Principal’s Report

This year the school will be focusing on trying to enhance school communication with our families. The home school relationship is very important and has a significant impact on student learning. We are continuing the traditional forms of communication such as notes and this newsletter, however much of this will be digital via the school webpage and the Compass portal. The functionality of the Compass program will be extended through the year to include payments and the parent permission process. Andrew Mitchell is facilitating the roll out of the Compass portal and this week he has sent out login details to all our new families for 2017. I would encourage you to get logged in and also if you have a smart phone or ipad get the Compass app for easy access. A further part of our home school connection will be through Classdojo. Several classes particularly the 3/4 area, last year, used this communication app. We had many parents/guardians connecting up to the classrooms via Classdojo and positive feedback from lots of the families. This year all grades will be connected to Classdojo – today your child will bring home an explanation and permission slip for your child’s involvement. There are some guidelines about appropriate communication on this platform, which must be followed – I encourage you to get on board!

Also coming up is swimming for the grade 1-4 classes. The schedule has been worked out and lesson time and reminders will be sent home next week. Many thanks to Miss Kara.

Meet and Greet for classes from 1-6 will be in week five (Monday the 27th of February and Wednesday the 1st of March). Appointments will be booked via Compass so keep an eye out for the details and when these bookings go live.

We have had some very hot days this week and we suffered power outages related to high power consumption. Some Life Education classes needed to be rescheduled but no one will miss out.

The Welcome BBQ had to be postponed due to a total fire ban – but that has allowed us to rethink the event which was to be limited to Prep families and new families in the school due to large numbers and our capacity to cater for these numbers. The event has been rescheduled to next Thursday the 16th of February and...
all the community is invited however families will **bring their own picnic, chairs, rugs** etc. The forecast looks great for that date, so fingers crossed!
The cooler weather today has been a nice relief and much more conducive to learning. Reminder in this hot weather, that all students are wearing hats and also bringing drink bottles (preferably containing water) to school. The wearing of the school uniform is an expectation so please remind your children (especially some of our senior students) that non-uniform clothing is not to be worn at school.

Warm regards
Anne Naughton
Acting Principal

**Calendar**

**February**

15\textsuperscript{th}  Foundation Testing  
15\textsuperscript{th}  School council 7pm  
16\textsuperscript{th}  Welcome picnic 5pm to 7pm all families BYO  
17\textsuperscript{th}  Life Education finishes  
20\textsuperscript{th}  Swimming commences Grades 1 to 4 (Monday to Thursday)  
22\textsuperscript{nd}  Foundation Testing  
27\textsuperscript{th}  Meet & Greet Grades 1-6  

**March**

1\textsuperscript{st}  Foundation Testing  
1\textsuperscript{st}  Meet & Greet Grades 1-6  
2\textsuperscript{nd}  Last day Swimming  
8\textsuperscript{th}  Foundation Testing Last session  
13\textsuperscript{th}  Labour Day Holiday  
15\textsuperscript{th}  Foundation students attend (First Wednesday)  
15\textsuperscript{th}  School Council AGM  
20\textsuperscript{th}  School Photos  

**A message from our new Assistant Principal**

Over a week in the role, I would like to take this opportunity to formally introduce myself and say thank you for the kind and warm welcome I have received from the students, staff, parents and carers of the Pascoe Vale Primary School community. Although it was a sad experience leaving my previous school Roxburgh Park PS as their Assistant Principal, I am excited about beginning this new chapter in my career, which has so far spanned 20 years in about five or so locations ranging from small to large city schools.

The real growth in learning, culture and dispositions is fantastic to experience. I believe it is not about where you are as a school, it is always about growth, continuous improvement, not being complacent or satisfied. We are here to make a difference for our students and their families. So why Pascoe Vale Primary School? I believe both teachers and schools need renewal. As my tenure at Roxburgh Park was concluding at the end of 2018, I was ready for the next professional opportunity and challenge.
On my first day, I spent some time in every class introducing myself and getting to know the students. What beautiful and respectful students we have. I look forward to getting to know each one. I will continue to come out in the yard before and after school introducing myself to parents and carers. Susan Smith and Anne Naughton continue to do a fantastic job in leading this school. I am fortunate to have a dedicated and talented leadership team and staff to work with. Please stop and say hello, I can be found in the PELC building most times in the Wellbeing & Student Engagement Office. I look forward to meeting you all and enjoying my journey with you all at Pascoe Vale P.S.

Kid regards,
Lisa Audino
Assistant Principal, Wellbeing & Student Engagement.

Compass in 2017
We will be continuing to use the Compass Parent Portal in 2017. It is of high importance that parents have access to the portal in 2017 as you will be using Compass to approve absences, check reports, make payments and book parent teacher interviews. All new families received a letter with their log in details this week. If you did not receive a letter, then please let me know. Next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday I will be available to assist parents with logging in if they have any issues.
Andrew Mitchell

Parent Meet and Greet
Parent Meet and Greet bookings will be available through Compass from Monday 13th of February.

E-Smart Information Evening
A reminder that there will be a compulsory E-Smart information evening on the 15th of February at 6pm. It is of high importance that grade 3 parents and parents of new students in grades 3-6 attend.

School Banking can you help?
In order for school banking to run this year we need two volunteers to assist each Tuesday morning. Training will be provided. We will let families know when school banking will resume. Volunteers will need a valid working with children check.

Lunch orders
Lunch orders will commence from next Wednesday 15th February. Lunch orders need to be brought to school and placed in the classrooms lunch order tub by your child. The order must be written on a brown paper bag with child’s name, grade, and room number, with the correct money enclosed. No late orders can be accepted. Foundation/Prep students will not start having lunch orders until term 2. A copy of the
lunch order menu is on the last page of this newsletter. It will also be available on the school website and from the school office.

**Head lice**
We have had a case of head lice reported in the grade 1/2 area. Please be vigilant in checking your children’s hair and complete the appropriate treatment.
PLEASE NOTE: The school accepts no responsibility for the goods/services advertised in this newsletter. Items are promoted subject to availability of space and are offered for community service. Due to the amount of advertising, flyers are posted on the notice board at reception. Please check on the noticeboard if you have an interest.

Learn music
here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Pascoe Vale Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-to-one lessons of up to 30 minutes give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

Tuition costs from $16.20 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 1, 2017.

Interested parents should call Sharon during office hours on 9818 2333 or email sharon@creativemusic.com.au

Creative Music
www.creativemusic.com.au
PASCOE VALE PRIMARY SCHOOL
2017 CHILDREN’S LUNCH MENU
WEDNESDAY’S ONLY
Must be pre ordered
Bring order to school on Tuesdays
(Updated as at 10th February 2017)

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**Sandwich/Rolls EXTRAS**
- Salad items: add extra for each item: Lettuce, Cucumber, Tomato, Carrot, Beetroot. $0.20
- Cheese: add extra $0.50
- Avocado: add extra $0.50
- Toasted Sandwiches: add extra $0.50
- Bread Roll: add extra $0.50

Please advise if your child would like Margarine on their sandwich/roll.

**CAKES**
- Lge Croissant: Plain/Choc $2.00
- LGE Choc Chip COOKIES $2.50
- Tarts: Strawberry/Lemon $1.50
- Donut - Jam $2.00
- Just Juice: Apple, Orange $2.00
- Water $2.20
- Chocolate or Strawberry Milk $2.50

**INSTRUCTIONS**
- PLEASE WRITE ORDERS ON A BROWN PAPER BAG AND FOLD WITH THE MONEY INSIDE.
- DO NOT USE STAPLES.
- WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME, GRADE & ROOM NUMBER ON A BROWN PAPER BAG and bring to school on TUESDAY.
- PLEASE SPECIFY WHAT TYPE OF BREAD/ROLL, IF SAUCE, MARGARINE OR ANY EXTRAS REQUIRED.
- ALL ORDERS ARE TO BE PLACED AT SCHOOL NOT AT THE SHOP.

• NO CREDIT IS AVAILABLE.