



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017

Term 1 Week 7

# Newsletter

## Principal's Report School Council Report



Last night was the Pascoe Vale School Council Annual General Meeting. At this meeting the Annual Report was presented. This report will be published on the school website in the next few weeks. Following that we had the first meeting of the 2017 council. We have elected all the

office bearers and sub committee convenors for 2017. Attached to this newsletter is an invitation for community members to join sub committees. This is a great way to have involvement and input into the school.

### Office Bearers

President  
Vice President  
Treasurer  
Minute Secretary

Nella Caruana  
Paul Wise  
Darren Ward  
Cassie Hycenko



### Subcommittees

**Finance Convenor**  
**Curriculum Convenor**  
**SEEL Convenor**  
**PFA Convenor**  
**OSHC Convenor**  
**Sustainability/Buildings & Ground Convenor**

Darren Ward  
Anne Naughton  
Cassie Hycenko  
Carla Maddern  
Concetta Sergi  
Paul Wise

### 2017 School Council Members

Shuhsien Tsou, Bree Mills, Kiymet Kaman, Anne Naughton, Carla Maddern, Melissa Brown, Nella Caruana, Kevan Myers, Darren Ward, Nora O'Reilly, Susan Smith, Happy Dilara and Cassie Hycenko.

I thank all of our office bearers and convenors for their commitment to the school and especially welcome some new members to the council this year.

At this meeting the School 2017 Annual Implementation Plan was ratified. This is an overarching document, which guides the school throughout the year. We approved a student free day – Curriculum Day on the 24<sup>th</sup> of April as well as the PFA events for 2017.

## **Pascoe Vale Junior School Council**

On Thursday, the student leaders met and are busy planning events for the year. Some of the events are fundraising, both for charities and school resources.

They are also planning activities and events for the school that relate to their areas of responsibility – Arts, Community, Sport and

Sustainability/Environment. They are assisting with recycling and icy pole sales, running assemblies and

generally communicating ideas and opinions from the student body back to the council. This week we have already seen great activity by the leaders in organising the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence and Ride 2 School Day – which



just happens to be the same day. With posters advertising the event and working with teachers getting information out to the school through Dojo and Compass. They have been selling “Bullying No Way” wristbands and raising funds for two buddy seats in the playground. I am very impressed by their endeavor, organisation and commitment to their roles, their fellow

students and the school. Well done.

**Class Dojo The Power of Yet** is part of the growth mindset your children are learning about through Class Dojo.

‘I can’t do it’ ‘It’s too hard!’ Thinking like this actually stops us from getting better. Through the amazing ‘Power of Yet’ we can have a positive mindset and learn, grow and achieve. It’s not that you can’t do it is you just can’t do it yet! Talk to your children about this and go onto Class dojo to explore more about developing a positive mindset.

Just another reminder this is not the place to communicate with teachers on matters regarding your child, sharing information or concerns. It is for quick positive remarks and feedbacks. Please contact the teacher to speak directly regarding matters related to your children, concerns or other information sharing. If you have urgent matters to discuss then a phone call to the office is the best way for this to be managed.

## **Pedestrian and traffic safety in the school precinct**

The school has been in discussions with Moreland Council and Vic Roads to improve safety around our school. Vic Roads has a number of resources, which we will be including in our communication to parents. Signage around the school in regards to parking has increased. Please also whenever possible walk or park a few blocks away and walk. This is especially a focus at the moment with Ride 2 School day on Friday. It helps the planet, keeps you healthy and keeps the school zone safer with less cars around. Something to keep in mind!

See the following reminders from Vic Roads.



If you park near the school please follow the parking restriction signs. These are designed to improve safety for everyone, especially our children.



## Keeping our kids safe as they get to and from school is everyone's responsibility

As kids come to and from school it's important for drivers, pedestrians and cyclists to be aware and take extra care during these busy times. Even a small reduction in speed could save a child's life.

To help keep our kids safe, it's important for drivers to:

- slow down in school speed zones during school times
- be extra cautious around schools
- be aware that young children can be unpredictable and difficult to see

## Active kids are healthy kids

Walking or riding to school is a great way for kids to keep active and get the recommended one hour of physical activity each day. Children who walk or cycle to school are more likely to be independent and are generally more physically active and healthy.

Allowing children to get to places on their own can help them:

- develop self confidence
- get to know their neighbourhood
- learn responsibility and independence
- get the recommended one hour of physical activity per day.

When children are walking or riding to school, it's extra important for drivers to be alert and take extra care.

Cheers

Anne Naughton

**Acting Principal**

## **Foundation families Victorian Primary School Nurse Program**

Last Friday we sent home questionnaires to all of our foundation families for completion and return to allow participation in the program. This is a free service provided to the foundation families and we would urge all families to participate. Please make sure your form and envelope is returned by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March. If you elect not to participate we request that you advise this on the form and still return it in the envelope.

If any of our families' work for Telstra could you please contact the school office and let us know.

## Calendar

### March

- 17<sup>th</sup> Ride to school day & National Day against Bullying
- 17<sup>th</sup> Assembly 3pm
- 20<sup>th</sup> School Photos
- 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 Foundation tour 10am & 7pm
- 24<sup>th</sup> Bake Stall & second hand uniform sale
- 31<sup>st</sup> **Last day Term one 2.30pm finish**

### April

- 18<sup>th</sup> First day Term 2
- 24<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day (No students at school)
- 25<sup>th</sup> ANZAC Day Holiday

### May

- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2018 Foundation tour 10am & 7pm
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Whole school Athletics Day

### Compass

A reminder that Compass Pay will be implemented in term 2. That means you will be able to pay and approve camps and excursions through the Compass Portal. To be able to access Compass Pay you will have to have a username and password for your Compass Account. If you don't have a user name or password, please contact Andrew Mitchell at the school.

### Bake stall Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March 3pm

This term the bakers are the **5/6's**, but again we welcome donations from all families! Just a couple of reminders, due to Health Regulations we cannot sell anything that contains fresh cream, uncooked eggs or anything that needs to be refrigerated. As with any cooking we do, please remember to practice good hygiene. Wash hands, use only clean dry cutting boards, equipment and utensils.

Your cake, slice, biscuits, jams etc must be covered to protect them from insects and dust. To make our 'Baked Goods' look more appealing to the buyer we suggest placing your 'baked goods' on a disposable plate and cover with some clear cellophane & a ribbon.

Please bring your 'baked goods' in the morning of the Bake Stall to the office where a volunteer will collect the goods from you.

In accordance with the Moreland City Council guidelines, we must be able to identify the ingredients used and be able to contact the person who baked the 'goods' should there be any issues. We therefore, ask that you complete the form overleaf and attach it to your 'baked goods' for us to keep a record of who has donated what.

Your name will not be on the 'baked goods' when we are selling them. It is purely for our records.

Please contact the PFA on [pvps.pfa@hotmail.com](mailto:pvps.pfa@hotmail.com) or leave a message at the office if you have any questions.

## **WELCOME TO 5/6P**

This year 5/6P have been working very closely with 5/6S. We do almost everything together. Our students are amazing and they love to learn. Right from the beginning of this term we have been focusing on two different learner profiles. We have been looking at being a risk taker with our learning and being a caring student and friend.

### **RISK TAKER by Jody:**

One of our learner profiles in 5/6P and 5/6S is being a risk taker. This means that we aren't afraid to take risks, like putting your hand up, even if your answer is wrong, or not being affected by small things. An example of a risk taker is: a student might have said something that is incorrect, but at least they had a go. That is a risk taker.



### **CARING by Jade:**

In 5/6P and 5/6S we have been learning about what a caring person is. A caring person is someone who shows empathy for others and put themselves in other people's shoes. They also help other people when they need help and are always kind to others.

I am very proud of our risk taking and caring students! We are excited to focus on two different learner profiles next term!



### **Scholastic Book club**

**Just a reminder that all book club orders need to be in by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March.**



### **Staff Profile**

Hello Pascoe Vale Primary, my name is Hayley Stead and I am a new teacher in grade 5/6. I have been overwhelmed by the kindness of the PVPS school community who have made me feel a part of the school. I am passionate about drawing, photography and being creative, and this is an influence in my classroom with my students. I am a proud fur mum of a mixed breed white fluffy 6-year dog called Gus. I look forward to meeting more members of this wonderful school community.

## \$1500 raised through School Banking!



Thanks to the fantastic efforts of our students we have raised \$1500 for our school through School Banking commissions in 2016. Our school receives \$5 when a student makes their first ever School Banking deposit and 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of \$10 per individual deposit).

These funds will go towards our school.

Saving regularly is an important habit to get into, whether you're saving a little or a lot. Keep up the great work and remember, School Banking day is every **TUESDAY**



Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend our Open Day on **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017**.

Information sessions followed by tours of the College will be held at the following times:

1. Morning 9:00am – 10:30am
2. Afternoon 4:00pm – 5:30pm
3. Evening 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Parents and children need only attend one session. There is no need to register attendance at a session.

### **New for 2018- The Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program for girls who have above average academic ability and achieve at a high level**

Pascoe Vale Girls College is proud to announce the introduction of the SEAL Program that provides personalised teaching and learning that meets the needs of gifted and talented learners. The program provides stimulating learning experiences that challenge, extend and develop the gifts and talents of students by offering acceleration and enrichment. SEAL students will study a faster paced curriculum and have the opportunity to study concepts in greater depth. There is a greater emphasis on higher order thinking and learning skills and independent learning and research.

The SEAL Program is suited to girls who are capable of studying curriculum at a faster pace than mainstream classes, have a strong passion for learning, are capable of working independently, enjoy intellectual challenges and have superior ability to problem solve.

Visit the College website for more information and to apply for the SEAL Program: [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au)

If you are unable to attend our Open Day Sessions, the College also conducts tours with the Principal throughout the year. Bookings can be made by calling the College on: 9306 2544 or online at [www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment](http://www.pvgc.vic.edu.au/our-school/enrolment)