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Principal and Assistant Principal's Report

Welcome to the 2019 school year.

It's a pleasure to be back at school to see so many refreshed and happy faces among both the staff and children. I've enjoyed wandering the school yard and seeing the enjoyment the children have been deriving from the newly resurfaced basketball courts which has been a major attraction since their return to school. There was barely space to throw a ball on Wednesday morning when so many children flocked to try out the new playing surface. Last year's walkathon paid for a beautiful mural depicting images from our wetlands and this was also completed and installed on the side of the gym. The interior of the portable classrooms was freshly painted and were also equipped with new blinds.

In my visits to classrooms I have been pleased to see children happily engaged in activities designed to smooth their transition into their new class and the 2019 school year.

I want to extend a very warm welcome to our many new families. I am sure that you will find our school community a very happy and inclusive one. Tea and coffee will be available from the canteen after drop off each morning for the start of the year. We'd love to see you enjoy a coffee and a chat with friends while admiring the new mural and courts.

School Communication

Key information about every student is passed on from the previous year's teacher to your child's new teacher at the beginning of the year. This year, instead of the *Getting to Know You Interviews* that we usually hold in February, we are having a *Meet Your Class Community* night. On Wednesday 20th February you are invited to your child's classroom to meet their teacher and the parents of the other children in the class.

If you need to meet with your child's teacher before this please contact the office to arrange a time. Please refrain from speaking with teachers after the bell has gone when the school day has started as teachers need to be able to give their full attention to the children. If you have a message you would like passed on speak with one of our lovely office people and they will ensure the teacher concerned receives your message.

I would like to extend an invitation to everyone to join us for the *Welcome Breakfast* on Friday 15th February at 9 am in the library. This is a great opportunity to meet other parents and catch up with some staff. We hope to see you there.

After the *Welcome Breakfast* we will be running a program for parents who would like to help in the classrooms but have not yet completed the Parent' Induction Program (you only need to do this once whilst your child is at the school) this will be held in the library.

Meet our wonderful classroom teachers for 2019...



Jill Olle
Foundation A



Peta Hall
3A



Hayley Robinson
Foundation B



Michaela Jeanes
3B



Belinda Landolfo
Foundation C



Theresa Banks
4A



Andrew Gilmour
1A



Ashleigh Dickinson
4B



Hillary Findlay
1B



Ben Cornall
5A



Krysha Renison
1/2A



Jana Hanafie
5B



Susan Horvath
2A



Suzanne Litchfield
6A



Melanie Brooks
2B



Melanie Phillips
6B

Assemblies will be every second Friday at 2.15 pm beginning tomorrow, Friday 1st February. Everyone is most welcome to come along. Our Foundation students will not attend whole school assemblies until term 3.

2019 is off to a great start!



Rhonda Stephens



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 please.

Bendigo Bank School banking:
Bring your bank books on TUESDAYS or if new to banking, you can enroll at the Balnarring Branch

Uniform Shop dates-Term 1
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)
February 6th and 20th—Cash only
March 6th and 20th—Cash only
April 3rd—Cash only

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.

WHAT ACTIVITIES ARE COMING UP



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

MONDAY	TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
			31 January *Foundation students begin today (half groups for half a day)	1 February *Foundation students attend (half groups for half a day)
4	5	6	7	8
11	12	13	14	15 *Welcome Breakfast 8.45am in the Library *Parent Helper induction session *District Tennis (selected students)
18	19	20 *Meet the class Community 5pm to 7pm *School Council 7pm	21	22
25	26	27 Curriculum Day No students at school	28 *District Swim (selected students)	1 March
4	5	6	7	8
11 LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY	12	13	14	15
18 Curriculum Day No students at school	19	20 *Wetlands Meeting 5pm *School Council 7pm	21	22

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:

\$125 for primary school students

\$225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form.

Please return your form to the office by 28th February 2019.

STUDENT TRANSPORT ALLOWANCE (Conveyancing Allowance)

Students may be eligible for transport support if they live more than 4.8km from their nearest school (not the school they attend). Application forms and eligibility criteria are available from the school office if you feel you may be eligible. Completed forms are required to be returned to the office by Thursday 28th February 2019. If you received payments in 2018 you do not need to reapply - your application will be rolled over.

