



Thursday 9th March 2017

Term 1 Week 5

Newsletter

Principal's Report

School Council Annual General Meeting

Next Wednesday the 15th of March the AGM for the Pascoe Vale School Council will be held at 7pm. This is open to all the school community and the 2016 Annual report will be presented. This is the final meeting of the 2016 School Council and I would like to take the

opportunity to thank those members who are not continuing, for their time and service to the school – Carl W, Doug Lorman, George Mallon and Zoltan Sakal. The first meeting of the 2017 School Council will follow the AGM, at approximately 8pm. I would also like to thank and welcome the seven nominated members for this year's council – Nella Caruana, Paul Wise, Melissa Brown, Bree Mills, Kevan Myers, Shuhsien Tsou and Kiymet Kaman. We received 7 nominations, which matched the number required so no election was necessary. I look forward to a productive year.



ClassDojo

It has been exciting to see the amount of views and likes we are receiving on the school page. I was impressed by some student artwork put up by Maria Lyon our Visual Arts teacher. I have seen some of this work displayed around the school but I love that the school and class pages allow us to connect to families away from the school, who may not get into the building to see the work displayed. Please speak to your child's teacher if you have not got a log in code. Remember this is only seen by people who have a login code (members of our community). Please remember that the classroom dojo is not a place for formal communication there may be general class reminders and content about the learning and happenings in the classroom. Class dojo is NOT for formal communication. It is NOT for progress reporting or the place to sort out worries and concerns. For these matters you need to ring the school and organise a time to speak to the teacher. Please do not expect the teacher to be available to talk to you when class has started. Urgent concerns can be sorted quickly through the office.

Helping Your Child at Home Workshops

Earlier this week we have had the workshops for parents to help their child at home particularly for the early year's students - Foundation to two. It was great to see so many parents and take the opportunity to build stronger partnerships between school and home. If you were unable to attend Mrs Bertolacci will be able to provide you with the hand out sheets. There are tips for numeracy and literacy on the school

web site. Please also check out the following link which has a series of newsletters about school – particularly related to Foundation students.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/primary/Pages/p4p.aspx>

Ride to School Day March 17th

Don't forget to ride, scoot or walk to school on Friday the 17th of March. Please keep an eye out for directions to where each grade level enters and parks their bikes and scooters. Thank you to Mrs Klinkatsis and the Sustainability team for organising this day.

Foundation (Prep)-fulltime

Next Wednesday the foundation students attend full time. We have finished extensive one on one assessments and gained information to guide our teaching programs. I will also like to add for parent's information that this assessment is mandated by the Victorian Education Department but at Pascoe Vale Primary School we ensure our classroom teachers administer the assessments so they get to have quality one on one time with their students. Please be mindful the adding of the extra day may be challenging at first for some children. Your children may be tired so maybe limit extra activities during the school week till they adjust to school hours.

Compass Pay

Beginning next term all excursions and events requiring money collection will be carried out electronically on Compass Pay. This includes notes and permission slips. This will streamline money collections in the school and avoid the "I didn't get the note" problem. Further information is contained in this newsletter.

Enjoy the long weekend

Anne Naughton

Calendar

March

- 13th Labour Day Holiday
- 15th Foundation students attend (First Wednesday)
- 15th School Council AGM
- 17th Ride to school day
- 20th School Photos
- 21st 2018 Foundation tour 10am & 7pm
- 24th Bake Stall
- 31st **Last day Term one 2.30pm finish**

April

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

Compass Pay

We are currently in the process of organising Compass Pay. This will give you the opportunity to organise payments and give permission for camps and excursions through compass. In future we will be communicating all excursions and special activities through Compass.

PVPS Book Club;

The catalogues for the current Book Club issue should have been distributed in the class rooms this week. We encourage all families to download the LOOP app and use this to order via the online ordering system. It is the most secure way for your money and to ensure your book choices are correctly ordered as it is processed directly to Scholastic. All purchases help earn rewards for Pascoe Vale Primary and enable resources to be bought by the library for everyone to use.

This year we are having one order per term so we are starting with Issue #2.

Please have you order completed by Friday 17th March to allow time for the orders to be processed before the end of term. Attached to the newsletter is info on how to use the LOOP.

Cheers

Book Club Coordinator

Sports News:

Congratulations to Sabina, Molly, Ella, Selena and Ollie who competed yesterday, Wednesday 8th March, in the Division Swimming Championship at Northcote pools. It was extremely challenging for our students competing against students who have swimming pools at their school but they all tried very hard and we are very proud of their efforts. Next Wednesday Ollie will be competing in the Regional Swimming Championship. We wish him the best of luck!

News from 5/6O

We have all settled well into our 5/6 classrooms for 2017. Some students from 5/6O are reporting on their year so far.

The grade six students are in their last year of school and have just started the fun! So far, we have played our first two games of interschool sports. I played on the basketball team with Mahan, Robert, Matthew, Mark and Shayan. To start the year, we played a home game against Coburg West and won 21-11. It was a fair and enjoyable game. Some things that helped us win were Robert and Mahan's defending, my scoring and our team work.

The second game was an away game against Pascoe Vale North. We lost 50-3 but we still had an entertaining game. Thanks to Ms O'Reilly for helping us train and Ms Claire for being a wonderful coach and referee. We have two more games left for the term and cross your fingers for a win for us!

Payman S reporting from basketball news!

The grade 6 students are in their last year at Pascoe Vale Primary School. I have had an awesome experience at Pascoe Vale Primary School and I am very excited to be in an awesome cohort for my final year. Through the year the grade six students will be participating in interschool sport. The first game of Softball we played was against Coburg West. The final scores were 3-13 in their favour. Some of the highlights were

Jack B's batting and home run and Oliver C's excellent fielding. Also our efforts in the field with bat in hand were outstanding for our first game.

Our second game was against Pascoe Vale North in a thriller. Myself and Oliver smashed the ball into the back field for two home runs. It was a nail biting game as Pascoe Vale North took the win 7-8 in their favour. I would like to thank Mr Faoro for coaching us and umpiring us!

Hady H reporting from Softball Sports News!

VISUAL ART

WOW!! This term is flying by so quickly and I must say the students and I have been having a fabulous time in the art room. We've been really busy working on our projects and getting to know each other. I'm still working hard at learning approximately 300 names but nonetheless the quality of work that I'm seeing from each of the students has been unbelievable!



The grade preps have learnt all about primary and secondary colours and how important shapes are when drawing pictures. The children have learnt about the famous abstract artist Kandinsky and I'm sure if you ask Prep S, Prep K or Prep G students to sing the song about Kandinsky, you'll be amazed.



Grade 1/2 students have completed their self portraits. Not only am I impressed by how well some of the students have drawn themselves, but how well they have captured their personalities in their drawings.



The grade 3/4 students have also worked on self portraits, however they have looked at a particular Italian artist and his style of painting portraits. The students worked very well at delivering Amadeo Modigliani's style of artwork.



The 5/6 students are still in the midst of their collaborative project, where they are working together with others to complete masterpieces. The students need to create a picture that will excite the senses. I'm hoping parents of students in the grade 5/6 departments could make some small donations of materials that students will be needing to work on their projects. We would be grateful for bags of kidney beans, red, brown lentils, split peas, bottle tops, flower petals, buttons or ribbons.



Also many thanks to those of you who have brought in wool and large cardboard material. It has certainly come in handy.



Displays of children's work will be around the school. I have included some of the finished pieces for you to view. A presto/till next time.....Signora Lyon

