback about the type of information you would like to see on there. We will hold some information sessions in the assembly area at pick up times once logins go out.

Information forms

Our forms didn't go home last week so don't panic if you are looking in your child's bag for them. These should go home this week. Please spend some time with your children discussing these so that they understand the importance of them.

- Head Lice consent
- Rights and responsibilities form
- Bus conduct form
- uEducateUs login

Inclusive Schools Grant

We have been assigned an architect to help guide us through this project. The timeline for the project once it starts is about 10 months from start to finish, so we may have a completed space by early next year. Over the next couple of weeks we will set up a chance for families to input their ideas and thoughts. The project is loosely based around the landscape plan developed at the school from a few years ago and creates an inviting sensory playspace and community area in the back corner of our yard where our existing PE Shed sits. It will be an exciting time watching this space develop. Work will be completed by Department assigned contractors. We are always open to suggestions and input – so please remember that if you miss any of our meetings we are happy to be given some written input at a time that suits.

Community Night

Last Friday night was our community night. It was well attended by our families and it was great to be able to move around and catch up with a few faces, both old and new. General feedback was that we have had a great start to the year and kids have settled in well with their new classrooms. New families mentioned that they have been made to feel welcome in our community which is fantastic. A huge thanks to our parents club and organisers for pulling it together.

Art

Bek Probert had her first art session last Friday and from all reports it was a great day for both teacher and students. Bek plans her sessions around the inquiry units in the classroom so this term the art work will be based on 'Amazing Australia'. I was able to grab a quick photo of one of the pieces from the grade 2/3 room.

Education Support

Late last week a panel made the appointment of Amelia Burgess to our open Education Support staff position. Amelia has been working at Eaglehawk Primary School in a similar position for a period of time while also studying Teacher education at La Trobe. Please make her feel welcome when you see her around the school.

We would like to thank Di Hickson and Jodie Perdon for their work supporting the school while the process was undertaken. You will see Di and Jodie at other times during the year no doubt.

Census Day

Tomorrow is the annual census day where schools report in their starting numbers and school information about enrolments. If your work details or employment has changed since you enrolled, please let us know at the office so they can be updated. We should officially start 2019 with 59 students which is up from 55 in 2018 and 45 in 2017.

Ride to school day

Keep Friday March 29th loose in your calendar if you are a keen bike rider. This is officially 'Ride to School Day'. We are planning something a bit different on this day with details to be confirmed.

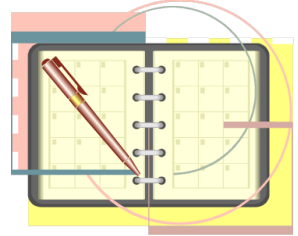
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Mr O'Neill

PARENT CLUB MEETING

Tomorrow, Thursday 28th February—9.00 am in old school building. All welcome—come along and have a cuppa and help plan activities for the year.

IMPORTANT DATES



FEBRUARY

Thursday 28th CENSUS DAY
PARENT CLUB MEETING—9.00 am—Old School Building - ALL WELCOME

MARCH

Friday 1st ART SPECIALIST
“LIVE FOR LILY” Social Service activity (see attached details)

Tuesday 5th SWIMMING

Wednesday 6th **PREP STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL**
SCHOOL PHOTOS

Thursday 7th School Council Annual Meeting followed by March General Meeting

Friday 8th MUSIC SPECIALIST

Monday 11th PUBLIC HOLIDAY—LABOUR DAY

Wednesday 13th MARC LIBRARY

Thursday 14th Special Lunch—wraps chicken or ham & salad \$5.00 each

Friday 15th ART SPECIALIST

Tuesday 19th 4/5/6 excursion—Multicultural Day at BSSC

Friday 22nd MUSIC SPECIALIST

Tuesday 26th Normal school day for students with ‘3 way conference’ between 12.30—6.30 pm
(details to come)

Wednesday 27th MARC LIBRARY

Thursday 28th Prep/1/2 Excursion—“Room On A Broom” - Capital theatre

Friday 29th Ride to School Day (details to come)

APRIL

THURSDAY 4th DENTAL SERVICE CHECKS

FRIDAY 5th LAST DAY—TERM 1

TUESDAY 23rd FIRST DAY—TERM 2

THURSDAY 25th ANZAC DAY—PUBLIC HOLIDAY

MAY

THURSDAY 2nd WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION—MELBOURNE ZOO

IMPORTANT

CSEF—CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND

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

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

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 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 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- ♦ **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.



LIVE FOR LILY—to cure childhood cancer

Social service activity—Friday March 1st

Casual Clothes day—students are welcome to wear casual clothes this Friday, 1st March in return for a gold coin donation which will be forward to LIVE FOR LILY foundation.

(please NO bare shoulders and NO thongs / high heels)

At 2.30 pm on Friday there will be **'Sponging fundraiser'** where, in return for another gold coin donation you get to throw **wet sponges** at Dasha and Loki's dad, Adrian, Eppalock staff and parent volunteers.

All funds raised will go towards this year's 'Ride for Lily' event to support childhood cancer research.

Parents and families are most welcome to join in!

AWARDS

Congratulations to the following students who will receive an award at Monday's assembly ...

- **Eddie** for his wonderful attitude towards his work
- **Charlie** for being ready to learn and his very good listening skills
- **Henry** for being an excellent help and classmate in the 4/5/6 room



Special lunch and pie warmer day information

With our first **Special Lunch Day** approaching I feel this is an appropriate time to explain to our new families and a refresher for all other families of why and how we have our Special Lunch Days.

Due to the fact that we don't have a canteen we run our Special Lunch Days so that our children don't miss out on the excitement that they'd receive if they attended a larger school who run canteen facilities.

- There will be two Special Lunch Days per term. A letter will be sent home in the newsletter or diaries informing parents the week prior. If the note doesn't make it home, you are still welcome to send along a named envelope and money.
 - Special Lunch Days sometimes range in price but will be no more than \$5 per child.
 - Special Lunch Days are served on our own reusable plates/bowls with reusable cutlery. We are all about sustainability!!
 - Lunch is served at 1:30 as on every other school day!
 - Everything is made on the day (with the exception of what is donated by families)
 - We welcome all volunteers (with a current WWC check) to assist in the production, service and clean up on these Special Lunch Days! Usually between 11:30 to about 2:30.
 - Money and notes are to be in BEFORE Special Lunch Days. Unfortunately, your child will miss out if it is brought on the day.
 - Money can be paid via direct deposit with your child's name and SLD as the reference or paid in cash.
 - Every Special Lunch Day I will ask for help with on the day things (as mentioned above) and also on occasion I will ask for donations of food (a pot of your specialty soup, pasta or fried rice! etc...)
- We prefer donations of food to be brought to school in a slow cooker which allows for easy transportation to and from buildings and to make it easier to be reheated. Please don't think I'm asking you to cook it in a slow cooker!

During the colder 2nd and 3rd terms, we run what we call **Pie Warmer Days**. The children love this! One day per week (on a selected day) they are able to bring along anything from a pie, sausage roll, leftovers or even a dessert for after their lunch. Basically, **anything cooked that can be reheated!** The only rules with this are that each item is to be:

- CLEARLY LABELED with the child's NAME and CLASS. Sometimes permanent marker/texta rubs off due to condensation. Markers are fine, as long as the details are written on dry foil. Some parents have even used sticky labels or masking tape ON TOP of the item.
- Please note that they NEED to be in FOIL because baking paper, plastic containers or brown paper bags don't do well in the pie warmer. Foil trays with the white lids (\$2 for a 6pk in bbq section at Woolies) work great for these days!
- **Please do NOT send in frozen or uncooked foods.** The amount of time that the items are in the warmer isn't enough to cook it, only heat it.

Pie Warmer Days will not run on the week we have a Special Lunch Day.

All sauces will be provided, we have tomato, bbq and if requested, soy or sweet chilli. Cutlery is also provided on these days so you don't have to send any along.

Some examples of our previous special lunch days:

- Bottomless cup of soup. We ask about 8 families to donate a slow cooker of soup and students are welcome to eat as many different ones (or the same) until they can't eat anymore!
 - Chinese yum cha! Fried rice is donated and served alongside dim sims and spring rolls.
 - Pasta day. A slow cooker of pasta is donated. Children have the option of about 8 different varieties of pasta (lasagne, spag bol, all different flavoured pastas etc...)
 - Baked potatoes. A number of parents have donated chilli con carne, bacon pieces, sour cream, garlic butter etc...
 - Ice cream and fresh fruit salad has been our last two end of year treats.
- We've had meat and salad wrap days, muffin pizza days, egg and bacon muffins and so much more!

If you can help in any way with fresh produce, volunteering your time or specialty foods, it will be very much appreciated!

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask me in person or on Facebook. I am more than happy to help! No question is too silly!

Brittany Edwards (Caileb, Mikaylah and Jaiden's mum)