



Module 1 Newsletter

Term 3 – 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the second half of the year. We are looking forward to the many exciting events that we have planned for the term.

Inquiry Learning – ‘Staying Alive’

In Term Three our students will be learning about ‘Living Things.’ Students will investigate the physical and external features living things have and need for their survival.

Growth Mindset

This term our students will continue to develop their understanding of the brain and some of its functions. They will also begin to develop an understanding of mindfulness. Students are assisted to become more aware of their senses and the benefits to their learning and wellbeing.

James Cook Musical

The James Cook Musical will be performed at the Drum Theatre, Dandenong on Wednesday, 13th September. Students have begun working with module teachers, Mr Shenfield and Lauryn (dance instructor) to practise singing, dance routines and dialogue in readiness for the exciting production. More details about this event will follow so please take note of information in our communication book and school newsletter.

School Disco

The School Disco will be held in the school hall on Friday 11th August. The Prep to Year 2 students will attend the earlier session from 5.00pm to 6.15pm. Students are invited to come dressed in their disco clothes and join in the dancing and games. A notice was sent home last week with information about glow in the dark products that may be pre-ordered to be worn at the disco.

Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week

Book Week, Literacy and Numeracy Week will be held from 21st to 25th August. The theme is ‘Escape to Everywhere’. Students are invited to come dressed as their favourite book character. Families are invited to visit the modules during an Open Morning from 9.00am to 10.15am, followed by a whole school parade of book characters.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

The Premier’s Reading Challenge continues for several weeks this term – finishing on Friday 8th September. The students are enjoying reading and experiencing Reading Challenge books in the module. Most students have already attained the required number of 30 books. You can also log onto the website: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/parents.aspx> and include books you have read with your child at home.

Special Lunch Days

Please take note that there will be three special lunch days this term. There will be a Hot Dog lunch on 1st August, a Pizza lunch on 22nd August and a Pie lunch on 19th September.

Nude Food

To promote respect for our environment, every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday are Nude Food Days. We ask that students bring snacks and lunch in re-usable containers. Our aim is to reduce the amount of paper and plastic wrappers at school. The Prep students are gaining an understanding of the need to reduce waste materials and keenly participate in counting wrappers. Students with zero wrappers are given a sticker on a 'loyalty' card. Upon reaching ten stickers students are awarded a prize. Please assist your child to support our Nude Food endeavours.

Father's Day Stall

A Father's Day stall will be held on Friday 1st September. Students will be able to select from a variety of small gifts. If you wish your child to purchase a gift, please send along money in a named envelope or wallet together with a named plastic bag on this day.

Helping in the Module

We are always happy to have parents assist with our many programs in the Module. If you can spare some time and would like to assist in the module, please see one of the Prep teachers. Tasks include assisting with Reading, Mathematics, the Perceptual Motor Program and making teaching aids. Parent helpers need to have a Working with Children card. If you would like to assist but do not have a Working with Children card, we can help you with the relevant paperwork.

Lost Property

Currently we have a large number of unnamed items of school clothing in our lost property basket. Please remember to label all items of clothing to make it easier to return to the owner. The lost property basket is located in the module near Prep B. If you are missing any items of school uniform, please look through the basket and reclaim any items that may belong to your child. At the end of the month, all unclaimed items will be washed and donated to the school's First Aid room.

Communication

The 'Weekly Update' will continue to be sent home in the 'Communication Book' each week, informing parents of our learning program and upcoming events.

School Starting Times and Absences

Students must be at school before 9:00am. If students arrive after the bell has sounded, parents must go to the office to obtain a LATE pass. It is most important that students are at school on time and the daily routine and essential instructions all happen at the very beginning of the day. Absence notes are required when your child has been away from school. You can also register an absence through FlexiBuzz (formerly Tiqbiz).

Thank you for your continuing support.

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