



*Moving forward **With the Passion to Succeed***

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

<b>MARCH</b>	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Assembly 9:00am –Performance by 56M</b>
	<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>End of Term 1 School finishes 2:05pm</b>
<b>APRIL</b>	<b>Monday 17th</b>	<b>Easter Monday Holiday—No School</b>
	<b>Tuesday 18th</b>	<b>Term 2 starts</b>
	<b>Friday 21st</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 34M</b>
	<b>Monday 24th</b>	<b>Curriculum Day—No School</b>
	<b>Tuesday 25th</b>	<b>ANZAC DAY— No School</b>
	<b>Wednesday 26th</b>	<b>Walk to School Day—Meet at Navan Park</b>
	<b>Thursday 27th</b>	<b>Coffee Afternoon—Staffroom All Welcome 2:05pm</b>
	<b>Friday 28th</b>	<b>Assembly 2:30pm Performance by 12D</b>

**Key Messages from this Newsletter:**

- Food at School
- Supervision
- Retirement
- Annual Report to Community Meeting
- Masterplan
- Coffee Club
- Meeting Children Afterschool



**A Word from Our Captains**



Hello Parents,

Tomorrow is the end of Term 1. Dismissal is at 2:05pm!

Last Monday the School Captains and Miss Fraser went to the Melbourne Exhibition

And Convention Centre for the National Young Leaders Day where we met some really inspiring people.

This term has been amazing and we can't wait for the next one to be even better!

Enjoy your holidays, stay safe and see you next term.



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

This is a final newsletter for this term, which has flown by so quickly. Please enjoy the time together as a family over the holidays. I know the teachers and ES staff are all looking forward a restful break, as am I.

Since our last newsletter, Mrs O'Connor, Mrs Cvitkovic and I attended a conference called a "Thought Gathering" leadership workshop, where we got to meet many principals from schools in NSW, SA and Victoria who work in areas similar to ours. They shared some stories about the work they have undertaken to ensure the outcomes for their students have improved. We have been given this opportunity because we have been identified as a high-performing school in a low-socio economic area. We look forward to learning more and taking on board the things that will benefit us.

**Food at school:** In a previous newsletter I spoke about children purchasing items from the milk bar that are not available from the school canteen because we are trying to promote healthy eating. On reflection, the newsletter item could be seen to be targeting the milk bar on the corner, which was not my intention. Regardless of where these confectionary items are purchased, we request they are not brought to school. Further, we understand the business owner does not condone students leaving school grounds in order to go to the shop.

Our canteen is required to be quite strict with the type of food they sell, limiting high fat and sugary foods. This is a requirement from the Education Department. The food the canteen has on sale has been carefully vetted by Hungry Hamper Catering ensuring any muffins, cakes etc are of the highest quality. We are asking for your support of our Healthy Eating Policy by sending healthy options to school for your child to eat.

**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:

- ensure that your child arrives to school safely and are in the care of school staff at the beginning of the school day, and
- 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

**Retirement:** Mrs Haber's last day with us will be the first day next term. We will wish her well with a formal send off at assembly tomorrow. Please, if you see her, wish her all the best. It is a huge change in lifestyle when people retire after such a long career.

**Annual Report to Community Meeting:** The Annual Report to Community Meeting was held last Monday and I am pleased to say that we had a member of our school community attend to hear about the gains we made in 2016 and our plans for improvement in 2017. This is the first time someone other than the school council members have been present, which is terrific. A copy is available from the office and will be published on our website by the end of term.

**Masterplan:** Things are still bubbling along. I have had further communication from the architects who have completed the Schematic Design Phase. This involves giving details about the type of foundations that are required, and a very rough outline

**Coffee Club:** Just a reminder that we hold a Coffee Club in the staffroom for parents to come to once a fortnight. It's a great way to meet other parents. It is an informal gathering and you are free to come every time, or once in a while. Hope to see you all there.

**Meeting Children Afterschool:** We will be asking parents to wait for their children outside the buildings from next week. Please choose a spot with your child where they can meet you and/or wait for you. Having parents and carers in the corridors at the end of the day can make the exiting of the building quite hectic. Part of our role as educators is to build independence in the children and this is one way that we can help them.

#### **Other important information for this newsletter:**

**Camps, Sports and Excursion Funds (CSEF):** Students of families, who have an eligible Health Care Card, can apply for a grant from the Government of \$125. Please bring your current Health Care Card to the office and complete the form.

**Extend OSHC:** We have a Before and After School Care Program that families are encouraged to use if they need to get their child to school very early – before 8.30 or need care afterschool. Yard duty finishes at 3.15 each day, so children should be cleared from the playground by then, unless they are with an adult.

**Supervision After School:** As you may be aware, there is a park on the corner of Coburns Road and you West Melton Drive, where a number of students wait for their parents afterschool. Please be aware that the school is not able to provide teacher supervision in this area. I therefore suggest that you consider an alternative location at which your child waits to be picked up. Can I also remind that we have a Before and After School care facility run by Extend that is safe and well supervised and children can attend at a minimal cost. Please contact the school if you would like further information about Extend. Enrolment Packs are available at the office. We have staff on yard duty before school from 8.40 am and afterschool until 3.20 pm.

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Michelle Costa

Principal



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



### Friday 17th March

PC	Ella Spicer
PP	Siosiu Afu Jessica Awty Sebastian Dellosa Zelda Huseyin
PM	Ilyssa Attard-Mitchell Sione Haunga
12A	Tyler Russell Angela Motunuu
12D	Jaxson Holman
12G	Layla Whiffin
12P	Charlotte Harty Mordecai Maposa
12T	Xavier Attard-Mitchell
12W	Angeer Agany Kydan Kenny
12Z	Grace Rutsan Xavier-Jordan Leabourn-Waipouri
34A	Daniel FaaFoa Madison Williams
34B	Chanel Fuimaono Jordan Cronin-Pollard
34H	Claire Falzon Samuel Guy
34J	Mason Kapetanovic
34K	Julio Tjia Tanika Walli
34L	Ashley Lane Joel Hills
34S	Mary Nauer Matthew Sauao
56B	Venkat Vijay
56T	Emily Brown
56V	Riley Males

### Friday 24th March

PC	Taleya Bruce Cienna Gower
PM	Manu Maka
PS	Alexander Matwishyn Emine Behic
12A	Tiahana Kay Toby Williams
12D	Ruth Vanday Angels Ata
12G	Sorenson Muava
12P	Khalaye Tracey-Strahan Joshua Felix
12T	Ashton Wright Maile Nafe
12W	Ayak Magot
12Z	Darko Anicic Alexis Karmiste
34A	Ryan Varcoe
34B	Keira McKenzie Meriam Tung
34H	Abdelkarim Hilli
34J	Harley Quarry-Simmons
34K	Keira Tape
34L	Brendan Green
34M	Archer Mangan Akur Magot Zion Waipouri Ada Huseyin
34K	Bailey borg
34S	Jaxen Dennis Summer Allouche
56M	Kai Vale Tawny Roach
56T	Kylie Veliscek
56V	Ruth Carranza Monique Culliver

**SCHOOL FINISHES TOMORROW, 31st  
MARCH @ 2:05PM.**



**TERM 2 STARTS TUESDAY  
18TH APRIL**

### EASTER RAFFLE

Thank you to the School Community for the wonderful support of our Annual Easter Raffle. A profit of \$524 was raised.



#### **Raffle Winners:**

K. Bartolo	Keira Tape
Lynn Robinson	Kathy & Dennis Murray
Alek Deng	Shannon Anthony
Trudi Bauer	Alicia Camilleri
Renee Booker	Grace Braszell
Merym Hamer	Lucyanna Undy
Michael Ash	

The MWPS Parents & Friends would like to thank the school community for their support of our Term 1 fundraising activities. The following is a breakdown of the monies raised for each activity.

Pancake Day: \$701

Family Fun Night: \$920

Special Lunch: \$1014

### **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



### Keyboard & Guitar lessons On School Campus!



#### **Small Group & Private Lessons**

- Please **ENROL TODAY** – via PMI's website OR enrolment forms available at your school front office
- Lessons are held once per week on school campus – typically during the school day
- Only \$15.95 per child per small group lesson (2-5 students for 30 minutes)
- Our small group lessons provide a fun and affordable opportunity to learn instrumental music
- Private lessons also available (\$32.95 per child for 30 minutes)
- Learning plan for all students via "PMI Stars" program – structured objectives with progress visibility
- PMI teachers supply keyboards and textbooks for keyboard lessons (students bring their own guitars)
- Ten minutes per day of practice at home is all that is required to see improvement!
- Instrumental music can improve your child's school results – including for reading, maths, coordination
- Limited spaces available – so please enrol ASAP

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