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Newsletter



Principal's Report

From around midday last Wednesday until 2.30pm on Thursday, we experienced a power outage related to old electrical infrastructure. It was related generally to an undersupply of electricity into the school. There is planning underway for the upgrade of the power but for reasons beyond my control, this has not been actioned yet.

The Department of Education have indicated they will provide the school with a generator, which will be used in times of peak power usage. It was particularly challenging due to the heat and this really was the cause of the power outage - more than 24 air conditioners running. I have been reflecting on this, noticing just how reliant we are on power at the school, with learning almost ceasing due to the heat in some areas and certainly much disruption having no internet. It didn't seem so long ago that the school had no air conditioning and certainly no internet. We certainly must embrace the future and all capabilities technology provides us but we must remember to remain resilient and able to operate effectively in all sorts of conditions. When the staff arrived for the curriculum day on Thursday there was much concern regarding no internet and also the heat. I was incredibly impressed with how the staff worked around the issues, using the time to work in teams to plan well-developed and exciting programs for 2018. The ES staff were also busy in the office sorting files and documents ready for the end of year. The dedication and commitment was very evident and I thank them all for their wonderful composure and sense of humour in a less than favourable situation.

School Council Report

On the 22nd of November, we had our last 2017 School Council meeting for 2017. All sub committees presented reports with the draft of Pascoe Vale Primary Annual Implementation plan being presented and 2018 budget and proposed classroom structure – see below. The Council has had a productive year and I would personally like to acknowledge and thank all the members for their time and commitment to the school and their contribution this year.

Thank you, Carla:

I would also like to echo Nella Caruana's thanks to **Carla Maddern**, a long-time school council member and president of our Parents and Friends Committee. Carla's family are moving the day after school finishes to Brisbane to be close to Carla's parents. Carla has also fulfilled other roles at the school including the school representative at the farmers market and enrolment support for the OSHC program over the last few years. Carla was the primary driver with Lyndal Herbert for the very successful fete last year. In a time when families are very busy and many parents work, Carla has been a constant source of energy in driving both the fund raising and social functions for years at PVPS. Whether it

was a raffle, school disco, trivia night, bake stall or chasing up the council about parking, Carla was there. Her quiet and calm disposition made working with her a delight and she never seemed to tire. There are no words that adequately express the thanks I want to send to Carla. Her contribution has been exceptional and she will be greatly missed.

Staffing News

We farewell Bella Braddy as she and her partner Matt await the arrival of their first child. We wish them well for the exciting times ahead. We welcome Eve Melgaard to our staff – she has taken over Foundation I for the remainder of the year.

2018 Learning Spaces

We have needed to reposition our classrooms to accommodate an increase in overall student enrolments as well as accommodate an increase from twenty-four home groups to twenty-five home groups. Therefore, we will be using our new modular five portable learning to relocate several classrooms. For your interest, an overview of our 2018 school's plan is published in this newsletter.

In order to best prepare our classrooms, and coordinate the relocation of grades for the successful beginning to the 2018 school year, a staged process for moving furniture and grades has been planned. Over the coming weeks, we will begin to relocate classrooms and programs. In doing so, we will endeavor to minimize the overall disruption to delivering high quality learning and teaching. Again, if you believe your child will require some support for a change, please do not hesitate in contacting your child's classroom teacher, Lisa Audino or myself.

A reminder that if your family is taking a long period of absence from the school or is transferring to another school next year, the school would appreciate being notified in writing as soon as possible. This would greatly assist our teachers and school to finalise the placement of students in Home Groups for 2018.

Regards to all, Anne Naughton

2018 class structure			
Foundation x 5 classes	ROOM	Years 3/4 x 6 classes	
Foundation 1	Bell	3/4 1	room 1
Foundation 2	Franklin	3/4 2	room 2
Foundation 3	PELC/Edison	3/4 3	room 3
Foundation 4	Einstein	3/4 4	room 4
Foundation 5	Library area	3/4 5	room 6
Year 1 x 5 classes		3/4 6	room 7
1	room24	Years 5/6 X 5classes	
1	room 25	5/6 1	room 8
1	room 26	5/6 2	room 9
1	room 27	5/6 3	room 10
1	room 28	5/6 4	room 11
Year 2 x 4 classes		5/6 5	room 12
2	room 23	Visual Arts	15 (Term 1)
2	room 22	Performing Arts	GP
2	room 21	PE	GP
2	room 20	LOTE (Italian)	

Special Visit

On Wednesday the 29th November, I had a lovely visit from some past students who attended Pascoe Vale Primary School from 1965 to 1971. Robyn Mackenzie, Robert Brown, Kerryn Spokes and Kerry Jenkins were amongst approximately 50 past students and two teachers who attended a reunion of the Grade 6's from the class of 1971. They described their evening on the 11th of November as a wonderful night where stories were shared and friendships rekindled. They remembered the school and their primary years as a very happy time in their lives. Student numbers were up around 1000 then, with more than 30 students per class! Robert also recalled that it was a very sporty school, with football being extremely popular- they even made it to state finals! This very generous group of former students and staff had a collection on their reunion evening and ended up with the substantial amount of \$485 left over. They have very kindly donated this to Pascoe Vale Primary School with the request that these funds go towards assisting students in need.

I would personally like to thank them for taking the time to visit us and for their very kind and generous donation. What wonderful Pascoe Vale Primary School alumni.



Calendar

December

- 4th First Aid for Students- St John Ambulance visit
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- 6th 2018 Grades 1-6 transition session 2
- 8th Bake stall – Foundation
- 13th Christmas Concert 6.30pm start
- 15th Creative Music Concert
- 20th 2018 Grades 1-6 transition session 3
- 20th Creative Music Concert
- 21st Grade 6 Graduation
- 22nd Last day – Assembly 1pm and early finish at 1.30 pm



Term Dates for 2018

- Term 1- Jan 29th Teachers return
Jan 30th students return
February 21st Curriculum Day
Thursday 29th March Term 1 ends
- Term 2 - April 16th- June 29th
- Term 3 - July 16th- Sept 21
- Term 4 - Oct 8th- Dec 21st

Newsletters

All previous issues of the newsletter can be found on the website at <http://www.pvps.vic.edu.au> under the parent tab.

The last day for icy poles for the year will be this Thursday 7th December, so bring along your 50 cents and enjoy a Zooper Dooper at school with your friends ☺



PASCOE VALE P.S CHRISTMAS CONCERT Wednesday 13th December

Christmas concert tickets are available for purchase for \$2 per ticket, which helps cover the cost of stage and audio. PVPS students and children under 5 are free. Please send orders with the students to their grades and the tickets will be sent home.

Welcome to Prep B!

This term prep B have been working hard in all curriculum areas. In particular, we have been looking at 'sharing' in mathematics. Children investigated a worded problem and used materials to work out their answer.

Have a look at the great work we have been doing 😊



Here is a worded problem that EVERYONE can do at home with their family:

20 people said they wanted to do a dance. The teacher said they must dance in groups so that nobody is left out. How many different types of groups can you make?

