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Term 2 week 7

Newsletter



Principal's Report

As we enter the second half of term two, many things have been happening at the school.

CityLink Tulla widening Sustainability Grants.

This week started off with the presentation of the CityLink Tulla widening sustainability grant to our school on Monday from Transurban and Vicroads. One of our

parents Mrs Louise Pacor applied for this grant and was successful in getting a \$5000 sustainability grant for the school. The grant will be spent on purchasing sustainability type books for the library and home reading groups. This will allow our students to become more familiar with what sustainability is and why it is important. Our sustainability leaders Ava and Jack, chicken monitors Rayan and Hannah and Mrs Pacors' son George accepted the award from Transurban and Vicroads.

Footsteps

Footsteps the dance program for our foundation program concluded yesterday with 2 concerts, which was well attended by parents. The students really enjoyed themselves and showed off their dance moves to everyone. A big thankyou to Mrs Davide for organising the incursion and to the parents for supporting the program financially.

Parking Around the School and in the Staff Carpark

Just a reminder regarding parking around the school. I know that parking around the school can be very limited. However, some of the parking has put student lives in danger. Please do not double park on the road, or reverse out of streets, or block drive ways - just think about sensible driving and park appropriately. Try parking further away and walking part of the way. Please do not park in the teacher's car park or block the entrance as some of our staff finish before 3.30pm and are not able to get their cars out of the carpark.

Sick Children at School

We know that at this time of the year many people get sick. If your child is vomiting, please do not send them to school. We have had many teachers off with gastro over the last week or so. I understand that children can become sick at school and if this happens, we endeavour to send them home. However, we have had some students come to school even though they have been vomiting throughout the night.

Volunteers needed for reading

We are desperately in need of volunteers to listen to students read. If you can spare even one hour a week we would really appreciate your help. We have students in

grades 1-6 who would benefit greatly from an adult listening to them read each day. If you can spare the time we will have the student/students for you. Please let the office know if you can spare even an hour a week.

Student Led Conferences and Prep Parent Teacher Interviews

Whilst teachers are busy writing reports at present, they will go live on compass for parents on Friday 23rd June at 3.30pm. Please make sure that you have the correct passwords to access them. If not then please contact Mr Mitchell or the office. Bookings for Student led Conferences and Prep Parent Teacher Interviews will be done on-line through compass. A note will be coming out explaining what you have to do. Student Led Conferences and Prep Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Monday 26th June and Wednesday 28th June from 3.45-7.30pm. The last interview will be 7.15pm. Again, the note will explain what to do if you do not have electronic access to Compass.

Student Voice

The school leaders have organised a variety of activities over the year. The PE leaders will be running skipping sessions all next week during the lunchtime break. So come along and skip to music.

The sustainability leaders will begin Phantom weeding next week.

Just a reminder that we promote nude food at the school on Fridays in particular. Try and remember to pack your food in a lunchbox and try and leave gladwrap and wrappers at home. The more we reduce landfill and protect our waterways from plastic the better off our world will be.

Chocolate Drive

PFA are currently in the middle of their chocolate drive. This chocolate drive is a major fundraiser of the school. Money raised from this chocolate drive will go towards the purchase of new furniture for the multi-purpose shelter. I know that this could be seen as a conflict of interest when we are also trying to promote healthy eating in the school. However, we are hoping that you will sell the chocolates to a variety of people and not devour them all yourselves. PFA did not send out boxes to those families who had requested not to have a box. Unfortunately, there is very little that we can sell that will provide the same profit margins. However, PFA is always happy to have new suggestions for fund raising. We have had some chocolates returned to the school by families who are unable to sell them. If anyone would like additional chocolates to sell, please see Mandy or Sharon in the school office. A reminder that money and any unsold chocolates are due back by Friday 9th June. This month PFA will be having a night meeting on Wednesday 21st June at 6-6.45pm in the staff room, so come along with your suggestions.

Book Club

We have one order that did not have a name or class name attached to it. If you used a voucher with your order and are still waiting for your order to be delivered, please see Sharon or Mandy in the office to collect it. Please ensure all future orders are clearly labelled with your child's name, class and contact number in case follow up is needed.

Book Club Coordinator

Calendar

June

2 nd	Assembly 3pm
7 th	Emergency evacuation drill
8 th	Grade 3/4 excursion Van Gogh exhibition, National Gallery of Victoria
9 th	Foundation excursion Animal Land
9 th	Chocolate Drive money due to be returned
12 th	Queen's Birthday holiday
16 th	Assembly 3pm
21 st	School council meeting 7pm
23 rd	Reports available on compass 3.30pm
26 th	Student led conferences
28 th	Student led conferences
30 th	Assembly 2pm
30 th	LAST DAY TERM 2, <u>2.30PM FINISH</u>

School Athletics Day

Last Wednesday the 24th May, Pascoe Vale Primary School held their annual athletics carnival. Grades 2 - 6 participated at the Coburg Athletics track in all field events including shot put, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, 100 & 200 metres running. Each student had to participate in three events plus the two track events. The students had a great time and I was very proud of the student's behaviour and attitude at the event.

Preps and grades one had their own carnival at school, which saw them do 10 novelty events here.

A big thank you to Miss Kara. for organising the event and all the help from all of the other teachers. It was a great event enjoyed by all.

Ms Martin (PE teacher)



Sustainability News

Next week the Sustainability team will be introducing a new initiative called the 'Phantom Weeder'. Every Thursday one student from every classroom will be randomly selected by their classroom teacher to weed an area of the school grounds. This initiative will assist our school in reaching the goal of becoming a 5 star sustainable school.

I wonder who our first phantom weeders will be?

From Molly G



Head Lice

We have again had a report of head lice in the Foundation area of the school. Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair regularly. If lice/nits are found, please complete the treatment. This is not a one-dose procedure but must be repeated after 7 days and then 14 days later. To ensure all lice and nits are killed.

What is happening in 5/6S

For term two, the 5/6 students are learning about 'The World around Us' for our integrated topic. On the 23rd of May, we attended the Immigration Museum to learn about the diverse and brave people who have migrated to Victoria over the past 180 years. We adventured into ACMI to interact with amazing light, sound and digital displays.

This is what the students of 5/6S thought about our experience...

'We had to find out where the immigrants had come from and who they were by looking at the items in the suitcases. I also liked playing the games at ACMI.' – Malak

'We learnt about people who had migrated to Australia and discovered their interesting stories and journeys. We learnt that Aboriginal people have been in Australia for 60,000 years.' – Ella

A big thank you to Allison, Rachael, Claire, Inger, Vicki and Maxine for supporting and helping the 5/6 team with the excursion.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OUR FOUNDATION STUDENTS! They completed their 6 week dance workshops. Today they were able to show case what they had learnt to their family. I was extremely thrilled of their dance ability and proud of them all. Many thanks to our parents and grandparents who attended the concert. Your support is greatly appreciated. Signora Davide (Performing Arts teacher).

