

Moving forward *With the Passion to Succeed*

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

APRIL	Friday 21st	Assembly 2:30pm (Performance by 34M— <u>POSTPONED</u>) ANZAC DAY CEREMONY
	Friday 21st	Year 4/5 Soccer Permission Note Due -No Late Forms Accepted
	Monday 24th	Curriculum Day—No School
	Tuesday 25th	ANZAC DAY— No School
	Wednesday 26th	Walk to School Day—Meet at Navan Park
	Wednesday 26th	Year 4/5 Soccer Excursion
	Thursday 27th	Coffee Afternoon—Staffroom All Welcome 2:05pm
	Friday 28th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12D
MAY	Wednesday 3rd	5/6 Basketball Excursion Notes Due—No Late Payment Accepted
	Thursday 4th	Fundraising Meeting— 2pm Staffroom. ALL WELCOME
	Friday 5th	5/6 Basketball Excursion
	Friday 5th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by PB
	Monday 8th	School Council 6.15pm
	Tuesday 9th	District XCountry Permission Note Due—NO late Payment accepted
	Tuesday 9th—Thursday 11th	NAPLAN Years 3 & 5
	Friday 12th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 56S
	Tuesday 16th	District Cross Country Years 3-6
	Friday 19th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by DRUMBEAT
	Thursday 25th	Coffee Afternoon—Staffroom All Welcome 2:05pm
	Friday 26th	Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34L
	Wednesday 31st	Walk to School Day—Meet at Navan Park

Key Messages from this Newsletter:

- Master Plan/Fundraising 2016
- Attendance
- NAPLAN
- School Crossings
- Dental Services
- Tickets to Comedy Festival
- Supervision



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A Word from Our Captains

Hello Parents,

Welcome to Term 2!

We would like to congratulate students, staff and parents for a fantastic start to the term.

The grade 6 jumpers have arrived and we think we all look great. Thanks to Amelia Tuionetoa for designing this year's top.



Anyang & Tarkyn

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back to school for Term 2. It promises to be another busy, fun-packed term with lots happening including our School Review. The purpose of a School Review is to look back over the past 4 years and see whether what we are doing in terms of teaching and learning is having the best outcomes for students. It will also identify what we can do to enhance things in the next four years. Part of the information gathering process is seeking feedback from staff, parents and students. Please take the opportunity to answer a few questions that have been put up on our Facebook Page.



Master Plan/Fundraising 2016: I attended another meeting with the Architects and the Department of Education on Tuesday about our Master Plan. I was informed that a decision on whether we get the money to start the first stage should be announced in early May – about 2 weeks' time. It is shaping up to look fantastic and if we get the preapproved amount of \$6.1 million that was talked about earlier, we should get a new gym, new admin area, opening up the entrance of the school to Rathdowne Circuit, new toilet block and Block B (prep building) refurbished. As part of the project the playground equipment will need to be relocated to make way for the portables to be moved. This means we will need to purchase new equipment once the building project is underway or complete. We have \$14895 made from fundraising events in 2016 and will use this money to go towards the new play equipment. Thank-you to the community for this fantastic fundraising effort and look forward to raising more funds this year, as we will need to do other works such as upgrading the oval as part of this master Plan.

Attendance: One of the key data sets that will be scrutinised during our School review is our Attendance Data. This is an important factor because if children are not at school, they cannot learn. Attendance is a focus for our school this year and one strategy that we have employed is to send out unexplained notices weekly. If you receive one of these, please return it to school as soon as possible. We are tightening up our processes so that when they are returned the reason is entered onto our system so you won't get another. There has been a glitch as we implement this process, so please excuse us if you receive another. Simply return that one and our new process should ensure it gets recorded correctly now. Some figures on the impact attendance has on schooling are on the third page of this newsletter.

NAPLAN: This year we opted to participate in the Online version of NAPLAN which would have seen us and you receive results much sooner than the usual 12 week turnaround. We were busily preparing for this mode of implementation, but found out yesterday that all States and Territories across Australia have opted to not do NAPLAN Online due to the uncertainty as to whether the system will work correctly. We are hoping to be part of the trail in 2018. Therefore, all Year 3 and 5 students will undertake the paper based tests on Tuesday 9th, Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th May. If you have a child in Year 3 or 5 and would like further information or have any concerns, please make an appointment to speak to the 3-6 Assistant principal Mrs Kathy Cvitkovic.

School Crossings: I was informed yesterday by the Melton City Council, that the crossings around the school will be manned until 9.05am each day. This change really only affects the crossing on Coburns Rd, near the wave Pool, as it was manned until 9.10am each day. This change in time will be effective from Wednesday 26th April.

Dental Services: Did you know that the Commonwealth Government Child Dental Schedule continues in 2017, which provides eligible children with \$1000 of free dental benefits on selected services within a 2-year calendar period. Check out the website for more information: <https://www.humanservices.gov.au/customer/services/medicare/child-dental-benefits-schedule>

Tickets to the Comedy Festival: We have been given the opportunity to offer families tickets to the Razzamatazz variety Show on Saturday 29th April. Razzamatazz is a madcap cavalcade of comedy featuring outstanding international performers. It is steeped in the traditional disciplines of magic, clowning, juggling, balancing, puppetry, acrobatics and comedy routines. It will be held at the Melbourne Convention Centre. There are 2 sessions, one at 1.00pm and 4.00pm. If you are interested in taking your family, please contact the office by end of day Friday 21st April.

Supervision: I would like to take this opportunity to remind parents that yard duty (active supervision) **commences at 8:40am and concludes at 3:20pm** on school days. Please do not drop your child off at school prior to this time. If you must drop your child at school prior to 8:40am, please enrol your children in the before school care program "Extend OSHC".

Once students arrive at school, they should not leave the grounds again until the end of the school day (unless other arrangements have been made). At our next school assembly we will be reminding students that they are not to leave without permission. We encourage you to also have this discussion with your children at home.

I would like to remind parents that it is your responsibility to:

1. ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
2. ensure that your child is collected from the school premises at the end of the school day, or that alternative arrangements have been made for your children

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Michelle Costa (Principal)



Congratulations to the following students who were
awarded **STAR STUDENT** Awards



Friday 31st March

PC	August Babic Jaxon Taylor
12D	Alek Dewng
12P	Skyla-Grace Carroll Aiden Vankerhoven
12W	Bailey Goninon
12Z	Ramlan Tung Brooke Lamberton
34A	Shanaya Cotterill
34H	Icheille Rosete
34J	Leaapine Finau-Vave Benda San Doek Sean Banks Belle Booker
34K	Ricki Wright Sienna Robinson
34L	Marrisalucy Ulugia Teleisia Nafe
34S	Isabella Gust Connah Storey
56F	Hayley Micallef
56N	Suisamoa Eli
56T	Juliana Rundell
56V	Marea Grant Stevie Jarvis



AMART SPORTS ~
FUNDRAISING

Our school is participating in the Amart Community Kickbacks Program.

Under this program, the school can earn 5% of your purchases at Amart Sports as in-store credit to spend on our school sports programs.

All you need to do is join Team Amart,(online or in store), select our school from the list of participating groups and swipe your loyalty card every time you make a purchase at Amart Sports.

You'll receive access to great member prices and other benefits and the school will receive a 5% credit from everything you spend.

We have a bonus 20% off storewide shopping day coming up too!! Be sure to join Team Amart so you can get this extra bonus too!

Thanks for your
support.
P&F Group



Attendance—Everyday Counts!!

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem much but

He/She is only missing just	That equals	Which is	And over 13 years of schooling that's
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly <u>1.5 years</u>
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over <u>2.5 years</u>
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over <u>5 years</u>
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly <u>8 years</u>

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,049 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.

