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Assistant Principal's Report



It is lovely to hear the excited voices of our younger students as they discover the Christmas tree and wrapped parcels at the office. What a special time of the year this is!

During this 'special time' we all experience a range of emotions – excitement, frustration, happiness, worry, joy, disappointment... It is essential that we draw on our resilience skills to cope with changes and/or challenging situations.

In the last couple of weeks of the school year some students may find themselves in situations that make them feel cross, worried or disappointed.

Situations such as ...

- being asked to help organise their classroom by cleaning out their chair-bag or locker tub when they really can't be bothered
- moving to a new classroom or a new school without ALL their friends
- not getting the leadership position they hoped for

It is important that we acknowledge the emotion but after a short time it is essential to take a deep breath, draw on our resilience and bounce back - *even if there are only 19 days 'til Christmas!!!!!!*

At this stage we have 373 students enrolled for 2019. We will run 16 classes which gives an average class size across the school of 23.

Last week at the Soiree we said goodbye to Rose Saunders our Performing Arts teacher and we welcomed Jessica Wynne who comes with a fabulous resume – and an amazing voice! What a lovely evening it was across at the Red Hill Bakery. Around 40 students played their musical instruments or sang in the school choir. Emily Forrest and Lukas Cole-Sinclair performed a lovely duet of 'Mary did You Know?', rewriting the lyrics to 'Rose Did You Know?'. It was a fitting farewell.

Pea Saunders has decided to take a year's leave from full-time teaching in 2019. We will however see her around the school in a Casual Relief Teacher (CRT) capacity. We sincerely thank Pea for all she has done in her classroom teaching, Visual Arts and Sustainability roles.

I am thrilled to inform you that all other members of staff are remaining with us in 2019. We recognise that the core business of schools is to teach academic skills and promote student resilience, wellbeing and positive social attitudes. Much has been achieved this year and we look forward to building on these successes in the coming 12 months.

Our students in Years 1-6 will meet their 2019 classroom teacher at the 'Step Up' session on Thursday 20th December.

What fun our Year 1 and 2 students had at Somers camp last week. There has been much discussion about the dolphins they spotted, the wobbly bridge, the tasty damper and the mini golf! Our Year 5's return this afternoon after 'glamping' at Point Leo. I am sure they will have lots of stories to share too!

Thank you to everyone who supported our lap-athon on Monday. It was terrific to see our students 'doing their best' as they ran or walked quickly to achieve the next mark on their wristband! Thank you to those who have already returned the collected money to school. We are very excited to put the funds raised toward a Wetlands Mural that has been commissioned for an outside gym wall. We hope to have it in place to welcome you back to the 2019 school year.

The 'Boomerang Bags' group has kindly donated \$500 to this fund. We thank them for their generosity – *and the great work they have done to support the reduction of plastic bag usage.*

Finally thank you to those who have already donated to our 'Christmas Appeal'. Your generous gifts and/or food will support families in our local community who are struggling during this Christmas period.

I hope you and your children are able to enjoy together some of the many special events planned for the last fortnight. Please keep a watch on the COMPASS calendar.

Enjoy the next crazy fortnight – *demonstrating your resilience!*

Sandy O'Meara

ATTENDANCE: All attendance must be entered onto Compass. Please ensure that if your child is absent or going to be late that you record this on Compass prior to 8.30 am daily.

Bendigo Bank School banking:
Bring your bank books on **TUESDAY**

Uniform Shop dates-Term 4
Tuesday 11th December 10 am

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



PLEASE BE AWARE THAT DATES SOMETIMES CHANGE AND UNFORESEEN EVENTS MAY BE ADDED. CHECK COMPASS FOR UPDATES.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
				7 DECEMBER *Whole School Assembly-Curriculum presentation Foundation A
10 *Responsible Pet Program Yrs F to 2 *Beach Water Safety Yr 3 & 4	11 *Orientation 2019 Foundation Students * Foundation Beach Day permission due	12 *Beach Water Safety Yrs 1 & 2	13	14 *Sports Expo *Whole school picnic *Christmas Carols 5pm
17 *Final Whole School Assembly 2.15 pm and helpers afternoon tea	18 *Foundation Beach Day	19 *Yr 6 Graduation	20 *Step Up Session	21 End of Year 1.15 pm finish



WALKING BUS

The walking bus departs from the Skate Park at 8.30 am every morning and departs school for the return trip at 3.20 pm. Please be at the meeting point on time to meet your children.

25 **JANUARY**
BOOK
COLLECTION DAY
9.00am TO 12.00pm

UNITING CARE CONNECTIONS CHRISTMAS APPEAL:

Outside the school office you will see our Christmas tree. This tree provides a place for our school community to donate gifts and items of food for families in the local community, who are struggling during this Christmas period. All we ask is that you choose a tag from the tree, purchase a gift for that aged child and place it under the tree. Perhaps also whilst you are shopping in the next few weeks, you may like to pick up something to place in our food hamper too. Thank you once again for 'caring for others at Christmas time!'

PLEASE BRING YOUR DONATIONS INTO SCHOOL BY WEDNESDAY 19TH DECEMBER 2018.



CURRENT NOTICES

- Yr 1 to 4 Beach Water Safety
- Foundation Beach Day
- Yr 6 Graduation
- **Lap-A-Thon money due now**

School Captain's Report

I can't believe my year as School Captain is nearly over but there is still lots to do in the last two weeks.

I am looking forward to sports day, whole school picnic, Christmas Carols, Year 6 Legacy projects, finishing our memory books and the graduation celebrations.

Hope everyone can enjoy these celebrations with me.

Hugh Brancatisano