Principal’s Report

Reminder Prep and New Family Picnic tonight 5.30pm to 8.00pm—Junior Playground on Melbourne Road

FAMILY CONFERENCES
On Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March all parents and students will have an opportunity to attend a family conference with their child’s teacher. Conferences will run from 3:30pm – 6:00pm on each of these days and are expected to last for ten minutes each. Details for booking your preferred timeslot online are included in this Newsletter.

The aim of the family conference is for teachers to provide a brief summary of each child’s start to the school year and then for students to share their Semester One learning goals. Parents will also have the chance to ask questions and seek any clarification in regards to these learning goals. Through involving students, parents and teachers in these conferences, we aim to build clear learning pathways and a strong supportive framework for each of our students.

In further support of our classroom teachers, we ask that each family endeavour to book only one timeslot (if possible), however we appreciate that this may be difficult for some separated families.

STAFF TRAINING DAY REMINDER
As mentioned in previous Newsletters, the school will be closed on Tuesday 11th March for our second staff training day for this year. Please note that this training day follows on from the Labour Day weekend, thereby facilitating a four day weekend.

Teachers will be working on developing our curriculum planning processes for the important area of Writing. Further to the curriculum guidelines provided through AusVELS, we aim to develop ‘Power Standards’ for each year level that will identify the standards that each child will have in place as they progress through their year level.

I’ll provide a report on how this day unfolds in an upcoming Newsletter.

eNEWS
I hope everyone has now received their first edition of eNews for their child/ren’s class. The eNews aims to provide you with a fortnightly snapshot of the classroom program including key learning focuses, upcoming events and social opportunities. My sincere thanks to all of our class reps for getting this important communication program up and running again for 2014.

UNIFORM SHOP
We apologise for recent delays with some uniform stock – particularly the polo
shirts. We are working closely with PSW to ensure we have appropriate stock levels of all items. If you are currently waiting for an order, Kara will contact you when this order arrives at the school. We thank you for your patience on this matter.

**TREE MANAGEMENT PLAN**

Every six months, a full visual inspection is undertaken of all the trees in the school grounds. We engage a local arborist/horticulturist to undertake these inspections in consultation with myself and action plans are then developed detailing the work that needs to be carried out. Please be assured that we are extremely vigilant on all safety matters such as these in order to ensure that we minimise any risks to our students.

**THE NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS CONFERENCE**

Last Monday I had the good fortune to be able to attend the National Young Leaders Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre with 14 of our Year 6 leaders. The theme for this year’s conference was ‘I am somebody’ and during the course of the program five guest speakers shared their respective journeys and elaborated on this theme. The speakers included Kevin Sheedy (past AFL coach), Jessica Fox (Olympic medallist from London 2012), John Marsden (Author), Daniel Flynn (founder of thankyou) and Mike Martin (Executive Director of the Halogen Foundation). It was inspiring to listen to each of these speakers and to hear about the hard work that contributed to their successes as well as the challenges they had to face along the way.

I was very proud of our students as their behaviour was exemplary and they engaged strongly with all aspects of the program. Here are some of their reflections from this conference:

*Olivia R – I learnt that you are never too young to start being a leader. Leadership is not about having a badge and that you do it because you want to.*

*Bailey L – I have learnt that if you want to do something then do it whilst you’re young because you might not achieve it when you’re older.*

*Angus A – Dream big so that you can achieve.*

*Latham S – Never stop dreaming and never give up.*

*Adelaide – No matter who you are you can always achieve your dreams.*

*Isabel C – I learnt that we should dream big because nothing is impossible and to never let anything hold you back.*

*Adem S – I learnt about the importance of clean water in poor countries and that you should always look after yourself.*

*Kyiesha T – Never give up and you’re never too young to start anything.*

*Kade H – Nothing can stop you from doing what you want to do.*

*Will S – You don’t have to be old to start something.*

*Mali – I learnt to never give up and in the end you will achieve what you were trying to achieve.*

*Damien – I learnt that is easier than I thought to design and make a water company.*

*Summa B – You’re never too young to start being a leader.*

*Zoe E – I learnt that having a badge does not matter. The thing that matters is you being the best leader you can.*

Many thanks also to Simon Radford (Year 6 Teacher) for helping to organise this wonderful opportunity for our students and for his support on the day.

Enjoy your week

Jim Cahill—Principal
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Parent/Teacher/Student conferences will be held for all Prep to Year 6 classes on Monday 17th and Tuesday 18th March.

The focus of the conference is for your child/ren to share their work and discuss how they are going with achieving their ‘Learning Goals’. Teachers will discuss the learning and progress of your child and strategies, to either extend their learning, or provide additional support.

To book a time for your child’s P/T/S Conference, go online www.schoolinterviews.com.au. Follow the step-by-step process, using the Event Code 2HZZC. At the end of the ‘booking,’ confirmation is sent to your email address. Online bookings will open on Monday 3rd March at 9.00am, and close on Friday 14th at 4.00pm.

Please remember, that once a time has been booked, the options for parents are reduced, so, be prompt to select your time. If all conference times are booked, please contact your child’s teacher to make an alternative time.

If your appointment is during the school day, you will also be informed where you can collect your child from and then proceed to their classroom to meet with their teacher.

The P/T/S Conference days are as follows:

**Monday 17th March**
- 3.00pm to 3.30pm, Assembly in the Gym
- 3.30pm to 6.00pm – **All classes**
- 4.00pm to 6.00pm – Specialist Teachers

**Tuesday 18th March**
- 3.00pm to 3.30pm, All classes in the Gym
- 3.30pm to 6.00pm – **All classes**
- 4.00pm to 6.00pm – Specialist Teachers

If you would like to make an appointment with a Specialist teacher, (Felicity Minton - ICT, Sarah Nobbs - PE, Helen Atkins – Japanese, Dean Pearce – Performing Arts and Vicki Symons - Visual Arts) please select a time via the online booking system.

P/T/S conferences are highly effective in enhancing children’s motivation and understanding of their learning. The length of each P/T/S Conference is **“up to 10 minutes”**.

Prior to the conferences, teachers and children will spend time discussing how to take part in a Parent/Teacher/Student Conference. We believe all parents and children will find the Conferences very informative and rewarding.

The Prep & Year 1 & 2 children will talk about their ‘Goals’ and achievements, as well as articulating their learning.

The Year 3 to 6 children will talk about their ‘Learning Goals’ and what they were aiming to achieve in the first half of the year, and how they progressed towards their goals, or what may have prevented them from achieving their goals.

If a parent or teacher requires time for a ‘one-on-one’ discussion, this can be factored in towards the end of the Conference, or an alternative time/date can be arranged.

Jim Cahill            Wendy Emin
Principal            Assistant Principal
Rosters...
Fresh Fruit Friday (FFF)
This is a very social and interactive group who volunteer an hour of their time each Friday morning. Thank you to the many dedicated parents that assist with Fresh Fruit Friday. Fresh Fruit Friday will need parent volunteers for this week and any other Friday throughout the school year. If you are available on Friday, please meet in the Staffroom at 9.00am. A Reply slip is included in this weeks Newsletter.

Canteen—NEW HELPERS MOST WELCOME
Julieanne Weir manages our Canteen and is always very appreciative of the time parents or family members can volunteer to help in the Canteen. Julieanne can be contacted via the General Office. New parents or family members are always needed and most welcome. So, if you can spare any of your valuable time, it would be greatly appreciated. Please complete the Reply slip in today's Newsletter.

Thursday 27th February—Tracey Somerville
Friday 28th February—Kellie Walker
Wednesday 5th March—Helene Knoppa
Thursday 6th March—Anne Tobin

Uniform Shop News
Primary School Wear (PSW) is now our official Uniform supplier. For all uniform enquiries please contact Kara on her mobile: 0413 008 185, between 9.00am and 5.00pm weekdays (excluding weekends and school holidays).

School Banking
School banking day is Wednesday. Don’t forget to send in your child’s bank book.

Student Safety
Please take the time to regularly remind your child/ren about safety, especially when going to and from school. Here are the important points to mention:
• Do not to talk to strangers and never accept a ride from a stranger, or accept lollies or gifts from a stranger.
• Immediately report any issue or problem you may have when going to or from school, to your mum and dad, or to your teacher, the Principal, Assistant Principal or office staff.
• Always get permission from mum or dad before going to play with a friend after school and always let mum and dad know where you will be and what time you will be home.
We advise that, wherever possible, children should travel to or from school with an adult or with their friends, rather than travel alone.

Early Release
All children collected from school before 3.30pm must be signed out at the Office. Parents will be handed an 'Early Release Pass' to hand to the supervising teacher. If a child is signed out at Recess or Lunch time, the Office staff will call the child to the Office and then ensure the Early Release Pass is given to the supervising teacher.

Bikes & Scooters
Many children ride bikes and scooters to school each day. All bikes and scooters must be locked up in either the Bike or Scooter Enclosure to prevent theft. Please ensure your child has a chain and a lock. All children who ride a bike or scooter must wear a helmet which is a requirement by the Government. The school regularly reminds all children about wearing helmets for their safety. All bikes, scooters, skateboards, ribtics and helmets must be labelled, with your child’s name and class. Children are reminded they must walk their bike, scooter, skateboard or ribtic to and from the school gates. No bikes are to be brought through the school buildings and we request, where possible, that Scooters are also not walked through the building.

Working With Children Checks
As from the 1st July 2013 the process for applying for a Working With Children Check has changed. Due to the continual changes to the forms they are no longer available at School or the Post Office. The only way to apply for a Working With Children Check is online. These forms are available at http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au
Reminding Parents, if you wish to assist in the Canteen, Fresh Fruit Friday, Sport, Swimming, Excursions or Camps, you must have a current Working With Children Check. If you have a current WWCC and have not provided a copy to the office, please bring your WWCC to the school office, where a copy will be placed on file. Working With Children Checks remain valid for 5 years.
Ordering a replacement WWC Check card online

Following the successful implementation of the online application form in July this year, the Working with Children (WWC) Check Unit plans to launch an online replacement card service later this year.


How to use 'MyCheck'

MyCheck is an easy-to-use online portal that enables Working with Children (WWC) Check applicants and cardholders to manage their check.

WNPS Services Program 2014

Below are the services that our school currently provides. If you have some spare time and would like to be involved in one or more of these programs, please provide your details on the Reply Slip below and return it to the General Office.

WNPS 2014 SCHOOL SERVICES PROGRAMS REPLY SLIP

Parent/s Name: __________________________________________

Child/ren: ___________________________________________ Class/es: ________

Daytime Phone Number/s: ___________________________ ___________________________

I would like to assist with the following program/s: -

- Swap Shop
- Canteen
- Fresh Fruit Friday (See separate sheet)
- Student Banking
- Class Social Activities
- Lost Property
- Sick Bay Washing
- Family Life Education
- Cake Stalls
- Prep & New Families BBQ/Picnic

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY – Reply Slip

A big thank you to everyone who have kindly volunteered to be part of Fresh Fruit Friday in the past. Without your assistance this program could not happen.

We need volunteers for 2014. Please complete the Reply Slip and return it to the General Office to be part of a team that has lots of fun providing fresh fruit to all our students.

I can assist
- Weekly
- Fortnightly
- Monthly

Parent Name: ________________________________

Child’s Name: ___________________________ Class: ________

Contact Numbers: Home: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?
Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.
Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.
Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014

To acknowledge the contribution and spirit of the work undertaken by school crossing supervisors throughout Victoria an award will be given to a selected school crossing supervisor for their commitment and dedication to the supervision of school crossings.

The recipient of the award should model enthusiasm and successful outcomes.

This award is open to all school crossing supervisors employed in this role stationed at a permanent crossing or a relief school crossing supervisor.

Nominations for the award must be employed as a school crossing supervisor at any Victorian Council who should demonstrate –

- Professional demeanour and presentation (uniform and equipment)
- Working knowledge of road rules relating to school crossings
- Welcoming, caring, supportive and encouraging to all users of the school crossing
- Helpful – Informative and clear on correct use of the crossing
- Involvement in the school community
- Attendance – no time off (other than illness)
- Punctuality

Municipalities and members of the community will be invited to forward nominations for the award. Nominations will close on Friday 2nd May 2014.

Send completed forms via mail or email: schoolcrossingsvictoria@gmail.com
School Crossings Victoria INC PO BOX 3032 Mornington 3931
For more information visit www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au

Nomination Form for School Crossing Supervisor

Name of Nominated person ____________________________
Municipality they are employed by ________________________________
School __________________ Person/Organisation nominating ________________
Contact email ________________________________
Contact phone number __________________ Contact address ______________________________

In 25 words or more please tell us:
Why you believe the nominated person should be awarded the School Crossings Victoria “School Crossing Supervisor of the Year” award.
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Community Notice Board

Want to play outdoor soccer in 2014? Altona City Soccer club caters for all, boys, girls, women and men of all age groups. It welcomes all to come and try before joining. **Under 5s to 7s** are starting from 15th March, 10.00am at H.C. Kim Reserve, Millers Rd, Altona with its Nationally recognised and focussed program for this age group. A player’s first session is a free “come and try session”. Registration and payment is due the following week, only if you decide to return. Other teams (**under 8s to 18s**) have just started and there are some vacancies in some age groups. **Coaches** are also needed in some teams. More information is available on our website. [www.altonacitysoccerclub.com.au](http://www.altonacitysoccerclub.com.au) or call on 9398 3974.

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**After school care**

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

There will be a Student Free Day on:

**Date:** Tuesday 11th March (please book prior to the 4th March)

**Time:** 7.00am—6.15pm

**Cost:** $9.00—$48.00 (not including 50% rebate)

- Log onto oshclub.com.au and log in through the After Care site.
- Children are to bring morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea and snacks throughout the day.
- We do require a minimum of 15 children to run the day.
- Parents will be notified on Wednesday 5th March if the day will proceed.
- Please remember that Term One is a NO HAT, NO PLAY policy. All children do need a hat for outdoor play. Please provide your child with a hat that they could leave in their bag for After Care.
- Please remember to check the blue lost property basket for your child’s belongings as the basket is already filling up quickly.

Thank you

OSHCLUB Staff

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**Sustainability Festival**

As part of the Sustainability Festival in Melbourne 2014, Eco Innovator Leyla Acarolgu ran a children’s workshop on ‘Dissecting Electronic Waste’, such as computers and their peripherals. The aim was for children to discover what was on the inside of computers, the difficulty with recycling computers and hence, why so many of them are destined for the dump.

At OshClub we would like to replicate this activity as part of a broader theme of Sustainability in our After School Care program. Once our investigators have dissected the computer parts we will use them to make unique and innovative pieces of artwork.

We are asking for your assistance. Firstly, if you have any old computer parts at home which you would like to donate to us. Secondly, if you would like to help us supervise the ‘dissection’ of the computer as it can be quite a difficult task for little hands.

Please speak to Cassie or Leanne for more information, or email at oshclub.williamstownnorth.gmail.com

Details of Leyla Acarolgu’s work can be found at [http://ecoinnovators.blogspot.com.au](http://ecoinnovators.blogspot.com.au)
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