



NEWSLETTER



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UNIFORM SHOP

Tuesday

Friday

2.45 – 3.15 p.m.

8.40 – 9.10 a.m.



Wednesday, May 3, 2017



May 21-27

'Healthy Mind, Healthy Body'

Monday, May 8 – Wednesday, May 10	Grade 4 Camp 2, Maldon (Grades 4AM & 4KB)
Monday, May 6 – Friday, May 12	Grade 6 Camp to 'The Briars', Mt Martha
Tuesday, May 9 – Thursday, May 11	NAPLAN testing, Grade 3 & Grade 5 students
Friday, May 12	Mother's Day Stall
Monday, May 22	School Council meeting, 7 p.m.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The National Assessment Program, Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

On, May 9, 10 & 11, Grade 3 and Grade 5 students in all primary schools in Australia will be participating in the annual NAPLAN tests. The areas tested are Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar & Punctuation), Persuasive or Narrative Writing, Reading Comprehension and Mathematics. The results of the tests provide valuable information for parent/guardians and teachers about individual children's performance in Literacy and Numeracy. Later in the year, parents will receive a detailed report describing their own child's particular skills in the areas that have been tested by NAPLAN. The report will also illustrate how each child has performed in relation to national benchmark standards. Grade 5 parents will have the benefit of seeing how much progress their child has made since he/she completed the Grade 3 NAPLAN tests. Additional information has been provided for parents of Grade 3 and Grade 5 students.

Prep Uniform Support

We have been informed that the Prep Uniform Support Package introduced last year will again be available for every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund and automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher up to the value of \$57.

We have applied on behalf of every Prep child whose parents have a health care card and we will distribute vouchers entitling each Prep student to either a windcheater and a pair of tracksuit pants **OR** a bomber jacket as soon as these become available.

Thank you very much to our office staff and our uniform shop *volunteers* for their assistance with this program for the benefit of our children.

Student Attendance & Punctuality

- Our attendance officer Mr Shane Hamilton and Student Welfare Co-ordinator Mrs Karyn Henwood monitor our student attendance very carefully. Our aim is for each student to have fewer than 10 days of absence for the full year and a large number of our students have perfect attendance, *some for several years in succession*. Please ensure that your child attends school every day unless ill and that you send an explanatory note to your child's teacher after any absence.

- Today at lunchtime our Junior School Council conducted a celebration disco for all of the children in Grade 1ND as this was the class with the best attendance in Term 1. Individual students with *perfect* attendance in other junior grades also received an invitation to the disco and these children were invited to bring a friend with them. We had so many children with perfect attendance last term that a second disco for students in Grades 4 – 6 will be held on Friday this week. Congratulations to all of the children who were invited to the disco. Let's hope that we have even more children with perfect attendance in Term 2.
- Our teachers are on yard duty from 8.35 each morning and as school starts at 8.50, it is ideal for students to arrive between 8.35 and 8.45 a.m. Please make a special effort to ensure that your child arrives at school by 8.45 a.m. on Mondays for our weekly whole-school assembly. Student attendance and punctuality will be reported in each child's half year report that parents receive at the end of June.

Grade 3 and 5 parents please make a special effort to ensure that your children are punctual and well prepared for school during NAPLAN testing.

Bravehearts Performance

As part of our child safe curriculum, last Thursday the Bravehearts organisation came to our school to perform the Ditto's Keep Safe Adventure Show. Over 350 Grade Prep, 1 & 2 children enthusiastically participated in the show and heard Mandy and Ditto (the Bravehearts' mascot) speak about how to keep safe and what to do if they find themselves in a situation where they feel unsafe. The children learnt about Ditto's three key rules: *We all have the right to feel safe with people; it's ok to say no if you feel unsafe or unsure and nothing is too yucky that you can't tell someone about it.* Each child who attended the show received an activity booklet to take home and share with their family. I encourage you to read and discuss the booklet with your child/children and take the opportunity to reinforce key safety messages. During Term 3, we will be delivering further child safe curriculum across the school via the Life Education Program.



Mother's Day Stall

We currently have an enthusiastic group of parents working together to prepare items for our children to purchase at our Mother's Day stall on **Friday, May 12.**

Please note that our Grade 6 students will have their own Mother's Day stall this Friday, May 5 as they will be away on camp next week.

There will be a variety of presents for children to choose from, most will cost **\$5** but there will also be items for **\$1 up to \$10.**

Please put your child's Mother's Day stall money in an envelope with his/her name and the amount enclosed written on the outside. Please also send a 'shopping' type bag so that the special presents can be transported home safely.



Iramoo is on Twitter



In order to keep members of our school community up-to-date with school activities and to share our celebrations and achievements, we have an Iramoo PS Twitter account. If you are a Twitter user and would like to 'follow' us, we are @IramooPS. We particularly try to post updates and photos when the children are on camps and excursions.

Moira Findlay

CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 8, 2017

Monday	Rachael,
Tuesday	Catherine, Rita
Wednesday	Mia, Rae
Thursday	Lindsey, Alma
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Tania, Chantelle



CANTEEN ROSTER FOR WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY, MAY 15, 2017

Monday	Rachael,
Tuesday	Catherine, Rita
Wednesday	Mia, Rae
Thursday	Lindsey, Alma
Friday	Joanne, Joyce, Tania, Chantelle

COMMUNITY NOTICES



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Iramoo BEFORE School Care / AFTER School Care Program

Hours are 7 – 8.45 a.m. and 3 – 6 p.m.

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