

# Newsletter

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 2017

**Principal:** Alex Artavilla  
**School Council President:** Kylie Barker

**School Supervision Times:**  
8.45am - 9.00am  
3.15pm - 3.30pm

**Uniform Shop Hours:**  
Tuesday & Thursday  
8.45am - 9.15am / 3.00pm - 3.30pm

## Key reminders:

- **Parent Information session Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August 2017 6:15pm to 7:15pm** – please return slip from notice that was sent home last week or contact office if you are able to come along.
- **Year 5 and 6 'Melbourne City Walk' excursion** – return permission notice by 23<sup>rd</sup> of August

## Dates to remember 2017:

### Term 3

**Mondays and Tuesdays**  
Footsteps Dance Program

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> – Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
Book Week

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> August**  
Parent Forum  
How we cater for a diverse range of readers  
6.15pm – 7.15pm  
In the Library

**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August**  
Dress up Day for Book Week

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September**  
Swimming Program Starts

### Term 4

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November**  
Curriculum Day – No Student at School

**Don't forget if you have a sibling to be enrolled for next year, can you please hand in your enrolment as soon as possible to help with planning**

  
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Newsletter will be available online & will FlexiBuzzed each work

## Principal's Report

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have to begin the newsletter this week by congratulating the Preps on celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school! Unfortunately, I was at a Principal Network meeting on their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school and missed all the fun and the 100<sup>th</sup> day related activities (coincidentally I was out at meetings all day for the 100<sup>th</sup> day of our Year 1s and 2s – need to plan my schedule better next year!).

### Book Week 'Escape to Everywhere' 24<sup>th</sup> of August

Thank you so much to the parents that were able to share ideas for the up and coming 'Book Week Dress Up Day' theme 'Escape to Everywhere'. We know it is a challenging theme but that is what makes it so exciting. I am looking forward to all the creative ways that the students/families and staff interpret and showcase this theme! We are hoping for many original ideas however here are some book related 'Escape to Everywhere' ideas shared by parents via Survey Monkey that could spark your imagination!

- Historical figures (e.g. Horrible Histories books) or old-fashioned clothes (Playing Beattie Bow) or futuristic outfits to represent how books transport us everywhere in time
- Geography based outfits like flags or traditional dress to represent atlases or other non-fiction books
- 13-storey treehouse
- Escape to Animalia
- Books related to methods of escaping to another place, space, past, land - spacesuit, jetpack, underwater diving, hot air balloon, time travel, magic etc.
- Explorer 'Paddington Bear' traveller
- B.F.G. (Big Friendly Giant), Dr Zeus, There was an old lady who swallowed a fly, Thing 1 and Thing 2, Where's Wally and Spiderman
- PJs or loungewear because kids let their imagination run wild during bedtime book reading

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So these are just some book related ideas! Our challenge is to encourage the students to come up with their own ideas (that are within a reasonable budget and don't require 2 months to prepare!). Hope this project doesn't cause too much stress at home!

Also, one of the comments on Survey Monkey asked if it would be possible for the Younger Sun Bookshop to set up a 'Pop Up' stall for students to purchase books to take home – which is a great idea and one that we are now exploring!

Also, we are locking in a visit from the Younger Sun Bookshop for every Parent Teacher meeting each year in Tem One where families can purchase books for the library again!

### Launching of our Parent Library

Speaking of books, this week we launched our 'Parent Library' to share quality books and authors that parents can read to and with their children! The 'Parent Library' is for parents only and is located in the passageway near the Prep classrooms. It works on an honesty system. Borrow a book. Enjoy it. Return it to the school. Check out our Twitter feed or Flexibuzz for photos!



### Parent Forum 'Wonderings about learning'

Thank you to the parents that were able to join the Leadership Team on Wednesday as part of the 'wonderings about learning' Parent Forum. Although it was a smallish group, we had some great discussion! There is a lot that we took away from the forum that we will be exploring in further detail. We also hope to have another 'wonderings about learning' parent forum in the coming weeks.

### Update from the Policy School Council Sub-Committee

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the school uniform policy. We are especially proud of our student respondents. They were very articulate and on point!

A few common themes came up in the survey responses. Most parents are happy with the quality and value for money. It was very clear that the current uniform isn't very warm in winter or cool in summer. The fabric of the collar on the t-shirts, tops and jackets are very itchy. Although most parents are happy with the amount of casual dress days, students would love more.

### Future Parent Forums

1. How we cater for a diverse range of readers  
Date: Tuesday 22nd August 2017  
6.15pm – 7.15pm  
In the Library

### Fundraising

Pop Up Book Store	\$4,757.88
Easter Raffle	\$ 928.00
Mother's Day	\$ 815.60

### 2017 Book Packs

**Book Pack Payments are now due.**

**Your earliest attention would be greatly appreciated. If you require assistance, please see the office.**

**Thank you**

There are only a few places left in the Swimming Program. You can pay and sign the permission notices on QKR, pay EFT at the office or cash.



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Based on these responses, the Policy Sub-Committee will explore cost effective options available to add a jumper to the uniform and different fabrics for the dress, t-shirt, top and jacket. We will also recommend that an additional casual dress day be added to each term, bringing the number to three a term.

That's all from us for now. Please let us know if you would like any further information.

Hope everyone has had a great week.

Alex Artavilla  
Principal

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### **Student of the week:**

Will be awarded at assembly

#### PREP

- A TBA
- B TBA
- C TBA

#### ONE

- A Clifford Fitzgerald
- B Jack Beamish
- C TBA
- D Rita Te Rito-Tawhi

#### TWO

- A Maverick Ivanoski
- B Amal Adam
- C Trung Nguyen

#### THREE

- A TBA
- B Matteo Casipit
- 3/4A Mayen Wol

#### FOUR

- A Nancy Tran
- B Edin Pepic

#### FIVE

- A Yasin Ali
- B Kneisha Gray

#### SIX

- A Poulletta-Jo Te Rito
- B TBA

Multimedia: Bella Mare

Art: Tongjian Zhang

Sport: Grainne Corcoran Taylor

Nho Ngo

Ashley Parsons

Spanish: Clifford Fitzgerald

Science: Hillary Phung

**Congratulations Everyone  
Great Achievement**