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LIMIT  
'SOMETIMES'  
FOODS



STRIDE  
AND  
RIDE

## UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

Friday

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



Wednesday, January 31, 2018



## 2018

Monday, February 12

Wednesday, February 14

Monday, February 19

Monday, February 26

Wednesday, February 28

Thursday, March 8

Friday, March 9

**Monday, March 12**

Thursday, March 29

Monday, April 16

Parent/Teacher Information Sharing 3.15 – 6 p.m.

Student School Banking program commences

School Council Meeting, 7 p.m.

Preps commence full time (3 p.m. finish)

SSVWD Swimming Carnival

School photos

House cross-country, Grades 3 to 6 at Wyndham Vale Reserve (a.m.)

**Labour Day (Public Holiday)**

Last day Term 1, **2.30 p.m. finish**

First day Term 2, 8.50 a.m. start

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Welcome to the 2018 School Year



Welcome back to all families and a very special welcome to our new students and their families – you are now part of our Red and Blue Family. We currently have approximately 770 students in 32 classes so the average class size is approximately 24 students per grade. I am very pleased to report that all of our children seemed to have settled very well indeed and I thank staff for their efforts in preparing so thoroughly for the commencement of the school year. My particular thanks to Mr & Mrs Rush for preparing the buildings and grounds so well for our staff and students' return.

As usual, during the holidays, we have had our landscapers and the company responsible for the ongoing maintenance of our adventure play equipment being very busy ensuring that our school grounds are maintained to the usual high standard of appearance and safety. Some of this work is partly paid for by our various school fundraising events held each year and it is great to see this money being put to good use for our school community. Special thanks to all of those families who helped to make our Christmas raffle so successful at the end of last year. Thanks to the parent volunteer organisers, to all of those who bought or sold tickets and to the generous local businesses who donated so many of the prizes. The raffle raised a total of over \$4,000.

### Pupil Free Days

Each Victorian government school is entitled to four pupil free days per year. The first one for every school this year was Monday, January 29 and the other three are determined by the school. This year we had our second pupil free day yesterday and the remaining two for 2018 will be:

**Thursday, June 28 and Monday, November 5**

### Our Canteen Needs Your Help

We are one of the very few schools still operating our own canteen providing lunches and snacks for our children five days per week. Our canteen also provides the very valuable service of managing our 'Kids & Fruit' program, providing a high quality piece of fruit for every child every day.

### Our canteen is always in need of volunteer helpers.

If you can spare a few hours one day per week or even one day per fortnight please contact our school office or Lisa Stumpo in our canteen. No experience, special skills or training is required as the paid manager is a qualified chef and holds all required food handling certificates.



### Parent/Teacher Information Exchange

A reminder that all of our teaching staff will be available on **Monday, February 12** from **3.15 – 6.00 p.m.** to meet with parents who would like to pass on information to their child's teacher that may help the teacher better understand and cater for their child(ren).

'Request for interview' slips will be distributed to all families tomorrow. Please return your request to your child's teacher by 9 a.m. on **Monday, February 5**.

If you would like to make an appointment with any one of our 'specialist' teachers who teach The Arts, Physical Education, Science, Spanish or Digital Technology, please contact the school on ☎ 9741 2803 so that an appointment time can be arranged.

In addition to the parent/teacher interviews offered twice per year, Iramoo parents also receive a *grade level newsletter* for each child during the first full fortnight of each term. These newsletters contain specific information about the curriculum covered each term and any special events or activities applicable to each year level. Please look for these informative newsletters at the beginning of each term as they also contain information about how you can help and support your child's learning.

### Extreme Weather

Please note that *children are never sent home early from school* without parent permission or without being collected/signed out by an authorised adult.



When weather is extreme, we modify our activities at school but classes are not dismissed before 3 p.m. If the weather is very hot as it often is in February, some parents may wish to collect their child(ren) from school early. On the very hot days, 12.30 p.m. is an ideal time to collect children so that they can be signed out from the office before they go out to play.



### Student Leadership

Our students are offered a number of opportunities each year to take up positions of leadership within the school, the most significant of these being School Captains. Congratulations to Paige Williams and Matthew Wilkinson-Barrons on their appointments as School Captains and to Sophie Madden and Christina Pantelidis who will be our Vice Captains. In the coming weeks our Grade 6 students will decide on our 2018 House Captains.

Congratulations also to the following students who have been appointed to our 2018 Junior School Council. Charley Jones & Cooper Bishop Worn – Grade 3, Ava Harris & Mitchell Pilkington – Grade 4 and Nelson Wiseboy & Alice Di – Grade 5.

The very important role of flag monitors will be filled this year by Michael Alhadweh, Sion Kodama and Thavishi Bandara Athauda and we also congratulate these students on being selected for this very important and responsible role in our school.

### Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to families with a current health care/concession card and will provide \$125 per child per annum (\$225 for secondary students). The CSEF will automatically be directed to the school and can be used for student activities such as camps, sport, excursions and visitors to the school such as our annual Performing Arts production. Unlike its predecessor, the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA), the CSEF cannot be used for uniforms, books, computers, school photos etc.

If you hold a current health care/concession card, you have access to the CSEF from the first day of this term. Please ensure that we have a copy of your card **as soon as possible** as applications will be processed from our office. Information from the Department of Education & Training regarding the CSEF is available at [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef)

### Personal Goods Brought to School

All Principals are asked by the Department of Education & Training to annually remind parents, students and staff that private property brought to school is not insured and that DET accepts no responsibility for loss or damage.

*Please note that students must not bring electronic games, 'gadgets', computers/tablets, cameras or mobile phones to school.*

### Student Accident Insurance

Principals have also been asked to remind parents that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for their own children and this includes transport costs.

The Department is aware of a number of insurers including JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd, EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd and JLT Pty Ltd who provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide cover for a reasonably low cost for students who are injured in accidents. Other insurers may also do so.

### Kids & Fruit



Since the very sad and sudden passing of our fruit supplier Mr Bozo Markovic at the end of last year, we have been attempting to source another distributor who will be able to deliver high quality fresh fruit to our school in child-size pieces each day at the same or similar price as Bozo's. We are hoping to trial a new distributor in the coming week or two and hoping to maintain the cost of \$1.50 per child per week.

Parents will be notified when fruit deliveries will begin. Please note that Prep students are not included in our Kids & Fruit program until the beginning of second term.

### Baby News

- In the last week of the last term, Mr & Mrs Byworth welcomed their second son Taylor James into their family. Taylor weighed 8lb 4oz at birth and has excellent lungs!
- Best wishes to Mrs April Anapliotis who is leaving us this week to prepare for the birth of her first child. We wish Mr & Mrs Anapliotis all the very best.
- Ms Tammy Dempster who is now Mrs Tammy Jones has also commenced family leave and is expecting her second child in the first week of March. We wish Mr & Mrs Jones well as they prepare for the new addition to their family.



**Moira Findlay**