



**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

Term 4 week 1

# Newsletter

## Principal's Report

Welcome back to Term 4. I hope everyone had a great break and I know from my visit to most classes this week the students have had a terrific time and seem recharged for the final term of the year. The teachers have been planning the classroom programs for term 4 and as always, I am impressed with the energy and dedication of our teachers and the great care they have for their students.

Next Monday at 8.50am, we have the **Deputy Premier of Victoria James Merlino** (Education Minister) and the local **State Member Lizzie Blandthorn** visiting the school. They will have a tour of the school and visit a grade 5/6 class to have a chat about law making in Victoria (this was the focus of the 5/6 integrated unit last term). I am excited to showcase our school to the Minister and discuss our vision for the future and the pressures we are experiencing providing for the extraordinary growth of our student population.

During the week, the project manager for the Community Hub Multi-Purpose space, Nella Caruana, Paul Wise (School Council President and Vice President) and I met to finalise the tender process. We were very happy with the process and the project will commence before the end of the month if all goes to plan. It is anticipated that the facility will be ready at the end of term 1, 2018. This is very exciting for the school after a long time fund raising and planning.

This term is a busy one, as we are not only working hard on learning but are planning and transitioning into 2018. The students and teachers will be reflecting and giving feedback on the learning and activities covered throughout the year and celebrating many successes. The Year 6 students will be preparing for graduation and participating in a series of activities to prepare them for the transition to secondary school; an exciting time for those students. Also, in the next few weeks we will have the 2018 Foundation students into the school for two transition sessions. Whilst a very exciting time, it is also a poignant reminder of how much our 2017 Foundation students have grown and developed throughout the year.

We have carefully planned activities to assist and prepare all our students for transition to the new grade level for 2018. If you feel your child may require some additional consideration in preparing for next year, speak to your child's current teacher. A **final reminder** to families, if you have any particular request or

information important to your child's grade placement next year please put it in writing and forward it to the office by **October 20<sup>th</sup>**, this includes notifying the school if you are not attending PVPS next year. Many thanks for the timely submission of this information as it is vital for accurate planning.

Looking forward to a great term with the 3/4 camp, Year 2 sleep over and end of year concert amongst other excursions and events already mentioned.

Anne Naughton



### **School Hats**

Please remember that we are a Sun Smart school and hats need to be worn at recess and lunch and for all outdoor activities from the 1<sup>st</sup> September until the 30<sup>th</sup> April each year.

## **Calendar**

### **October**

- 18<sup>th</sup> Regional Athletics- qualifying students
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Specialist Open Morning for Grade 3/4 families 9-11am
- 24<sup>th</sup> 2018 Foundation Transition
- 25<sup>th</sup> School Council meeting 7pm
- 27<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Interschool sport- away game
- 27<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Bike Education equipment checking day
- 27<sup>th</sup> Grade 2 sleepover
- 30<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Bike Education session one
- 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 Foundation Transition



### **November**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 5/6 Interschool sport- away game
- 6<sup>th</sup> Report writing day- no students at school
- 7<sup>th</sup> Melbourne Cup Day- no students at school
- 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade 3/4 camp
- 11<sup>th</sup> Bunnings BBQ
- 13<sup>th</sup> 5/6 Bike Education session two

## **Welcome back to Term 4!**

I have just returned from a lovely holiday in Italy and back into an exciting term 4. Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the wonderful ladies Miss Kelsey Pritchard, Mrs Bianca Bertolacci and Miss Kristina Karangiannidis who smoothly coordinated Well-being & Student Engagement whilst I was on leave. Their enthusiasm and commitment to the role were exceptional and efficient.

This term I will continue to provide support to all families and our Student Support Group (SSG) meetings will be happening in week 4. All families involved will be notified on Monday for an appointment time. If you wish to meet with me for any concerns please do not hesitate and let the office staff know so they can schedule a meeting.

I look forward to another great term.

Please see below some parental/carer's hints how best to support your child's well-being and also the **New Child Safety Reform for Victoria: Organisational Duty of Care** policies are attached.

In the next few weeks, you will see other related policies attached to the weekly newsletter. Please contact me if you would like to discuss any of these or have any further information.

Kind regards,  
Lisa Audino  
Assistant Principal

### **Well Being Hints.**

Building on good quality relationships with family and friends

Feeling connected to your local neighbourhood and community

Security of housing and good nutritious food to fuel growing bodies

A good sense of self / self-confidence and happiness.

### **Tips for Parents on Well Being**

Parents can assist their children with wellbeing by building on their child's self-esteem through encouragement. Focus on our child's effort and make comments like "it's great to see you trying" or show appreciation by thanking your child for helping. Promoting a generous spirit by encouraging your child to share their space, toy or time with other children or siblings.

Building resilience in your child by maintaining a close, loving relationship and by creating a space and environment for your child, so they are able to solve their own problems and difficulties.

Friendship is important for a child's happiness and wellbeing. Promoting and developing friendships by assisting your child to invite children to play at their home for the afternoon.

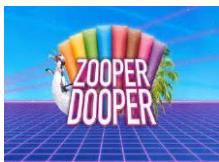
Help your child talk about their feelings rather than bottling them up, this can be done by conversations, drawings or writing it down on paper.

Helping your child to be optimistic. Be aware of negative self-talk in yourself and your children. Stop any negative self-talk and replace it with a positive more realistic message.

Talking so kids can listen - effective communication is an essential building block for strong families. Have a regular mealtime, which will give the family the opportunity to talk about the day over dinner. Talk in the car on the way somewhere, especially useful for children who shy away from looking at the person talking.

Brain food - remember growing bodies need healthy fuel; breakfast, lunch and tea containing dairy, grains, fruit and protein will assist your child to get through a busy day.

*Information provided by "Positive Parenting" by Michael Grose.*



#### **Icy Poles**

Starting next Thursday,  
Junior School Council will be selling Zooper Dooper icy poles  
at lunchtime and they will cost 50 cents.

## **Congratulations to Seth in 1/2 M**

Seth wrote a fabulous story last year in Foundation, which he entered into the 2017 Write4fun competition. We would like to congratulate Seth on his outstanding achievement of having his story published in Spread the Word, a collection of works selected from the Poetry and Short Story Competition of 2017. Well done Seth...perhaps Pascoe Vale's next Andy Griffiths!



## **ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS**

Twelve students from P.V.P.S. represented Coburg District at the Division Athletics Championships on Wednesday. Hana H in discus, Aaliya I in shot put and Jonah T in the 100mts, performed well against tough competition. Athletes who finished 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their event progress to the Region Championships next Wednesday. Zach P finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 100mts and triple jump,

Monique C 1<sup>st</sup> in high jump, Molly G 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump, Sea T 1<sup>st</sup> in long jump (also finished 6th in triple jump) Lily Bella H 1<sup>st</sup> in 100mts and 200mts and the relay team – Ava B, Sabina K, Adelyn K and Mia M won their heat and finished 2<sup>nd</sup> in the final. Congratulations to all these athletes on the excellent performances and behaviour on the day and Good Luck to the nine competing at Region next week.

## **INVITATION TO GRADE 3/4 FAMILIES FROM THE SPECIALIST TEAM**

