Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

November

Mon 14 – Mon 21 – JSC Food Drive Collection for DIVRS (see flyer attached for more info)
Fri 18 – Uniform Shop open – 9.00 am

Friday 18 November

ART SHOW!
Entry: $10 per family
Every student has a piece of artwork on display
Food, music, market stalls

Mon 21 JSC meeting 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s Room
Mon 21 – Grades 2,3,4 Swimming program Session 3
Wed 23 – Gr 1 LaTrobe Wildlife MiniBeasts Exc ($25)
Thur 24 – Tech Expo
  Session 1: 2.45-4.00pm, Session 2: 6.30-7.30pm
Fri 25 – Uniform Shop open – 9.00 am

Mon 28 - JSC meeting 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s Room
Mon 28 – Grades 2,3,4 Swimming program Session 4
Tue 29 – Gr 2 Melbourne River Cruise Exc ($20)
Wed 30 – Hot Food Day (Sausage Sizzle)

December

Fri 02 – Uniform Shop open – 9.00 am
LAST DAY OF TRADING FOR 2016

Wednesday 7 December – Curriculum Day – NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

Tue 20 December – LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR 2016
1.30 pm finish

From the Principal….

ANNUAL ART SHOW
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 18th  5.00 pm to 7.30 pm

ART SHOW
The Art Show is on this Friday November 18th. We hope lots of families take the time to come along and appreciate our spectacular art exhibition and enjoy what is always a great school community event. The event will also include performances by the Prep-1 Choir, the Grade 5/6 band, teacher band and parent band. You will also have the opportunity to purchase gifts in the market place which will be set up under the COLA.

The enormous task of displaying the art work is underway. One of the most difficult tasks of the year is to choose the piece that will be awarded the Principal’s Award. It is a task that I find very challenging as there are always so many outstanding pieces to choose from and this year is no different.

We have everything in place; we’ve ordered the sausages, hamburgers, bread, sauce, drinks, fairy floss and popcorn. All we need now is for the weather to fine and it will be lots of fun for everyone. I have been watching the weather forecast and it has changed from 30 degrees to mid 20’s and possible late rain. Here’s hoping the rain stays away.

Remember EVERY student will have a piece of art work on display. For those families who can’t make it on Friday the art work will also be on display on Sunday November 20th between 1 and 2pm. Entry is $10 per family.

THE GREAT BOOK SWAP
On Friday we held the Great Book Swap to raise money to donate to the fund which is aiming to raise $200,000 to purchase 20,000 books which will be provided to Indigenous children in remote areas. Can you imagine not being able to read a newspaper, a road sign or directions on a bottle of medication? Sadly, this is a reality faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities today. The literacy gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous children is significant – and the more remote the community, the larger the gap.

Our families donated hundreds of books, many of which were like new. Our students then had the opportunity to purchase the books for a gold coin. We raised an amazing $1,122.50 which will be donated to the Great Book Swap fund.

I feel very privileged to work in a school with families who are so generous when it comes to donating to so many valuable causes. I would like to thank all of the families who supported the event.

Also an enormous thank you to Silvana Tsipiras who suggested we participate in the event and with the assistance of our Junior School Council members coordinated the extremely successful day. Thanks also to Gregoria and Kellee who along with Silvana was here all day on Friday selling the books.
CHESS NEWS
Congratulations to our Chess team Vincent L, William L, Jack M, James A and Matthew A who competed in the state finals on Tuesday. Our team finished 8th overall which was an outstanding achievement. Sadly Liam K who has competed in all of the tournaments throughout the year and qualified for the team was sick and unable to compete.

SCHOOL CAPTAIN ELECTIONS
Last Wednesday five girls, Holly, Maddie, Amelia O, Alexia T and Brigitte F, and five boys, Noah W, Harry S, Seb R, Liam P and Oscar K from Grade 5 made election speeches for the positions of School Captain and Vice-Captain. All of the students in Grades 3 to 5 were captivated by their marvellous speeches. They were all very well prepared and had two minutes to convince the audience as to why they would make a good School Captain. Each of them did an outstanding job. All of the candidates would be worthy winners and make outstanding School Captains and Vice-Captains.

The names of the successful candidates will be announced on Thursday December 1st.

iPADS IN THE CLASSROOM
Last week the Grade 4 students were given notes about the one-to-one iPad program that we run in Grades 5 and 6. The program has proved to be very successful and has provided the students with a tool they have found very engaging. It has given the students and teachers greater flexibility in many areas of the curriculum.

The Grade 5 and 6 students have used the iPads as a tool to enhance their learning since 2014. The things they have been doing with them have definitely changed the way they learn and have presented them with different challenges.

As school professionals we recognize that the way students engage with and explore education is changing. Our students are digital natives who will have jobs in the future that probably don’t exist today. We need to ensure our children keep abreast of current technology and develop the skills required to meet the challenges the future will present to them.

On Thursday November 24th we are holding a Technology Expo where the Grade 5 and 6 students will be demonstrating a variety of ways they have been using the iPads and notebooks in their classrooms. It would be great to see lots of families attend.

SCHOLARSHIPS
The DET offers students in Years 4 to 11 primary and secondary school students the opportunity to apply for a limited number of scholarships each year. If a student is in Year 6 this year, then they would apply for a Year 6 scholarship.

The Department offers approximately 20 Years 4–11 scholarships involving up to 200 scholarship awards. Some scholarships have different eligibility requirements but the majority include demonstration of financial need. In most cases they will also ask about your school and community activities as well as your academic results.

It is important that you address all criteria as best as you can otherwise your application may not be considered. The Principal also needs to verify applications online.

If you are interested in applying please go to the DET link for further advice.
http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/students/support/Pages/scholarships.aspx

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal.

Tech Expo .....
Thursday 24 November
Location: Senior School, in the PAC

Session 1 : 2.45 – 4.00 pm
Session 2 : 6.30 – 7.30 pm

The Technology Expo will showcase the amazing skills our students have with using technology.

It is also a great opportunity to show our school community how the students and teachers are using the laptops and iPads in the classroom.

A group of our Grade 5 and 6 students are busy preparing mini presentations and will be available to demonstrate a wide range of apps and programs.

There will be two session times, the first session is from 2:45 to 4.00 pm and the evening session will run from 6:30 to 7:30pm.

We hope to see lots of you there!
**Grade Prep Report ....**

This term in Mathematics Grade Prep students have been learning about money.

The children have been looking at Australian coins and notes and learning to recognise, describe and order Australian coins according to their value.

All the Prep grades have set up classroom shops to enable the students to have hands-on experiences with money. In each Maths session students have an opportunity to visit the classroom shop and purchase different items.

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**Grade 3 Report ....**

Last week Grade 3 learnt about Remembrance Day. Remembrance Day is on the 11th of November every year. At 11 am we all stop for a minutes silence to pay our respects to the fallen. We learnt about Remembrance Day and the soldiers that fought in World War I and II. In 3AB we made a poppy, wrote a poem called the fallen and used our ICT skills to create a poppy border. Here are some other things we learnt:

“Poppies grew after the war ended.” **Jonas**  
“It’s to remember the soldiers that fought in war.” **Dexter**  
“They are remembered on a wall that has the soldiers’ names on them.” **Eddie**  
“At the start, they didn’t know that the war would be so dangerous and scary.” **Josh**  
“Lots of people died but they are still remembered.” **Ashmina**  
“They fought for their own country.” **Makayla**  
“We are standing here today, remembering the people who died in the war.” **Monika**  
“They fought very bravely.” **Isobel**  
“I was honoured to have one in my family.” **Gus**  
“I didn’t realise how long the war was.” **Marius**  
“We remembered the soldiers in our heart.” **Thomas and Xavier**

**LEST WE FORGET**
**Grade 6 Report ....**

Words such as seismograph, tectonic plates and epicentre are not ones you use every day but for our hard working Grade 6 students the terminology of earthquakes has become very familiar in recent weeks. Our exploration of this fascinating Science unit began with enthusiastically sharing our prior knowledge and considering what we would like to learn more about, including:

“How do earthquakes cause tsunamis?” “Exactly how do the tectonic plates move?” “What is the history of earthquakes and just how big can they be?” “What happens underground when an earthquake hits?” “How do the Richter & Mercalli Scales work?”

Discovering the answers to these and many other intriguing questions has involved team-based experiments using plasticine models (to explore the movement of the Earth’s tectonic plates) and hard-boiled eggs (to represent the internal structure of the Earth). We also enjoyed proudly sharing our results with our families on Seesaw. The energy, curiosity and cooperation displayed by everyone in Grade 6 has made Friday afternoons a very happy, informative and productive time.

![Images of students with plasticine models and hard-boiled eggs](image1)

**News from the Music Department ....**

Hi everyone! A very busy but exciting time coming up for the Music Department!

Over the last couple of weeks and continuing next week all the Music grades are completing their final Music Portfolio task. These tasks range from discussion about their favourites things that have happened in Music through to an introduction to music theory and finally creating a short tune using previous knowledge of things learnt in Music.

All the students have done a fantastic job with their portfolio task and also in Music throughout the semester. It has been fantastic teaching them and watching them enjoy all the different aspects that music provides.

One aspect that the students have enjoyed has been the freedom to listen and dance along to different songs at the start of most lessons. It is great seeing them try different dance moves as well as dancing with their friends and encouraging their peers to move around and have fun. Some grades love to sing along with the songs whilst others enjoy doing a conga line or showing off their rock star moves!

This week we were lucky enough to have a Gregory, William and Peter from IAA dance to the traditional Greek music the Zorba! They did a great job and their class were very encouraging. We plan to try it as a class next session!

The school band is busy preparing for the upcoming Art Show. Whilst it is a hectic time, particularly for the Grade 6 students, the songs are coming along and we look forward to performing. We hope friends, family and peers of the group will come along and listen to these talented young musicians! The school band will start playing around 5:15pm but please see the Art Show posters for more information!

Til next time …

ROCK ON!

Jason and Ben
Special Report – Music ….

Last Thursday the Grade 2 and 3 students were treated to a special music performance.

Some of the parents of our students have been getting together, jamming and rehearsing a few songs. After speaking to them earlier in the year we thought it would be great if their kids along with their peers could see them perform and they were only too happy to oblige.

The band consists of Dave Debono (Matilda, Lucinda, Lachlan and Alannah), Russell Wood (Sidney and Joe), Shane O’Connor-Smith (Holly and Finn) and Mick Guest (Holly, Ella and Taylor). They played three songs for us and did a fantastic job. They will be one of the bands also performing at the Art Show this week and we look forward to hearing them showcase their talents!
Junior School Council …..

Next Meeting: Monday 21 November, 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s room

Book Swap for Indigenous Literature:
Thank you Silvana, Gregoria, Kellee, JSC members and Narelle and for helping out on the day.

Food Drive for DIVRS

From Monday November 14th – Monday 21st November Preston Primary is holding a Food Drive Collection for Christmas Hampers for the local organisation, DIVRS (Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service).

Please see the attached flyer for full details of what foods are needed.
The last food drive we did for DIVRS we donated well over 1000 items and helped many children, single mothers and low incomes families in our very own community. The workers at DIVRS even said we were the biggest donating school they had ever had!

This year we are going to try to do even better!
The items that you can bring in include things that will not go off and have a long expiration date such as: Canned fruit, vegetables, dried beans, Dried fruit & nuts, pasta rice, sauces, Breakfast Cereals & Porridge. Not only is bringing food encouraged but also non food items such as Dishwashing liquid/powder, Laundry powder, Toothpaste & toothbrushes, soap, shampoo and conditioner.

Who are DIVRS?
Darebin Information, Volunteer & Resource Service (DIVRS) is a not-for-profit community organisation supporting over 4000 residents of Darebin City in emergency relief each year. Our services include provision of fresh foods, non-perishable food hampers, no-interest loans, volunteer placement, tax help and learn to drive program. The services that DIVRS provide aim to help community members during the toughest times and to assist people to move into a more secure position. The majority of emergency relief clients are single parents or single persons without children, and come from a wide range of cultural and linguistic backgrounds.

2016 Term Dates:
Tuesday 4 October – Tuesday, 20 December

Wednesday 7 December
Curriculum Day –
NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

Tuesday 20 December
Last day of school for 2016, 1.30 pm finish

Return to School 2017:
Grades 1 to 6 – Wednesday 1 February
(Prep Assessments will be held Wed 1st, Thu 2nd, Fri 3rd)
Preps start Monday 6 February and
for the first week finish at 1.00 pm
(staggered start on the first day – take note of your time in the letter you will receive)
From Monday 13 February Preps start at 9.00
and finish at 3.30 pm

Uniform Shop
Last day of trading will be Friday 2 December
The Shop will open again on Friday 3 February, 9.00 am

School Banking …
Next banking day:
Tuesday 22 November
(Week 8, Term 4)

Last day for banking 8 December
Banking will start in 2017 on February 15

FREE Library Chess Tournaments! - Bookings: 9464 1864
SATURDAY 26/11/16 : ELTHAM LIBRARY 10.30am – 2.30pm
ALL AGES AND ABILITIES WELCOME!! Trophies and Medals awarded!
Mums and Dads encouraged to participate! Nibbles and drinks provided

Before and After School Care Program – Permanent and Casual Bookings / Cancellations –
Telephone / SMS - 0407 351 708
Chess State Grand Final Results – Great Effort by Preston!

On Tuesday, 15th of November our Chess team competed in the 2016 Chess Victoria State Grand Final along with 23 other (top) primary school chess teams. The event was held at Balwyn North Primary School.

Our team was made up of (from L to R in picture below) Vincent L (Captain), Matthew A, James A, Jack M, William L and Jack W in reserve (standing behind Matthew). Thanks go to Matthew and James’s dad, Richard, for being there and taking photos.

There were 7 rounds and the PPS team won a total of 19.5 points. This put us in 8th place - only 4 points behind the winner, Mount View Primary School!

This is a great effort. Special mention goes to William L who won all 7 games he played and was awarded a trophy for the top Board # 5 player.

A happy William L – scored 7/7.
Well done, William!

Thanks to the parents who attended and supported their children.

Let’s see what we can do next year!
**Icy Poles . . . .**
Icy Poles will be on sale **TOMORROW: THURSDAY 17 November** and cost .60¢ each.
- Grades 2 to 6 can buy directly over the counter at their lunch times.
- Grades Prep and 1 – can pay for the remainder of term (5 weeks @ .60c = $3.00)
  Please send your payment into your child’s teacher in a CLEARLY MARKED envelope with your child’s name.
  If your child is not at school on the day unfortunately we cannot offer a refund or “hold icy poles over”.
If you would like to put your name on the roster please email Kate: katewood@netspace.net.au

**Hot Food Day . . . .**
Our Term 4 Sausage Sizzle is coming up on Wednesday 30 November.

Orders have closed today however if your child has been away sick please drop your order into the office by **Friday (18 November) morning**.

**Twilight Market / Art Show**
Friday 18 November
If you or anyone you know would like to have a stall please contact Silvana on 0438 783 909

**CAKE STALL AT THE ART SHOW AND THE NIGHT MARKET**
We are calling all amazing dessert makers in our school to join us for our Cake Stall during the Night Market, on November 18th. All proceeds will go to school. Sweets of any kind can be dropped off from 3pm on November 18th (day of the market) at the Senior School Office where Lisa, Cath or Slobodanka will be there to accept your generous donations.

We will also need some helpers from 4pm, so if you are free, let us know *(details for registration to volunteer will be available next week)*. Get your cookbooks off the shelves and start planning some amazing creations.

** Helpers at the Art Show . . . .**
If you can help out at the Art Show on the sausage sizzle or the cake stall please log onto www.schoolinterviews.com.au and use booking id 225e8 to select the best time for you.
DIVRS and Need a Feed are working together to collect and distribute food to those who need it most in our community. Are you able to help?

- DIVRS is a not-for-profit community organisation supporting over 4000 local residents of Darebin City in emergency relief each year. Our services include provision of fresh foods, food hampers, no-interest loans, volunteer placement, tax help and learn to drive program.
- In 2015, **Need a Feed Victoria** was established. Within 6 months, Need A Feed Victoria collected over 3 tonne of food and care products and assisted over 350 families with care parcels.

We are more than happy to accept items listed below; for our end of year drives:

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**Non-food Items**

- Canned dog or cat food
- Dishwashing liquid/powder
- Laundry liquid/powder
- Toothpaste & toothbrushes
- Shampoo & conditioner
- Soap, liquid soap & sanitiser
- Nappies & baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Disposable razors, shaving cream & batteries
- Feminine hygiene products
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Lip balm & sunscreen
- Toilet Paper, paper towel & tissues
- Band aids & antiseptic cream

Additionally we are also happy to accept small treats and gifts for children for our end of year holiday hampers.