Principals News

Welcome
Welcome back to all students and a special welcome to our new Preps and new students that have enrolled and their families. I am pleased to report that our student enrolments currently stand at 101. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome parents, teachers, support and ancillary staff back to school; a particular welcome to our newly appointed Indonesian Language Assistant – Tiara, who will be arriving from Indonesia next Monday. The school has received chaplaincy funding and we are hopeful of having a school chaplain appointed in the next week or so. I look forward to working hard with everyone this year to achieve our goals. I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable festive season and a good break. 2015 presents as a year of continued consolidation and progress notwithstanding new challenges and directions in education. Following on from the School Review, the school will develop a new Strategic Plan which will run for the next 4 years.

Vale: Ern Ferris
I was saddened at the start of the week to learn of Ern’s passing. The school has lost a dear friend and its strongest staunch supporter and ambassador, he loved this school and made a point of visiting the school once or twice a week and attended every school assembly. He was always encouraging to staff and students and was proud of the school’s achievements. Ern lived a long and happy life and has left us all with lovely memories from the many anecdotes that he shared with us all. We will miss our old friend but his good will and memories will live on. Rest in Peace Ern.

Staff Professional Development
Staff started the first school week on Wednesday and for the past couple of days have participated in planned professional development activities and commenced planning for the start of the school year. Today is Orientation Day. Please take this opportunity to meet with Homeroom teachers and be involved in setting your child’s individual learning plan and success indicators. This session will also provide you with the opportunity to familiarize yourself with your child’s teacher. It is pleasing to see that a huge percentage of parents have indicated their attendance on Orientation Day. I thank parents and students in advance for their continued support and keen participation in this program which aims to better prepare students for the year ahead and get off to a flying start. As we aim to continuously improve our school practices, please feel free to provide me with any feedback on Orientation Day.

Buildings and Grounds Works
The school’s buildings and grounds look great; a special thanks to Ken Talbot, Bill Quinn and Judy Perry for their work in preparing the school for the start of the year.

Home Room/TAP Teachers:
Preps/1: Kiralee Pascoe
Year 2/3: Tania Burke & Kirstie English
Year 4/5/6: Sue Williams & Tracy Rogers
Year 7/8: Bronwyn James & Lizzie Fox
Year 9/10: Ian Everett, Marty Halliday & Jessica Lee

Joe Mazzarella,
Principal
Year P-4 News

Welcome back to school for 2015. This year, because we will be running two learning areas, all the primary classes will be working together at times and sharing special events and activities.

Classes for 2015A:
P/1 Miss Kiralee Pascoe
2/3 Mrs Tania Burke/Kirstie English (one day)
456 Mrs Sue Williams/Mrs Tracy Rogers

Special assistance - Mrs Sharolyn Morris

Swimming Program - P-6

♦ Swimming Program starts on Monday, 2nd February.
♦ Swimming days are Monday, Tuesday, Friday
♦ Students need to bring bathers, T-shirt or Rashie and towel. If your child has special sunscreen, please send it along.
♦ Students also need a bag to put their wet bathers and towel in.
♦ Please don’t send students in bathers as we can swim in the middle of the day, so they need to be able to wear underwear for comfort and toileting.

Prep Timetable

Preps have a rest day for the first part of Term 1. Prep students will have Wednesdays at home until after the Labour Day Holiday (9th March).

Lion King

This year students in P-6 have the opportunity to see the live show ‘Lion King’ in Melbourne on May 20th. This will be incorporated into our school work in the classroom. If you haven't already paid, a deposit of $15 is required.

Healthy Lunches/Snack

We encourage students to have a healthy lunch and play lunch. Students will need some fruit, vegetable or piece of plain cheese to eat for healthy snack time which we have at about 10 am each morning. This snack is eaten while we work, so it would appreciated students having something that is easy to eat.

Readers

Each afternoon students will bring home a reader in their reader bag. Please listen to your child read and sign the diary. With older students - listen to them read, ask questions and have a conversation about the text.

School Immunisation Program

Three big changes to the vaccine program.

In 2015 three major changes to the vaccine program will impact on parents of secondary school students:

1. The Loddon Shire Council’s immunisation service may contact you about the secondary school vaccine program. Schools have been authorised to provide parent contact details to local councils for this purpose.

2. In 2015 only, the vaccine that protects against diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough will be offered to all students in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. From 2016, this vaccine will be offered to Year 7 students only. This will provide earlier protection from these diseases.

3. The time-limited human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine program for Year 9 boys was completed in December 2014. HPV vaccine will continue to be offered to all students (both male and female) in Year 7 from 2015.

Look out for the vaccine consent form/s coming home from school with your child. You need to read, complete and return the form/s regardless of whether your child is being immunised at school.

Every day immunisation saves lives and makes it possible for Victorians to live free from the illness and the disability caused by many infectious diseases. All Victorian secondary students can receive these vaccines for free through the school-based program.

To learn more about the changes, the diseases, the vaccines, or how you can prepare your child for vaccination go to immunehero.health.vic.gov.au

Red Sports Polo Shirts

Are available for PE and Sports - if you are new to the school or have grown out of your current shirt, please fill an order form, (available from the Office) order form and return to school

Shirts without names - $17
Shirts with logo and name on back - $20

School Requisites

Payment for all school requisites should be paid as soon as possible please. If you are unsure about what is owing, please contact the office. Parents are able to use EFTPOS (available in the office) or Online Banking for any payments to school.

Banking details are:
BSB 083-693
A/c No. 60880 2159
Please identify your payment when processing.

Education Maintenance Allowance

Unfortunately, this allowance has been discontinued, so parents will be required to pay for school requisites etc. Some funding should be available to assist with excursions/camps through the year and details will be advised.