Principal News

HOUSE SPORTS – Our annual house sports day was held on Tuesday 10th November. The weather was fairly kind to us allowing us to complete all activities. Students had a fantastic time and many looked so proud sporting their winning ribbons. A huge thank you is extended to Mr. Stuart Hattwell for his organisational skills. This year, Mrs. Tess Allday joined Stuart on the day and did a fantastic job. Thank you also to all school staff and volunteers who contributed on the day.

TENNIS FINALS – Twelve of our students participated in the tennis finals last Friday. Mr. Hattwell coordinated this event. Thank you to parents who assisted with transport on the day. Mulgrave Primary School came third which was an excellent effort as the competition was strong. Well done to everyone involved!

PARENT PAYMENT FOR STUDENT REQUISITES 2016 – Last week families received their 2016 Parent Payment summary for fees for the 2016 year. Please read through the information carefully and seek clarification about the process if necessary. Many families elect to make these payments prior to Christmas to get them out of the way. Please visit our friendly office staff if you require any assistance with this.

NEW SIGN-IN FACILITIES AT OUR OFFICE – Have you used our new sign-in/sign-out process yet? We have gone electronic to further enhance the efficiency of our recording processes. An ipad has been set up for your convenience. Please note that parents should be signing students in for late arrivals and early departures. Let us know how you like this new initiative!

STEP INTO PREP SESSION – We had our fourth Step Into Prep session last Thursday. On the 8th December, we will be having a longer session – 9.30-12.00 for our future prep students. We are well underway with our organisation for 2016 and look forward to having these children in our school next year.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR PREP 2016 PARENTS – Last night we had our parent information session for 2016 parents of prep students. It was terrific to meet all the new members of our school community.

STAFF CAR PARK – PRIVATE – Parents are reminded that our staff car parking is for staff and visiting employees of the department of education only. We have cars arriving and departing throughout the day. We thank you for adhering to our school policy.

BIG DAY IN – Thursday 10th December. This year we will be having the Principal’s BIG DAY IN for students. The outline of the day will remain a surprise at this point. Please note that our BIG DAY IN is restricted to students.

CHRISTMAS CAROLS – Wednesday 9th December – Our annual Christmas Carols will be held on the evening of the 9th of December. More details about times will be sent home at a later date.

CHRISTMAS RAFFLE – Raffle tickets have gone home for this year’s Christmas raffle. Each year we ask our parent community to donate items to assist us in making up our hampers for the raffle. If you would like to make any donations, please place these in the Christmas box provided in the office area.

GRADUATION – Monday 14th December – Our year six students will participate in their graduation ceremony on Monday 14th December. Details of this will be sent home with these students.
ICY-POLE SALES – We will continue to sell icy-poles for the rest of this term. Students are very much enjoying these treats!!

Parent Spot - Burns and Scalds
information provided by the Royal Children’s Hospital

Burns, especially scald and flame burns, can result in permanent scarring, disfigurement and disability. Serious burn injuries often result in long and repeated periods of hospitalisation, multiple skin graft operations and on-going psychological trauma to the child and their parents.

The majority of burn injuries in young children are caused by scalds from hot drinks, food, steam or hot water in bathrooms.

Children under four years are most at risk due to their increased mobility and natural curiosity, but many young children are fascinated by flames and fire and do not realise the possible dangers.

If a child is on fire, STOP, DROP, COVER and ROLL.

For all burns and scalds, remove clothing that is not stuck to the burn and cool the burn under cold running water for 20 minutes. This is useful for up to three hours after the burn. Do not use ice. Cover the burn with a clean dressing or plastic film.

To protect children from burns, it is important to make your home and environment as safe as possible. For ideas on how to prevent burns and scalds see the Metropolitan Fire Brigade (MFB) and the Country Fire Authority (CFA) websites.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!
Liz Watkins – Principal

Advice for Parents In Regard to the Paris Attack

It is wise for you to monitor your child’s exposure to television coverage, print media and social media.

Some children and young people will want to talk about the tragic events and try to make sense of what they have both seen and heard.

Other children will avoid any discussion around the events and will be reassured by routine and normality.

Remember the importance of routine, sleep, exercise and healthy eating.

There is a range of things you can do to assist your child during events such as this, including:

- Acknowledge that the event was distressing
- Reassure children that they are safe
- Look for signs of distress (e.g. some children/young people might be scared)
- Normalise responses - typical response will range from anger to general upset or sadness
- Maintain a normal routine - keeping the structure at home or at school in place
- Allow children to express feelings as they arise
- Telling stories about how people manage during difficult times can be helpful.
- Separate fact from fiction e.g. children may express fears about unrelated events.
- Plan relaxing activities before bed – talk your child through a gentle relaxation, this might include using soothing music and talking them through relaxing tension in their body or simply reading something to them that induces relaxation (i.e. a favourite book).
- Speak in hopeful terms – children and young people will often take their cues from their parents’ reactions; if you are honest, calm, compassionate and open they will be much more able to trust that they will be okay.
- Always remember the value of doing something with children that they like to do such as playing, exercising, being outdoors - have a time during your day to share time with your child.
## Student of the Week Awards – Week 5

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<td>For always accepting challenges in maths and being a great helper in class.</td>
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<td>Stephanie P</td>
<td>For working well with new people.</td>
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<td>Billy L</td>
<td>For being an excellent role model for his peers.</td>
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<td>Greg U</td>
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## Kids Matter Awards – Term 4 Week 5

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## Student of the Week Awards – Week 6

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<td>Christopher D</td>
<td>For being a fabulous performer at the House Sports.</td>
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<td>Nicola X</td>
<td>For her positive attitude and thoughtful contributions in discussions.</td>
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<td>Kavya D</td>
<td>For her helpful and friendly nature.</td>
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<td>Mark P</td>
<td>For his positive attitude to everything he does.</td>
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## HOUSE SPORTS RESULTS

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**Specialist Awards **
October 2015

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<td>Eesha B</td>
<td>For her amazing scientific knowledge and enthusiasm in the science classroom.</td>
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<td>Hannah Ra</td>
<td>For outstanding ideas in Science, and for showing great leadership.</td>
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<td>Senior School</td>
<td>Max L</td>
<td>For all his hard work and great improvement in his attitude towards Science.</td>
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| Artist of the Month |
| Junior School       | Ben C   | For always taking the opportunity to be creative                      |
| Middle School       | Shelby H | For always lending a helpful hand and adding more detail to her work. |
| Senior School       | Morgan O | For bringing enthusiasm to the classroom and making the most of her creative time. |

| Performing Artist of the Month |
| Junior School              | Harry X | For his enthusiasm and persistence in learning to read music.         |
| Middle School              | James J | For his enthusiastic approach to learning to play the recorder.         |
| Senior School              | Selma D | For her persistence in learning to play a song on the keyboard.         |

**SICK BAY ROSTER**

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**PRINCIPAL PROBLEM SOLVER**

Last Weeks Problem
What was the name of the horse who won the 2015 Melbourne Cup?

Answer Is: Prince of Penzance

Congratulations to: Arelyn, Matty L, Victoria T

This weeks Problem Solver is:
A number problem for you this week - How many eggs are in three and a half dozen?

Answer is: ___________________________________
___________________________________________

Student’s Name: ______________________________
Hello everyone

Over the past two weeks the children loved exploring many interesting activities. In arts and craft corner several children excelled in creating their bird feeders using recycle materials and even put them into practice to get a response from the birds. Many children also made 3D maps of their country of origin or country of interest, they looked fabulous! Our little master chef’s made delicious apple slice and mouth watering jam drop biscuits, which were cooked to perfection. Wednesday afternoon children decided to make refreshing lemonade as it was a hot day. Our role play contest has given everyone a chance to show their hidden talent. The Cinderella play was fantastic, with the prince having a dramatic entry on the horse. Molly and Tia’s comedy show with jokes was also entertaining. In our science corner we cooked herb and spice doughs to test our senses, and had a lot of fun finding the distinctive fragrance of different spices. Apart from these activities we enjoyed playing team games such as: knock out, hula hoop, volleyball, limbo, hot potatoes, octopus, scarecrow tiggy, silent ball and building with blocks.

Our Extend Superstar is: Matthew L for creatively designing his water well. Well done Matthew!

Our Extend Superstar is: Anna B for being respectful to others and participating in team activities.

Monday: 23rd of November: Space mission
Tuesday: 24th of November: Dodge ball
Wednesday: 25th of November: Ginger bread man cookies
Thursday 26th of November: Science experiment: blob in the bottle
Friday: 27th of November: Pop up art

Kind Regards Meena

SUMMER HOLIDAY PROGRAM BOOKINGS ARE OPENING AT A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Booking deadlines:
Book for December by Friday 27 November
Book for January by Monday 21 December

Our holiday program bookings are open and there’s a local one near you. All Extend’s holiday programs are open to primary school aged boys and girls.

We have heaps of fun activities planned these school holidays and can’t wait for you to attend! Participate in an epic egg drop challenge, make your own burlap pillow, and play lots of sport including cricket and basketball! Join in on all this and more at Extend’s Summer Holiday Program.

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