



## Newsletter 2019 #4

Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019

Dear Parents,

We are already in week 4 and everyone from Prep to Grade 6 has settled into the new class routines. I am constantly amazed at how well our Preps have adapted to their new school environment, they seem confident, engaged and ready to learn. I believe the time spent by parents and teachers in preparing the preps for their transition from kinder to primary school has been well worth the effort.

### **Assembly Arrangements**

**Today the whole school rehearsed the new arrangements for assembly at the front of the school. Classes will now be standing facing the flag with the junior school across the front and the senior school arranged behind them. The aim is for preps and grade 1s to feel they are more involved in the assembly. If this new arrangement works well, it will become a permanent feature of our assemblies in the future.**

### **Medical Issues**

**I ask parents of students with medical issues to please contact Sue in the general office. The school takes allergies and asthma management very seriously. If your child has any condition that requires management at school, the school needs to be notified. Please note this also includes any over the counter products such as eye drops, cough medicines or skin creams.**

### **Parking**

**It is good to see that Wood St at the back of the oval is being used by parents to pick up and drop off children. Wood Street, Raglan St and the car park near the library are all a very short walk from school and using them takes the pressure off the car parks in Sydney St.**

### **Messages from the junior school**

We ask that parents encourage independence in our young students. Please encourage your children to hold on to their own bags until line up. When teachers walk their students in to the corridors, they will remind them to unpack their drink bottles, satchels and lunch orders. Please call the office to make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any information to pass on or any questions. We thank you in advance for your support in this.



## Canteen

The canteen is a valuable asset at the school. It provides students with lunches and snacks as well as cold drinks. Di Cunningham and her team of parents who volunteer to support the canteen provide a wonderful service to your children. Di has her regular helpers but she needs more. If you can volunteer even for 2 hours please contact the office and get involved, you will get to meet other parents and have the opportunity of getting to know the students at the school – it can even be fun.

## Canteen Parents Perspective

*We started volunteering in the canteen 3 years ago when our eldest kids were in Prep. It felt daunting having never worked in a canteen environment before but we were both genuinely surprised at how much we enjoyed it. So much so, 3 years on and we are still volunteering.*

*The canteen provides a fantastic opportunity to meet other parents/ grandparents. You can also get to know kids from different grades whilst making a valuable contribution to the school. The children love having a free lunch when we are there – one of the benefits! It is also incredibly rewarding! Seeing the smile on your son/ daughter's face when you are there is one of the best things about it!*

*Di (who runs the canteen) is extremely welcoming and friendly – always greets you with a smile. She finds roles for everyone so if you don't want to handle the money, you don't have to. You could prepare the food, make toasted sandwiches, check the orders, put the labels on the drinks and snacks, the list is endless! It is really flexible as well – you only need to volunteer once a month on either a Monday/ Thursday or Friday just for a couple of hours if that's all you can do or alternatively for the day. Any help is gratefully received!*

*If you are worried you cannot attend the training session or complete a Working with Children Check on the days specified, just contact the office/ Jenna Heywood and they can make an alternative arrangement. The WWC is really easy and quick to do all as it can be completed in the school with Jenna's guidance.*

*We would both encourage anyone who has spare time on any of those days to volunteer, it is a great way to support and feel part of the school community. It really is fun and sociable for you and makes your kids really happy! Don't hesitate, speak to the office today!*

*Isabelle & Karena*





### School Council Elections

School Council plays a key role in our school and provides parents and community members with the opportunity to have a positive influence on our school community.

Every year a new school council is formed. Half of the positions in the former council are now declared vacant. There are three types of vacancies:

Parent representative	8 members	4 vacancies
DET employee representative	2 members	1 vacancy
	(The principal is automatically on council)	
Community member	1 member	Co-opted annually

The term of office for parents and DET employee members is two years.

*(Note: A parent who is employed by the Education Department is deemed a DET employee representative)*

See DET website below for more information regarding parent involvement in school council

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/parents/going-to-school/Pages/get-involved-at-school.aspx>

<b>Timeline</b>	<b>Date</b>
Notice of election and call for nominations	Thursday 21st February 2019
Closing date for nominations	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> February 2019
Date by which the list of candidates and nominators will be posted <i>Please note: If the number of nominations exceeds the number of vacancies then an election will be held.</i>	Friday 1st March 2019
Date by which ballot papers will be prepared and distributed	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Close of ballot	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Vote count and declaration of poll	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
First Council meeting to elect office bearers and co-opt community member	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019

**Nomination forms can be obtained from the office.**

**Completed nomination forms must be returned to the school office**

**by 4pm, on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February.**

### School Council Subcommittee meeting schedule

<b>Fundraising</b>	<b>Facilities</b>	<b>Education</b>	<b>Finance</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2:30pm	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 4pm	Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March 9am	Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March 9am



## Road Safety

When students begin to walk or ride to school it is essential that they learn to be safe on our roads and paths. The school will provide some safety lessons during the year.

The Essendon Traffic School runs road safety weekend sessions that you may be interested in. Check out the links below for further information.

<https://www.mvcc.vic.gov.au/Experience-Moonee-Valley/Essendon-Traffic-School/Public-sessions>

Stay tuned for more information on National Ride 2 School Day, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019!

## FEBRUARY/MARCH SCHOOL DIARY

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) Second hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am
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
<b><u>MARCH</u></b>	
Fri 8	5/6 Interschool Sport Avondale V Nth Melbourne (Home) Second hand uniform Shop 8:30-9am

## Pupils of the week on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> Feb

**Prep A** – Merek B  
**Prep B** – Olivia S  
**Prep C** – Hanyang T  
**Prep D** – James N  
**One A** – Mason G  
**One B** – Kerwin  
**One C** – Xavier L  
**1/2 A** – Arren P  
**Two A** – Maneli G  
**Two B** – Adrian Z  
**3/4 A** – Xavier D  
**3/4 B** – Nikolina P  
**3/4 C** – Conner T  
**3/4 D** – Iggy  
**4/5A** – Huy N  
**5/6 A** – Kourosh S  
**5/6 B** – Dane P  
**5/6 C** – Georgia W  
**5/6 D** – Jerry N  
**LOTE** – Adrian Z

## **Please note:**

### **CHANGE OF DAY FOR** **SECOND HAND** **UNIFORMS**

Second hand uniform day is now Fridays at 8:50 - 9:00am to pick up a bargain!

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

**STUDENT BANKING**  
 Every Thursday is Student Banking day, don't forget to bring along your bank book to deposit to your account



### **Notice to Parents**

*The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.*