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Term 2—Week 1

21 April 2017

Working Together, Aspiring Higher, Connecting with our Community & Doing the Right Thing

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT Mr James Whitla

A very warm welcome back to term 2 to all of our students and their families. I trust that the holiday break brought with it the opportunity to spend time with family and friends.

This term brings with it many great learning opportunities and some terrific experiences. School Camps for our Senior School students are almost upon us and along with a Book Fair, Open Nights, Cross Country Competitions, Extra Curricula Activities and Parent-Teacher Meetings, we will have much to celebrate at the end of June.

This term our teachers will continue to focus on developing Co-operative Group Work strategies that help students to articulate their thoughts in a supportive environment. We continue to strive to develop critical and creative thinkers and sharing each others' strengths and ideas is a crucial part to this process.

WELL PLANNED CO-OPERATIVE GROUP WORK LEADS OUR STUDENTS TO:

- **depend on each other** to complete a task
- accept their **individual responsibility** to the rest of the group
- **discuss with each other**, often using higher order thinking skills
- **teach each other**, which helps them memorise facts and concepts more easily
- **develop better social skills**, which encourages positive feelings among group members.

This week our newest School Councillors Alison Read, Bree Ryan and Leah Wheatley joined myself, Steve Smith and Mike Smits at Governance Training designed to help us work for and with our school community in the most effective and dynamic manner possible. Our School Council next meets on Tuesday 9 May.

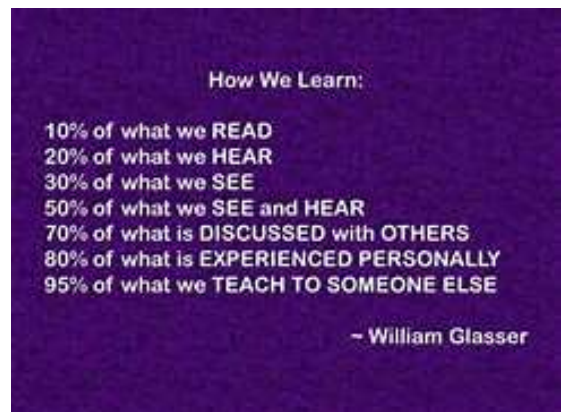
Our Year 3 and 5 students will sit NAPLAN (National Literacy and Numeracy) tests in early May, and whilst the results of these tests are important to our school and the Department of Education, they are not as important as the wellbeing of our students. Teachers have been supporting and encouraging our students to do their very best on these upcoming tests and have worked through strategies to help keep our students as relaxed as possible and not feel too much pressure that can occasionally be present during the testing period.

All Year 4-6 students will have the opportunity soon to complete the annual 'Student Attitudes To School' Survey. The results of this assists us to gain an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school and we will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve the schooling experience for all of our students.

Our Semester One student reports will have a brand new look this year as the new Victorian curriculum takes shape. We are aiming to streamline these reports using a new software package from COMPASS. Our goal is to ensure that student reports are user friendly, clear, concise and easy to understand. In the coming weeks we will provide samples of what these may look like.

While on Semester One reports - our **Parent/Teacher** interviews are going to be held on **Wednesday 28 June & Thursday 29 June**. The focus of these meetings will be the establishment of each student's future learning goals and the strategies that teachers and parents will employ to assist students to achieve these goals and targets.

Have a wonderful term.



2017 ATTITUDES TO SCHOOL SURVEY

WE WANT OUR STUDENT TO TELL US WHAT THEY THINK

Our school is conducting a survey to find out what your child thinks of our school. The Attitudes to School Survey is an annual student survey offered by the Department of Education and Training. The survey assists schools in gaining an understanding of students' perceptions and experience of school.

Our school will use the survey results to plan programs and activities to improve your child's schooling experience.

This year the Attitudes to School Survey will be conducted at our school between Monday 22 May to Friday 23 June. The survey only takes 20-30 minutes to complete and occurs during your child's class time.

Students from Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6, at our school will participate in the survey. Your child will complete the survey online during school hours using a purpose built secure online survey tool.

The survey results will be reported back to the school in Term 3 and we will keep you posted with the results. Last year we used the survey results to plan and deliver exciting learning opportunities such as our Olympic units, a vast range of extra curricula activities and upgrading our digital technologies.

The Department has updated the survey for 2017 to include important new measures that are known to influence student engagement and performance.

Students privacy is our priority

Your child will be provided with a unique login to complete the survey. The student login is an assigned identifier that may be used by the Department to combine data for research purposes only. Your child's privacy and the confidentiality of your child's survey responses will be protected at all times. No identifiable personal data is included in the survey response file.

This survey is not a test and your child has the right to refuse or withdraw from the survey at any point before, during, or after completion.

Want to know more?

Please speak to your child's teacher if you would like more information or go to:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/management/Pages/performsurveyat.aspx>

CANTEEN Mrs Diane Cameron

Welcome to Term 2, with a slight change in the menu and a couple of huge improvements in the canteen. We have a new sink and new skylights (bring your sunnies - it's a little bright!). Thank you to school council.

Also starting back this term is the Canteen Cup, with a Twirly Pop to each student of the winning class and a very prestigious trophy. Term 4 last year both Year 3 classes drew and received their prize in the last week of term. A list of rules will be sent to each class.

Our next Sushi Day will be on Tuesday 30 May. Orders are via Qkr only and will close on Thursday 25 May. For those who don't have Qkr, please see me at the canteen, and I will accept cash orders only.

The Term 2 roster has been completed and sent home (We will have many new faces helping out in the Canteen this term along with our more experienced ones. My apologies to Melinda for leaving you off the roster. I have made some changes and will send a new roster to those affected. If you haven't received your copy please contact me at the school.

Term 2 menu will be sent home today this is also available on Tiqbiz (soon to be rebranded as FlexiBuzz). Hot Chocolates will be added to menu.

CANTEEN ROSTER			
Mon 24	Tue 25	Thu 27	Fri 28
	ANZAC DAY	Tarsha Warren	Nicole Butcher
Mon 1	Tue 2	Thu 4	Fri 5
Monica Leo	Stacey Smith	Alison McCraw Holly Smith	Jane Donaldson



Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

Tiqbiz has been sold, and as of 28 April, will be rebranded as FlexiBuzz.

All registered users will receive a notification informing them of the changes, and asking them to run an update.

Please follow these instructions and update Tiqbiz as soon as possible so that you don't miss out on any important information.

YEAR 6 TO 7 TRANSITION

Sandie Wishart—Business Manager

All Year 6 students received an envelope on Thursday, containing all the information required to enrol at their Secondary College for 2018.

Please read the enclosed information and return the Application Form, to Edithvale Primary School, by 12 May at the latest.

You need to provide a second choice of school, so that in the event your child is not successful in gaining a place at their first choice of school, we know where to send their form.

If your child has a confirmed place at a non-government school, there is a space on the form to record this. In that case, you do not need to provide a second choice.

If you wish to apply to a school other than your designated school, then please contact that school to see if they are 'zoned' in which case, you will need to ask for their 'out of zone application form'.

Please feel free to phone us if you have any queries.

CSEF

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. CSEF will be provided to 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 is 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 is \$125 for primary school students.

How to Apply

- Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form. Complete the form and return it with a copy of your Health Care/Pension card.

SUSHI DAY

The next Sushi Day is on 30 May. Please use Qkr to order. If you are not able to order through Qkr, please see Diane Cameron in the canteen. Orders are due by 25 May.

Please note order forms will NOT be sent home.

NEWS FROM THE CHELSEA HEIGHTS COMMUNITY CENTRE

Lots of exciting activities on offer this Term at Chelsea Heights Community Centre.

On Monday mornings Happy Kids Sports is for 2.5 to 5.5 year olds and teaches basic sport skills in a fun environment. We have added a Monday afternoon Pilates class - 2pm to 2.45pm, perfect for busy parents before its time for that school pickup.

A Senior Bike riding group will run on Wednesday mornings, leaving the Centre at 9.30am with Volunteer leaders and on Wednesday evening Yoga classes suitable for all levels are on 7pm to 8pm.

Places are filling fast for our Wednesday and Thursday morning four hour child cares sessions and Playgroup makes its return on Wednesday mornings.

On Monday 22 May 7pm to 9pm we will be holding a decluttering workshop which will give you the strategies to organise your storage spaces and be confident in deciding what to keep and where to put it!

On Saturday 27 May 10am to 4pm come along and learn how to make a beautiful transparent indoor/outdoor piece, this course is suitable for people of all ages.

Ring 9772 3391 to book, for more details or our term brochure, and please visit our website at www.chelseaheightscommunitycentre.com.au for a full program or just drop on by.

STUDENT BANKING



Student banking day is Tuesday each week.

If you would like to arrange a School Banking Account with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, please see Pru or Helen at the front office.

Student banking is a great way to develop good saving practices in your child and they receive a token each time they bank, which they are able to redeem for various prizes & gifts.

A big thank you to **Sarah Popp** and **Bernadette Lydster** for their assistance with Student Banking each week, we very much appreciate your help.

School Banking 2017 is off to a flying start.



This year's School Banking adventure is well underway, as the new-look Dollarmites lead the journey up towards the amazing Savings Hover Park. Students are demonstrating a remarkable saving behaviour.

New reward items

There are two new reward items to keep students saving in Term 2: the 3D Chalk Set and Tablet Case. Your child can redeem one of these, while stocks last, after making 10 School Banking deposits.

Modern ways to teach money skills with the CommBank Youth app

Through the School Banking program, CommBank has been offering engaging ways for Australian children to learn the value of saving and smart money management since 1931. In 2017, the introduction of the CommBank Youth app, an innovative digital banking tool, will help enhance the School Banking program.

With the CommBank Youth app, your child can:

- Check the balance of their Youthsaver account.
- View School Banking deposits in their transaction history.
- Track the number of Dollarmites tokens they collect.
- Set up savings goals and monitor their progress.
- Create a list of chores they can do to earn pocket money.

Explore more about the CommBank Youth app, and how to get your child started, by visiting commbank.com.au/schoolbanking



3D Chalk Set

Tablet Case

Learning the value of digital money

Did you know that approximately one in five parents are trying to teach their children about cashless transactions and digital money management? CommBank research shows parents are alternating between cash and online bank transfers when giving their children pocket money, and actively demonstrating 'tap and go', online banking, mobile applications and how ATMs work. For more information and tips on financial education for kids, visit The Beanstalk on commbank.com.au/beanstalk



Things you should know: The Commonwealth Bank School Banking Study is an online survey of 1,040 parents across Australia undertaken by ACA Research in December 2016. This article is intended to provide general information of an educational nature only. It does not have regard to the financial situation or needs of any reader and must not be relied upon as financial product advice. Commonwealth Bank of Australia ABN 48 123 123 124.



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Open Afternoon
Come and experience the Year 7 Learning Centre on Saturday 22nd April, 2017 from 2.00 - 4.00pm (SEAL information session at 3.00pm)

Open Night
See our whole College at work on Thursday 27th April, 2017 from 7.00 - 9.00pm (SEAL information session commences at 6.30pm)

SEAL Entrance Exam
Friday 28th April, 2017 9.00am-1.00pm

Tours with our Principal, Michelle Roberts, are held every Friday at 9.30am

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educators and committee to see if you would like to become
part of this inclusive and welcoming community in 2018!*

OPEN DAY

Saturday 29th April, 2 - 4pm

29 Fraser Avenue, Edithvale (03) 9772 3136

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Messy
Play

Baby
Chicks

Mud
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Can't get through to your pre-teen or teen?

Is the frustration affecting your relationship?

The Communicating with your Adolescent workshop will support parents by targeting personal effectiveness in communication skills to enhance your relationship with your child. You will explore the origins of your communication style, better understand the communication styles used by others and develop personal communication skills.

You will gain a better understanding of your approach to the relationship, and specifically to communication with your adolescent. The workshop will enable you to develop valuable strategies and tools to become more effective in your communication, fostering a stronger relationship with your pre-teen or teen.

Topics include:

- Self-awareness: understanding who you are and how you came to be at this point
- Active listening skills
- Conflict resolution and problem solving
- Being assertive
- Practical tools and strategies

Investing a few hours now, will create a valuable roadmap for navigating those challenging teen years.

Best suited to:

Parents and carers of adolescents aged 10 to 17 years.

When:

The workshop runs across four Monday evenings.

Monday 22nd May 7pm to 9pm
Monday 29th May 7pm to 9pm
Monday 5th June 7pm to 9pm
Monday 19th June 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$210 per person (\$100 concession)

Bookings and more information:

To book or for more info, visit us at heartlinks.com.au
Email heartlinks@familylife.com.au or call (03) 8599 5488



Parenting after separation is quite a challenge!

Do you need to improve your co-parenting arrangement?

In this Post Separation Parenting workshop, we redefine co-parenting as the 'business' of maintaining a working relationship with the child's other parent in order to put the child's needs first.

The workshop aims to equip parents with greater skill in remaining child-focused, reducing conflict, improving communication with the other parent, and developing positive post-separation co-parenting arrangements.

Parents will be supported to reduce the stress around a challenging situation, while providing a safe space to discuss and explore co-parenting issues. You will develop a range of strategies to manage and improve the relationship with the other parent, and most importantly enhance the connection with your child and help with the adjustment to a 'new normal'.

Best suited to:

Separated or divorced parents, and carers. Only one party of the relationship can be accepted in each workshop.

When:

The workshop runs across four Wednesday evenings.

Wednesday 24th May 7pm to 9pm
Wednesday 31st May 7pm to 9pm
Wednesday 7th June 7pm to 9pm
Wednesday 21st June 7pm to 9pm

Light refreshments provided.

Where:

Family Life meeting room, 197 Bluff Rd, Sandringham

Cost:

\$210 per person (\$100 concession)

Certificates of participation, suitable for submission to Court are available on completion of the workshop.

Bookings and more information:

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