

# IBIS FLYER

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Always learning!

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### Acting Principal and Acting Assistant Principal's Report

What a disjointed week this has been!

Hopefully you were able to enjoy some time with your children on both the Public Holiday and planned Curriculum Day. I have been asked, on a few occasions now, why we didn't attach the curriculum day to the long weekend?

The answer is simply that the THRASS consultant that we had excitedly employed was not available until Thursday. Michelle ran a most valuable session for our teachers, helping them to consolidate their knowledge of THRASS (spelling program).

Curriculum Days are a vital component of each teacher's continued Professional Development.

During this past fortnight all staff have also completed their CPR training – a yearly requirement - and are completing both the asthma and anaphylaxis recertification modules online. We also walked through our wetlands with Brian Thomas, ranger at Coolart, who shared his knowledge of the area with us.

Our students too continue to be busy and actively engaged in their learning.

The Foundation students are now with us full time and according to their teachers have settled *"really well into school routines"*.

Our Year 1/2's hosted a games morning last Friday; many grandparents and special friends came along to school to play some 'old fashioned' games. Marbles, elastics, hopscotch and skipping games dominated. It was lovely to hear our young students proudly leading their guests around the school as they moved between the activities.

Our Year 3/4's walked across to IGA to investigate labels on packages as part of their 'Good food choices' Discovery Week Unit. They certainly found out some interesting information about some of their favourite products!

Many of our 5/6's enthusiastically auditioned for roles in this year's production, which will be held at the New Peninsula Centre on the 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST.

It was also lovely presenting our Year 6 leaders with their badges at the last whole school assembly. Many of these young people have already begun showing how they *respect and care for others*. House Captains have run a couple of lunchtime games for enthusiastic 'bombardier players' and our Yard Leaders have been the audience for younger students wanting to 'show off' their monkey bar skills!

The work on display in the frames in the passageway, alongside the office, is testament to the great work

being done. I love listening to the explanation from our proud students showing their parents and friends the display.

We would like to thank ALL our families for acknowledging the school's ICT agreement; every child from Foundation – Year 6 has now signed, or had a parent sign on their behalf, this agreement. It is essential that we continue to work together to keep our children safe online.

There has certainly been plenty of talk about the Tic Toc app. Our recent guest-speaker Susan McClean was also most insistent that NO CHILD AT PRIMARY SCHOOL should have access to this app.

Keeping our children safe online supports their wellbeing.

To further support the wellbeing of our students we have re-joined the updated ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM managed by Peninsula Health. Our first task was to complete the Healthy School's snapshot; the consultant working with us had not seen such a positive score. We look forward to informing you of our work as we progress through the seven units. Our work as a Lead School in implementing DET's Rights, Resilience and Respectful Relationships program goes hand in hand with the Achievement Program.

Thank you to those members of the school Community who have nominated for School Council. We have the exact number of parent reps required so there is no need to hold a ballot. Congratulations to Bill Mitchell, Ben Vasiliou, Markham Lewis, Courtney Vincent and Millie McCutcheon.

The first meeting of the new Council will be next Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 7pm. All welcome.

Our Student Council too have been busy; they have planned their four charity days for the year. The first of these will be held on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March—Aussie Day. Following discussion around the bushfires it was decided that the funds raised will go to support the work of the local Mornington Peninsula Koala Habitat Project. I am very proud of our globally active students.

Finally a reminder that our staff supervise the school grounds from 8:30 until 3:30 every school day. Please ensure you have care organised for your children outside these hours.

Rhonda has extended her leave until the end of term 1 now, so please enjoy the next busy fortnight with us,



Sandy  
O'Meara



Fiona  
Forrest

**SUPERVISION AT SCHOOL  
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL HOURS:**  
Supervision before school commences at 8.30 am and after school until 3.30 pm.

**UNIFORM SHOP**  
(Please note that samples only are kept onsite)-Cash only

Term 1: 18th March  
Term 2: 15th April, 29th April, 13th May, 27th May

## 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
				13 March *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 1A
16	17 *Dr Cameron Stelzer Writing Workshop Year 2 to 6	18 *Hot Cross Bun orders and payment due *School Council 7pm	19	20 *'Aussie Day' Student Council Fundraiser—Gold coin donation
23 *Yr 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership payment and permission due on Compass	24	25 *Parent Teacher Interviews 2 pm to 6.30 pm *Hot Cross Buns orders delivered to classrooms	26 *Yr 5/6 Summer Lightning Premiership	27 <b>END OF TERM 1 2.15 PM FINISH</b>

## ENJOY YOUR TERM BREAK

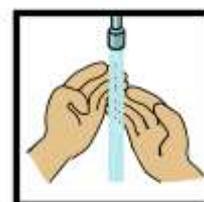
13 April <b>EASTER MONDAY</b>	14 <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b> No students at school School Network Professional Development on Maths instruction	15	16 *Skatepark Safety	17 *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 6B
20	21	22	23 *Skatepark Safety *Science and Technology Expo Evening	24 *House Activities Yrs 1 to 6 - Wear your house Colours
27 *Whole School Cyber Bully incursion payment and permission due on Compass	28 *Somers School Camp begins (select students)	29	30 *Skatepark Safety *Cyber Bully incursion	1 May *Assembly Yrs 1-6 -Curriculum presentation 5B

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR SCHOOL CAPTAINS

In addition to the frequent reminders from our teachers our School Captains spoke to all students over the PA last Friday about the importance of good personal hygiene.

1. Cover your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing with a tissue, or cough into your elbow.
2. Dispose of the tissue into a bin and then wash your hands afterwards.
3. Wash your hands regularly, using soap and water, including after using the toilet and before eating.

We are certain this is the message you are giving your children at home.



# The next few weeks in...

## TERM 1

FOUNDATION	
Literacy	In reading we will be developing our Strategy of looking at the picture and getting our mouths ready by saying the first sound out loud so our ears can hear the word. We will be using the pictures to predict what will happen in the story.  In writing we will be looking at forming our letters and numbers correctly and having a go at writing the initial sounds of words.
Numeracy	In numeracy Foundation students will be exploring numbers 1-9 by subitising, showing the numbers on 10 frames, making the numbers on Rekenreks and writing the matching digit.

YEARS 1/2	
Literacy	Our current literacy focus is Narrative story telling. The reading strategies we focus on help us to understand stories in greater detail. We are also writing our own narrative stories, <b>thinking about correct layout and use of punctuation.</b> Of course we're continuing to work on our High Frequency words as well. Thank you for your home reading support.
Numeracy	This term our number focus will continue to be Place Value. As we explore 2 and 3 digit numbers we are revising odd and even numbers as well as ordering them and using the <b>terms greater than and less than.</b> We'll also look at numbers in expanded form ( $62=60+2$ ) and different ways that we can make and show one number.

YEARS 3/4	
Literacy	We have Cameron Stelzer (Author of the Pie Rats series) visiting to explain the process of planning and writing creative stories. This will support our reading and writing focus on Narratives before an introduction to persuasive texts. Students will be working hard in class and at home on CAFÉ reading goals and applying a range of comprehension strategies in answering questions and responding to texts.
Numeracy	In mathematics we have been exploring place value; ordering, renaming, comparing and expanding numbers. We have investigated data and how we can represent it in various tables and graphs. Soon we will begin working on the processes of addition and subtraction, including the connections between the two operations.

YEARS 5/6	
Literacy	In Years 5/6, we are continuing to create mood through intentional use of language in our writing. We will also continue to work through a range of comprehension strategies and practise using them during independent reading.
Numeracy	In our number groups, we will focus on problem solving strategies such as 'trial and error' and 'make a table' and apply them to a range of situations involving place value and measurement. We will also be revisiting estimating and rounding to assist with checking the reasonableness of our answers.

F-6 "We Respect and Care" Sessions	
Respectful Relationships	Students in Foundation-Year 6 will discuss Unit 1 "Emotional Literacy" during the "We Respect and Care" sessions. They will recognize and identify their own emotions, describe situations that may evoke these emotions and compare emotional responses with those of their peers. All activities will be age appropriate.