



Newsletter 2019

Thursday, 14th February, 2019

Dear Parents,

We've had a great start to the school year with classes settled and students engaged in their learning and looking forward enthusiastically to the year ahead. It is no accident that the students have begun the year so well, I wish to thank the whole staff for their dedicated approach to their work.

Mr Mulroyan Long Service Leave

Mr Mulroyan is taking long service leave and will be returning on the 18th of March. I will step into Paul's role and Jenna Heywood will be Acting Assistant Principal during this time. Mr Drenen will be working in 5/6 C on Mondays and Tuesdays during this time.

Themes at each year level

Themes are topics studied in class for an extended period. Themes often follow student interests and are age appropriate. Teachers use themes to engage students and integrate them with skill based learning such as, for example, reading, writing and maths.

Themes in Term 1

Preps:	All About Me/ My senses/ My body/ Similarities & differences
Grade 1&2s:	Getting to know each other – hobbies & interests/ Our families Minibeasts – insects/ habitats/body parts
Grade 3/4s:	Building a better me – Healthy bodies & healthy minds
Grade 5/6s:	Federation of Australia World War 1

Fire Drill

We had our on-site evacuation drill today. As a school we are required to hold a range of drills during the year. At 2.30pm the evacuation bell was sounded and the entire school moved in an orderly manner to the on-site evacuation area at the back of the oval. Classroom teachers ensured their students knew what was happening and how to react when they heard the bell.

School uniforms

The new polo tops are now available from Lowes. Some students are already wearing them and are looking very smart. Reports are that the new top is cooler and more comfortable to wear in the warm weather. A Lowes representative will be attending Friday assembly and will bring samples for parents to see. See attached flyer for a discount on these tops over the weekend.



Prep Parent BBQ

Last night we held our prep parent barbecue welcoming the prep families to the school. Despite the cool conditions it was very well attended. Parents had the opportunity to meet for the first time and enjoy a relaxing evening. Thank you to the staff who attended as well as members of school council who took the opportunity to meet many parents for the first time. Special mention to Jenna, Di, Dani and Andrew who worked hard serving sausages and veggie burgers.



School Policies

Please note that there will be three new policies coming home tomorrow. They include a School Attendance policy, Respect for School Staff policy and a Parent Code of Conduct policy. These policies are not in response to any incidents but are general Education Department policies that ensure we understand the need for students to attend school and that all adults visiting the school help to maintain a positive school environment.

Parent Information Sessions

All parents are invited to attend the upcoming Parent Information Evenings. This will be a valuable opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher and learn about classroom programs and expectations. If you wish to have a more detailed discussion regarding your child you can arrange to meet with the teacher at a mutually suitable time. Babysitting will be available on these nights for school aged children. See the calendar on the next page of the newsletter, Flexibuzz or the school website for dates and times.

Regards
Joe Scarfo
Acting Principal



Updating your FLEXIBUZZ for 2019

To ensure that you stay up to date with what is happening at the school this year, please ensure you are connected to the correct communication groups/boxes.

e.g. If your child has moved from grade 2 to grade 3 you will need to remove the grade 1/2 box and ADD the grade 3/4 box.

You can check your current Flexibuzz box subscriptions by:

- opening the Flexibuzz app
- selecting the parallel lines at the top of the newsfeed screen
- adding/ removing boxes relevant to the information you want to receive.

Please contact the office if you have any questions or require assistance.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL DIARY

Fri 15	5/6 Interschool Sport Avondale V Moonee Ponds West – Gold (Home) Second hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
Tue 19	School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Wed 20	Grade 3/4 Healthy Eating Presentation Prep Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Thurs 21	Grade 1A, 1B, 1C and grade 1 parents of 1/2A Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Fri 22	5/6 Interschool Sport Avondale V Flemington (Home)
Tue 26	Grade 1/2 Mini Beast Incursion Grade 2A, 2B and grade 2 parents of 1/2A Parent Information Session 7pm Library
Wed 27	Grade 3/4A, B, C, D and grade 4 parents of 4/5A Parent Information Session 7pm BER
Thurs 28	Grade 5/6A, B, C, D and grade 5 parents of 4/5A Parent Information Session 7pm BER



Please note:

**CHANGE OF DAY FOR SECOND
HAND UNIFORMS**

Second hand uniform day is now
Fridays at 8:30 - 9:00am to pick up a
bargain!

Short Sleeve Polo shirts - \$3
Skirts - \$5 Jackets - \$6
Jumpers - \$5 Shorts - \$4
Track pants - \$5

**Pupils of the week on
Friday**

Prep A – Allanah
Prep B – Piper T
Prep C – Ella D
Perp D – Taylor W
One A– Zach N
One B –
One C – Jackie W
1/2 A – Lola D
Two A – Kazem K
Two B - MiaB
3/4 A – Mikayla B
3/4 B – Taylan K
3/4 C – Ewan J
3/4D – Noah S
4/5A -
5/6 A – Liam C
5/6 B – Leah B
5/6 C – Andrea P
5/6 D – Matt S
LOTE – Arden S

Important Notice to Parents

Procedure for sending money to school:

As per department regulations we would appreciate that when all families make cash payments to school for excursions, camps and other activities, please place money in envelopes clearly marked with your child's name, grade and what the money is for. (School envelopes are always available at the office please feel free to ask for some.) These envelopes are then handed to the class teacher by the student first thing in the morning. Should you need to pay a large amount and wish to pay directly to the office please do so before 9.30 am or between 3-3.30pm .

We thank-you for your support in this matter it will help with management of office procedures.

Thank you, Maria and Ros