Principal News

This is our sixth day back at school. Welcome to the new students who joined our school this week. Students have settled into their new classrooms and are developing new friendships within their year levels. For the first couple of weeks we work on a special ‘start up’ program that allows us to get to know each other within our grades, learn about school and classroom rules and processes and assist with relationship building. Each grade will develop a statement reflecting their ‘goal’ for the year. These will be presented at one of our future assemblies.

SWIMMING PROGRAM – Swimming notices went out to all parents of students in years Prep to Year 4 this week. Please read the information included in the letter and return consent forms and payment by the due date. The swimming program is a great experience for children, even if they know how to swim.

PARENT TEACHER MEETINGS – Tuesday 16th February – All parents are encouraged to make a time to meet with their child’s teacher at the parent-teacher meetings on Tuesday 16th February. This first meeting is primarily a ‘get to know you’ meeting when parents and teachers introduce themselves to each other and a time when parents can share any important information about their child with the teacher. To make a time that suits you, please visit schoolinterviews.com.au and use the code: 2CJ86 to book your time. An information sheet will be coming out from our school office detailing all the steps for you. If you have more than one child, please ensure that you give yourself time to get from one classroom to another.

ICY-POLE SALES – A reminder that students can buy an icy-pole on Tuesdays and Thursdays at the beginning of lunchtime. The cost is $1.00.

LUNCH ORDER DAYS – Students are able to order from our lunch order menu only on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. A lunch order menu has been sent out to all families. Orders should be placed in a clearly named brown paper bag which contains the correct amount of cash. Orders are prepared off-site and delivered to the school just before eating time. Cash is the only payment method for lunch orders, as these are provided by an off-site company.

SCHOOL COUNCIL – Nominations are now open for parents interested in serving on School Council. Please visit the school office if you would like to collect a nomination form.
This week’s Problem Solver is:

Who won this year’s men and women’s tennis finals?

Answer is: ____________________________________________

___________________________________________

Student’s Name: ______________________________

STUDENT BANKING

Just a reminder to parents that Student Banking is every Monday. Bank books need to be handed into their teacher first thing in the morning. Please ensure that you fill in the deposit slip and the stub. Once the children receive either 10 silver tokens or 1 gold token, they are able to choose a special prize. A list of available prizes are available over the page. Reward prizes usually take about a week to come to the school. We will then deliver them to your child’s class. Other items you may wish to choose from are:

⇒ Dollarmites money box
⇒ ET DVD
⇒ Galaxy glider
⇒ Intergalactic Rocket
⇒ Outerspace money box
⇒ Wildlife writer set

A rewards order sheet will be sent home with your with their banking next week.
Extend OSHC at MPS

Welcome back!

We hope you had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to all the exciting opportunities that 2016 will bring.

We are looking forward to seeing lots of familiar faces at After School Care and to welcome lots of new faces as well.

The Program activities for next week are:

Monday 8th February: Art and craft: Scream Portraits and relay
Tuesday 9th February: Parachute games
Wednesday 10th February: Cooking - Tzatziki Dip
Thursday 11th February: Sack race
Friday 12th February: Cricket

Existing Families

Don’t forget to manage your 2016 bookings.

Last year’s bookings do not roll over so log on to the parent portal NOW to secure your bookings for 2016.

You can book for the entire term or year or even book specific dates.

New Families

Enrol online – allow 24 hours

Enrolling is quick and easy! Simply set up your own account online via the Parent Portal. Please note it is government regulation that all children must be enrolled BEFORE attending an Extend service. For information on operating hours and fees for your school, visit your After School Care venue or school website.

Enrol now, pay later

The annual enrolment fee per family of $20 is NOT payable until you first use the service. So why not enrol now so you can access the service later? It doesn’t matter if you don’t end up using the service, because you won’t be charged.

Watch this space throughout the term for regular updates from our Extend team!

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au
**FUNDRAISING/PARENTS AND FRIENDS GROUP**

If you would be interested in assisting, please complete details below and return the slip to the school office. Alternatively, you can ring us on 9795 2477.

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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
QKR IS OUR PREFERRED METHOD OF PAYMENT

Adding multiple payment cards & keeping your payments safe

Qkr™ will accept payment using any scheme credit/debit card accepted by the school, and you can add up to five different cards to your Qkr account.

At checkout, you can easily select from any of your registered cards by simply tapping the ‘Payment’ option near the top of the checkout screen.

Qkr! is provided by MasterCard so you know your payments are secure. No information will be stored on your phone. Registration details and card information are saved securely on the MasterCard network.

If you choose to pay using a MasterCard, you will also benefit from MasterCard’s Zero Liability policy which protects the cardholder from fraud and unauthorized charges.

We’re using an app to communicate with you.

Here’s how to download tiqbiz

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Step 2. Find & Tick.

- Log-in: Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.
- Find: Inside the menu, click on ‘Find & Tick’. Type our name into the search bar. Select us from the results.
- Tick: Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.
- Inbox: Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, newsletters, notices and calendar events.

IS A FANTASTIC TOOL TO ASSIST WITH COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE SCHOOL AND FAMILIES.
IT CAN BE USED VIA SMART PHONES, TABLETS AND EVEN ON YOUR PC OR MAC.
The Great Host Family Hunt is on again!

World Education Program (WEP) Australia, a registered, non-profit student exchange organisation is looking for volunteer families who would like to host a 15 to 18-year-old girl or boy.

Our students come from countries such as Italy, France, Belgium, Finland and Chile and are arriving in July 2016. They are looking forward to living and learning about Australia and enjoying our famous Australian hospitality and lifestyle.

Without the generosity of families around the world, student exchange could not exist.

Experiencing a foreign language and culture in your own home is the next best thing to living overseas.

To request a free information pack for your family, contact us today!

1300 884 733    info@wep.org.au    www.wep.org.au