



Friday 29th November 2019

Term 4 Week 8

Newsletter



Principal Report

School Council

On Wednesday night, we had our final School Council meeting for the year. On behalf of the whole school community, I thanked the staff and parent representatives for all their contributions and commitment to the school. The Council has had a successful year and at all times been generous in their support and advocacy of the school across a range of activities and matters. The meetings are run efficiently and with clear intent on the smooth operation of the school, with the aim of continually building and improving. I have been able to call on members to attend meetings with the Deputy Premier, the Building Authority, Foundation tours, Graduation and the list goes on.

At the meeting the indicative budgets for 2020, as well as the final 2019 balances were presented and Mandy Sicura was commended for the quality of the work she undertakes in a very complex environment.

Additionally, we looked at planning for 2020 including the estimated student population and class structures. We have a number of staff taking some leave and some new additional staff employed. (see below)

We looked at several policies, including the Mobile Phone Policy, which has been updated in accordance with a recent ministerial order. This is being enacted across the state and is mandatory. Currently at PVPS, we do not have any issue with students who bring phones into the school environment. The research in this area however, brings very serious concerns about the impact on our young people if they continue to have unrestricted access to cellular devices during the school day, (which our students do not). I encourage parents to access the 'Mobile phones in schools' parent information on the Department website at:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/mobile-phones-in-schools.aspx> for any further information.

We have also updated our enrolment policy based on the Department's *Placement Policy*. The only real change as of the updated policy, is that we can no longer assure families that a sibling will be accepted if their residential address is outside our school zone. The only children assured a place at the school are children residing inside the zone. This means if you move or live outside the zone and you wish to enrol a sibling, the school may refuse the enrolment if the school has no places to offer. This certainly is not our intention but with the school likely to go beyond its population ceiling of 625 in 2021, we need to make families fully aware.

2020 Enrolments

<u>2020 Grade structures</u>		Foundation	93
Foundation	5 classes	Grade 1	90
Grade 1	4 classes	Grade 2	98
Grade 2	4 classes	Grade 3	108
Grade 3/4	7 classes	Grade 4	82
Grade 5/6	6 classes	Grade 5	86
		Grade 6	55
Total	26 classes	Total	612

Respect and Responsibility

Over the last few weeks, we have had a number of incidents around the school of vandalism. These include breaking and damaging school facilities, deliberately breaking pavers in the children's garden, pulling immature fruit off the trees in the orchard and scratching names and initials in paintwork. The list goes on. I feel disappointed but know it is only a few, and children are still developing the skills to regulate their impulses and make good decisions all the time. This is an opportunity to use the negative situation to highlight a positive action. We constantly reinforce our school values of Respect and Responsibility and would really appreciate your support in also building the concept of community responsibility. At PVPS, we aim to support the development of productive and future ready citizens, with a strong sense of respect and community responsibility. This is a home school partnership developing those building blocks of understanding.

A new updated Code of Conduct has been finalised in preparation for 2020. The SEEL subcommittee has been working on this in conjunction with the teachers. It was presented at School Council and will be the focus of the PVPS 'Start Up' program implemented at the beginning of 2020 in all classrooms. At the 'Meet and Greet' appointments, the Code of Conduct will be discussed, signed and kept in the student's school file.

It is a very busy and exciting time at PVPS, with not long to go before the end of the school year. Please inform the school if you are leaving PVPS as soon as possible. Teachers are finalising the student end of year reports, the concert and graduation preparations are well under way and the 2020 grades 1 to 6 transition sessions began last Wednesday.



Calendar

December

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| 4 th | Whole school transition session 2 – 2.30pm-3.30pm |
| 6 th | Assembly 3pm |
| 7 th | Working Bee – 9.30am – 11.30am |
| 10 th | Grade 6 transition to year 7 |
| 11 th | End of year Concert |
| 13 th | Creative Music concert – 4pm in the library (Andrea) |
| 16 th | Creative Music concert – 4pm in the library (Brennan) |
| 17 th | Grade 6 Graduation |
| 18 th | Creative Music concert – 4pm in the library (Bill) |
| 19 th | Whole school final transition- 9.30am-11am |
| 20 th | LAST DAY TERM 4 - ASSEMBLY 1PM and EARLY FINISH 1.30PM |



Working Bee

We would love to see you there!
Sat 7th December, 9.30am-11.30am
(or for any part of that time ☺)

What's happening in Foundation M?

Reading:

In reading, we have been focussing on retelling the stories we read and listen to. We always make sure that we retell the story in our own words.



Writing:

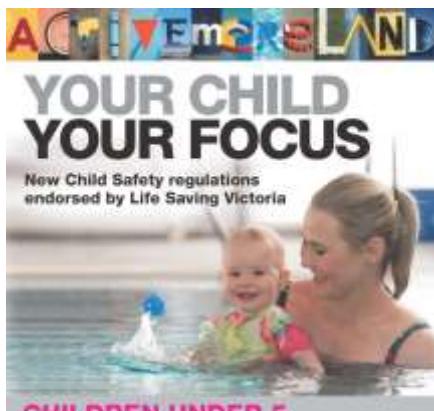
This week we have started planning and writing our narratives. We had to plan our **Bold beginnings**, **Mighty middles** and **Excellent endings**. Have a look at our great work!!



Maths:

Over the last few weeks we have been focussing on place value. We have learnt all about 2 digits numbers and what each number represents. We have showed this by using bundling sticks.





Title: Active Moreland Watch Around Water Updated Policy

Content: Active Moreland in partnership with Lifesaving Victoria have updated the Watch Around Policy.

Did you know drownings in Australia have risen by 51% compared to same time last year.

Active Moreland are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for everyone who enters our facilities. As of Sunday 1 September, it is important to know that:

Children under 5 years of age must be accompanied into the facility by a responsible person who is prepared to swim. All children under 5 will be asked to wear a **PINK** wrist band for our lifeguard to identify them.

A responsible person who is prepared to and constantly and actively supervises them in and out of the water must accompany children 5 – 9 years into the facility. All children 5 – 9 years will be asked to wear a **YELLOW** wristband for our lifeguard to identify them.

This policy takes place at all of our Aquatic and Leisure facilities including;

Oak Park Sports and Aquatic Centre
Brunswick Baths
Coburg Leisure Centre
Fawkner Leisure Centre
Pascoe Vale Outdoor Pool
Coburg Olympic Swimming Pool

Please be aware this new policy is part of our terms and conditions of entry. The safety of our patrons is our number one priority. If you have any questions regarding these updates, please speak to the staff on duty upon your next visit.

The Mayor and Councillors of Moreland City Council invite you to the official launch of

"Where We Have Come To" by Anton Hasell

Thursday 5 December, 4pm - 6pm
Saxon St
Laneway beside Brunswick Library
Corner Sydney Rd and Dawson St, Brunswick

This event will be a celebration of Moreland's multiculturalism as we launch Anton Hasell's bronze twisted rope sculpture.

This sculpture represents the many diverse cultures that give strength to the community of Moreland.

Join us to create a community musical event as guests are invited to play Hasell's bimetal bell sculpture, and ring the Federation Handbells which will be available at the event.

The event will begin with opening remarks by Cr Lambros Tapinos, Mayor of Moreland City Council.

For more information please visit our website [www.moreland.vic.gov.au](#) or call 9428 1111.

Moreland Languages Link

Khmer	9380 1912	Tai Kok	9380 1914
Balinese	9380 1911	Tieng VHM	9380 1915
ESL/FM	9380 1912	Viet	9380 1918
etc.	9380 1913	Other	9380 0710
Chinese	9380 0709		

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