**3 August 2016**

**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**WORKING BEE**

The Working Bee had an excellent attendance and the result was the interactive play installation and the whole school gardens and play spaces being well cleaned up. The space has been a huge success and we thank designers Juliette and Alan Hirons and the people who braved the bitterly cold weather to ensure that it was ready for the children on Monday morning. We are truly grateful to you all.

**100 DAYS OF SCHOOL**

Thursday this week there is a very special celebration for Foundation/Prep students. They will be celebrating 100 days of school! Time certainly does fly! The celebration will be held in the gym at 2:30pm and we look forward to seeing the families there.

**MATILDA**

In keeping with our performance arts focus this year a number of children and parents will be seeing a matinee session of the stage production of MATILDA on Wednesday 10 August. We hope everyone enjoys the show. I am sure you will join me in thanking Mr Merriweather and Miss Ranson for organising this opportunity.

**COMPASS**

As we announced in our last newsletter we are in the process of establishing and training staff in the COMPASS communication portal/ App. We will be approaching some of our families to assist us by being the initial users and informing us of any issues that present so that we can work with the company to ensure minimal implementation issues. If you are approached we hope you will be willing to assist.

**CURRICULUM DAYS**

We have two more Curriculum Days remaining for this year. These days are scheduled around the availability of the speakers and training dates available for staff to access. The next date has been tentatively booked for 5 September.

Confirmation of both dates will be announced as soon as possible. OSHC will be available on each of these days.
DISCO BINGO – Kindergarten Fundraiser
On Friday night the Kindergarten committee and others organised and held a Disco Bingo evening with lots of prizes and fun to be had. Thank you to all the people involved and for all those who supported the Kindergarten by attending and joining in the fun.

JUNIOR ROCKERS CONCERT
Last night the Junior Rockers Concert was held and enjoyed by a large number of families. The children were able to perform their chosen instrument and receive all the accolades. The Junior Rockers has been a wonderful addition to the extra-curricular activities available to the children.

UPCOMING EVENTS TO BUDGET FOR...

SWIMMING
The swimming program will be running for both the Junior and Senior students in Term 4. The Junior School swimming notice will be sent home this week and the Senior notice will go home soon.

CIRCUS
Our main event this year will be a performance event, Circus. This is an event we have run before and been enthusiastically received and enjoyed by our community. In fact we are returning to the program at the request of families who have seen the benefits of the program before. The program will include 10 training sessions with professional circus performers and culminate in a whole school performance at Box Hill Town Hall in December.

The 10 specialist training sessions, rehearsals and performance including a limited number of show tickets will come at a cost to families. Naturally, we will keep costs as low as possible however, it is expected to be approximately $50 per head including some tickets to the performance. Final information will be sent out as soon as possible so that families can plan ahead.

Kerry Wood

JUNIOR ROCKERS CONCERT
Over 60 students, parents, extended family and Junior rockers teachers enjoyed the concert last night. Students performed their pieces confidently, demonstrating their enjoyment and commitment to learning their instruments.

Thank you to Adam and his team at Junior Rockers and to the parents for their enthusiasm to develop their children’s musical skills which also enriches our community.

Paul Merriweather
Music

UNSW COMPETITION
The following students participated in the UNSW Digital Technologies Competition, and achieved the following results:

Participation Certificates: Sophie B, James C, Anthony Y.

Credit Certificates: Felix C, Theodore A.

Distinction Certificates: Maneesha K, and Cynthia S.

COORDINATORS WANTED—FATHERS DAY BUFFET BREAKFAST
FRIDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2016
Our Mother’s and Father’s Day buffet breakfasts are hugely popular.

We are looking for 2 people to learn the ropes and help coordinate the breakfast. Assistance will be provided!

The coordinators will send out forms, collate orders and payments, issue tickets, finalise food quantities and coordinate additional volunteers to help set-up and run the breakfast. Most of the activity would be in the 3 weeks before Fathers Day.
Have you seen something new around our school?

Due to our association with the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, we now have a Better Buddies Friendship seat up on the oval.

Our Friendship seat has been placed under the tree on the oval, which is in full view of the playgrounds on the oval and also the Village Green. That position was chosen so that as the children are sitting, they are still able to watch other children play and perhaps feel they can join in too.

Our Friendship Seat is another way that children can find friends to play with if they are feeling a little alone. Who knows, maybe even to help make new friends!

Our Friendship Seat allows the students to feel a sense of belonging and connectedness to the school and other students.
GRADE 5/6 MOVIE NIGHT
FRIDAY 26th AUGUST

This year the grade 5/6 students will hold a movie night as a fundraiser venture towards their Grade 6 jumpers for 2017 and the 2016 end of year activity. The Movie Night has replaced the weekly functions to raise funds for the Grade 5/6 jumpers and activity.

The Movie Night is for ALL students from Kinder to 6.

Both movies will be screened at the Whitehorse Cinemas, which is the Grade 5/6 classroom. The night will be divided into 2 movie sessions times and tickets are $10, which will include snacks, drinks and the movie. (Movie title to be advised)

Kinder to Grade 2 – 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Grade 3 to Grade 6 – 7.30pm to 9.30pm

MAKE SURE YOU MARK IN DIARIES FRIDAY 26th AUGUST.

Be on the lookout for your notice about this special event later in Term 3 and make sure your child secures a seat at the Movie Night.

Thank You
Lisa Hume and Jo Majdan
Grade 5/6 Teachers
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MONDAY        CLOSED
TUESDAY       10am to 5pm
WEDNESDAY     CLOSED
THURSDAY      10am to 5pm
FRIDAY        10am to 5pm
SATURDAY      10.30am to 1.30pm

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Junior Basketball Club

Come and play Saturday Basketball

Registration Day Summer 2016/17

When: Saturday 6th August, 2016
   Time: 9.00am - 4.00pm
   and
Tuesday 9th August, 2016
   Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm
   and
Friday 12th August, 2016
   Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Where: Slater Reserve Stadium,
Grosvenor Street, Blackburn North

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