**CALENDAR**

**July**
27  Prep Transition 9.30am - 10.30am  
29  Curriculum Day - Pupil Free  

**August**
5  Grade 3/4 Hoop time at Kilsyth  
8-12  3/6 Swimming Hawthory Rd Kilsyth  
24  District Athletics 9.30-2.30pm  
    Prep Transition 9.30am - 10.30am  

**September**
9  Grade 5/6 Hoop time - Kilsyth  
13  School Production - Mt Lilydale  
    Mercy College Hall  
16  Last Day Term 3 - 2.30pm dismissal  

**October**
3  First Day Term 4  
5  Prep Transition 9.30am - 10.30am  
24-28  P-2 Swimming (Kings)  

**November**
3  Prep Transition 9.30am - 10.30am  
11  5/6 Community Sports Day Oxley  
23  Hip to Skip  

**December**
5  Carols Night 5pm BBQ 6.30pm Start  
6  Parent Helper Morning Tea  
9  Prep Celebration Day  
13  2017 Prep Information Night  
14  Final Prep Transition 9.30am - 10.45am  
15  Grade 6 Graduation Night  

**ASSEMBLY DATES**
29th July, 12th August, 26th August  
9th September, 23rd September  

**From the Art room**
Just to let you know that all the teddy bears are dressed and ready to go for a billy cart ride. Grade 3 and 4’s have their woodworking incursion next Tuesday. We’re all very excited.
From the Principal

Staffing
You may be aware that there have been some staffing changes this term.
It is with much regret that I inform you that Mr Martin King who has been such a valued member of our staff for the last 5 years is leaving us to take up a position in another field. This is his last week with us and as you can imagine he will be greatly missed. Not only has he been an outstanding teacher but his work across the school particularly in the area of ICT has been invaluable. We wish him well in his new career.
We welcome Mrs Carolyn Brickwell who has been employed to take over his class as of next Monday.
Mr Brian Whitehouse who was in the Year 3/4 is now taking an ICT extension and challenge program across the school. We are pleased to be able to use Brian’s expertise in ICT to implement a very exciting program for our high achievers. He will also be introducing all students across the school to the area of ‘coding’. This is a brand new area for us and one that is now an important part of the new Victorian Curriculum. In basic terms coding teaches students to write computer programs. It is high level thinking that involves problem solving and is a part of our Maths Curriculum.
Mr Kyle Barnden is taking the 3/4 class for the rest of the year. We welcome him into our community at Chirnside Park.
Our Year 5 teacher, Lynn Francis has unfortunately had to take urgent leave for personal family reasons. She will be absent for approximately 6 weeks. Mrs Cynthia McKenna is taking her class.

Cyber Safety
Last week we had a cyber safety session run by Project Rockit for the 5/6 students. This was organised in response to some very inappropriate activity on social media by some of our students. It was a great introduction to the topic and it has enabled teachers to have some follow up discussions in the classroom. The students gleaned some important messages from the presentation. Please see the page of tips and hints.
We are having a parent session on cyber safety on Monday 25th July and then a further follow up session run by the Police for the students the next week.

School Production
This year Angela Mayall has written a new script and has included more speaking roles. The Production is called ‘Fairy Tale Collision’. Rehearsals began this week and auditions were held last Friday for the main roles. It should be noted that we have a change of venue this year. It will be held at Mount Lilydale College. We are all very excited and looking forward to this popular event. Please put the date Tuesday 13th September in your diary.

Social Media and Schools

Overview
Facebook, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram, Hosted Communities, Wikipedia, Linkedin, Virtual Words, Google+, Blogs, Twitter, ….. The list is endless. From relative obscurity ten years ago, what we know collectively as ‘social media’ has become the largest, most rapidly growing form of communication.

The social media phenomenon
If you’ve ever wondered just how pervasive social media is, take five minutes to watch Eric Qualman’s Social Media Video 2013. It’s part of a continuously updated series that highlights the extent of the social media Revolution.
Amongst Qualman’s current statistics:
♦ Social Media has become the #1 activity on the Web
♦ Facebook as the world’s largest population, ahead of china and India (in Australia, as at April 2015, Facebook has 14,000,000 steady users - social media news.com.au)
♦ More people own a mobile device than a toothbrush
♦ 1 in 5 couples meet online, 1 on 5 divorces are blamed on Facebook
♦ Generation Y and Z consider email passe’ (some universities have even stopped distributing email accounts)
♦ 92% of children under the age of two have a digital shadow
♦ Grandparents are the fastest growing demographic on twitter
♦ 90% of buyers trust peer recommendations - only 14% trust advertisements
Social media connects people like never before and there are plenty of inspiring examples of its positive impact. Think of the Baked Relief blog that launched a movement to help Queensland flood victims; or the message, I’ll ride with you, which was tweeted 150,000 times in four hours following the Sydney siege. But these extraordinary benefits, and the freedom of speech social media brings, have been severely challenged by those who choose not to exercise restraint but speak without inhibition, or care.

So what does this mean for schools?
A healthy reputation and confidence in your leadership and teaching teams are essential to the success of any school. While both have always been susceptible to rumour and misinformation, the rapid rise of social media has now turned ‘word of mouth’ into what Qualman terms “world of mouth”. Conversations, which once took place on a one-to-one bases, now happen before potentially huge audiences. Social media has supercharged harassment, bullying and defamation and those who find themselves attached on social media can face a difficult process in seeking redress.

As a school we need to educate our school community users of social media in online etiquette.

Jan Marinakos
Principal

Social Media Online Etiquette and Cyber Safety
Tips & Strategies from year 5 & 6

Stay Safe Online
♦ Don’t put your personal details onto your social media accounts eg School, age, phone number, address, password, email, bank account details, full name.
♦ Don’t be afraid to block/delete or report unwelcome comments.
♦ Don’t tag or share messages.

Get help
♦ If you see inappropriate comments.
♦ Take your device to your parents straight away
♦ Tell another adult eg. teacher.
♦ Call Kids Helpline.

♦ Remember even if a comment or photo is deleted it’s NOT gone
♦ Think before you post - is it something you would be happy to show to your parent, teacher or future employer? If not DON’T post it!!!
♦ Help to stop bullying by ‘disliking’ a comment or posting a ‘nice’ comment about the person

Student comments:
Cyber Bullying
I have learnt that by the time you find out what someone has said about you it could be totally different to what it started off as. Most people change things to make a person look either better or worse.

Staying Safe
A way to stay safe online is to not post any of your personal details eg. Full name, school, age, and heaps of other things.

How to stop bullying
There are many different ways to stop bullying but the most effective to me is to get a few of your friends to post nice things about your photo or video.
5/6 Sport - Division Semi-Finals

A huge congratulations to the Grade 5/6 Open netball and AFL teams on winning their Yarra Division semi-final matches against Yarra Junction Primary School last Friday. Both teams have now progressed to the Division Finals where the AFL team will play Ruskin Park Primary School, and the Open Netball team will play Montrose Primary School. If they are victorious they will progress to the Regional Finals in August. Best of luck to both of our amazing teams!

Grade 3/4 Hooptime

Grade 3/4 Hooptime is fast approaching (Friday 5th August). Team lists have now been displayed in the Grade 3/4 area and the GP room. The permission form and payment is due at school by Friday 29th July (next week). We are still in need of helpers to assist with coaching/managing a team and a scorer for each of our 7 CPPS teams.

District Athletics

District Athletics will be held this term on 19th August. All students have now expressed their interest (during P.E classes) as to which event(s) they would like to be considered for. A student can be chosen in 2 individual events and 1 relay. I will be choosing the CPPS team based on fitness testing results and from data recorded during the term 2 athletics unit in P.E classes. I will try my best to pick a team that has all nominated students picked for at least one event, but in some cases this may not be possible a some events are very popular.

Grade 3-6 Swimming

The permission notice for the Grade 3-6 Swimming lessons was distributed yesterday. Please have the permission slip and payment of $60.00 returned to school by Wednesday 3rd August.

Tim Norton
PE Co-ordinator
As part of our procedural writing unit, we made hot chocolates in Prep! We wrote out the steps we needed and followed our procedure. We thought the hot chocolates were 'delicious' and 'scrumptious'.

MEETING DATE: Thursday 21st July at 9am in the Staffroom. All Welcome.
Thank you to everyone who helped out at the Election BBQ. We raised over $1,100. It was well worth the effort considering it was held in the school holidays.

UPCOMING EVENTS

5th August – Rainbow Disco
2nd September – Fathers Day Stall
5th November - Shopping Tour
Cinquain Poems By 2R

**Dolphin**
Lonely, grey
Smiling, diving, swimming
The dolphin is giggling like a clown!
Flaps
Sha 2R

**Whale**
Dangerous, deadly
Hunting, gliding, playing
A whale is as large as a foamy oval!
Tail
Aaron 2R

**Fish**
Psychedelic, shimmering
Gleaming, swimming, searching
The fish is as bright and colourful as the rainbow
Gills
Riley 2R

**Crab**
Red, orange
Dancing, eating, moving
The shell is as shiny as the sun
Rocks
Hayley 2R

**Octopus**
Mesmerising, relaxed
Drifting, hunting, clutching
The octopus is as orange as the blazing sun
Tentacles
Mesh 2R

**Turtle**
Still, shiny
Since, floating, swimming
The turtle is as slow as a sloth
Legs
Pita 2R
Hi Everyone

Great to see everyone back with great smiles and lots of rejuvenated energy to start term 3.

We are busy making great use of the left behind polling booths – these have been turned into houses, walking robots, tunnels, ski slopes – complete with purple poles, puppet theatres, and a Harry Potter House – So much fun for free.

This term we are starting off with a new Healthy Eating Recipe Book – fantastic to see Lakshena and Chelsea being very creative when they used the cookie recipe to make the Olympic rings cutting holes in the middle and covering them with different coloured icings.

With our new healthy eating comes new additions to our menu and we are introducing red kidney beans, chick peas, tinned tomatoes, and vermicelli rice noodles – so if we have any children that have reactions/ allergies to any of these foods can you please make sure that you let us know.

Keep tuned for our own mini Olympics that will be coming up in the next few weeks when the Olympics are on.

Kids keep making us smile – Heather, Chloe, Natalie, Paul and Paige.