Diary Dates and upcoming events ....

Monday 3 October (first day of Term 4)
CURRICULUM DAY – NO CHILDREN AT SCHOOL

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From the Principal….

GRADE 6 PERFORMANCE
Tomorrow evening (Thursday September 1st) the Grade 6 student will be taking part in a Drama performance at the Reservoir High Performing Arts Centre. All of the students have been working very hard under the direction of our amazing drama teacher Glynis Angell.

Tomorrow during the day they will have a dress rehearsal for the Grade 4 and 5 students at Reservoir High.

It is an overwhelming experience for a lot of our students as many of them have never performed in front of such a large audience. At the end of the show however after all of the nerves have disappeared, the students will always remember the evening with a great deal of delight and satisfaction.

NAPLAN DATA
Recently the NAPLAN online data service was updated with the 2016 data. The site contains a great deal of information schools can use about individual students, year level groups and trend data. Our school data is very pleasing this year as it is above the state mean score (average) in all areas in both Grades 3 and 5. One of the pleasing aspects of our data is that our students who performed in the bottom 25% of our School’s data were significantly above the bottom 25% of students statewide. This indicates that our lower achieving students are making good progress in all areas.

We do need to keep in perspective that NAPLAN data can be subjective and should be viewed as a snapshot taken on one day in a child’s schooling. Apart from the writing task the vast majority of questions in the other areas assessed are multiple choice, and a few right or wrong answers can have a significant impact on a student’s overall results. Greater importance should always be placed on a child’s performance and assessment throughout the year.

The individual student reports have been sent home with all of the students who did NAPLAN. If parents have any questions relating to their child’s results I suggest you contact their classroom teacher.
MINDFULNESS ACTIVITIES
During this year several of our grade levels have been trailing various wellbeing activities in the classroom, including, mindfulness, meditation, colouring and visualisation. Recently three of our staff attended a Mindfulness professional development day where they learn about value of taking time to calm oneself before engaging in activities. Last week they reported back to the staff and all grades are now going to incorporate some of the activities in to the daily program.

The beauty of Mindfulness is that research says school aged children only need 10 to 15 minutes a day of mindfulness and this can be spread across the day.

At school Mindfulness activities can help children to
• learn by stopping their minds from wandering allowing them to regulate attention and emotions and improve resilience
• deal with feelings of frustration and to self-motivate.
• reduce anxiety and stress, which can lead to improved focus and improve performance.
• give their body the opportunity to physically relax.
• clarify their thoughts
• become more aware of their feelings.

ATHLETICS SPORTS
Yesterday we had 60 students participate in the Preston District Athletics Sports. The children participated in various track and field events. We had several students who finished first or second in their events and will now go on to compete at the next level.

Schools are awarded points throughout the day and Preston PS finished second overall.

Congratulations to all of the students who competed and thanks to Louise Petersen for coordinating our team this year.

FATHER’S DAY STALL
Tomorrow (Thursday) the Grade Prep and 1 students will have the opportunity to purchase presents from the Father’s Day stall and on Friday the Grade 2 to 6 students will have their opportunity to purchase gifts.

The stall will be set up at the new building at the Senior School. We have several parents who have been working tirelessly purchasing and wrapping presents for the children to buy. If you have any spare time on Thursday or Friday morning I know the mothers would appreciate some extra help.

The children should bring their money in a purse or envelope with their name clearly marked on the outside. Each grade will have the opportunity to “shop” with their classmates and teacher.

I hope all of our fathers and grandfathers have a fantastic day on Sunday. Enjoy a sleep in, breakfast in bed and just relax.

Regards,
Janet Paterson,
Principal.

Prep Sound for the Week …
I taught my dog to shake its paw and then pick up a fork.

This was in August and the prawns were starting to smell like dead horse!

It’s the au, aw, and or sound this week!
Aren’t I AWESOME!

Premier’s Reading Challenge …
The Premier’s Reading challenge is coming to an end and you only have until the 9th September to add all the books you have read.

To complete the challenge Grade Prep to 2 students need to have read 30 books and Grade 3 to 6 students need to have read 15 books or more.

Please remember to log in to the Premier’s Reading Challenge website before the 8th September and add all the books you have read for verification by the Reading Challenge Rep of your year level.

Thank you to all the students who have already completed the challenge. Stay tuned to hear which year level will have the most students complete the challenge!
**Grade 1 Report ....**

**Book Day**

Last Wednesday the Junior School children and teachers had a fantastic day dressing up as their favourite book characters. There were princesses, pirates, super heroes, fairy tale characters and many other popular choices such as Harry Potter and Matilda.

The parade on the oval gave the children an opportunity to show their fabulous costumes to all the parents who came along to share the fun with us.

We also enjoyed watching a special puppet performance about lots of different fairy tale characters and the funny things that happened to them.

Everyone had lots of fun back in their classrooms with activities such as making paper bag puppets and book marks.

Book Day was lots of fun! A big thank you to everyone who helped with costumes for this special day.

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**Grade 6 Report ....**

As part of Grade 6 Geography this term our students have been working on presentations called “A Ticket to Asia.” The students were all given an Asian country to research over the past seven weeks and they are in the process of transforming their notes into a brilliant presentation that they will present to the class. So far they are looking fantastic and we have learnt many new and interesting things about many countries.

The presentations have just begun this week and will run over the next three weeks. Here are some interesting facts we have learnt along the way!

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**Grade 2 Report ....**

**Mindfulness!**
Since Term 2 students in Grade 2 have been exploring mindfulness!

The act of mindfulness is simply ‘being aware’ and ‘being present’ in the moment. When somebody is mindful they learn how to deal with feelings of frustration, clarify thoughts, relax their body and improve their focus and resilience. Students have really embraced the concept of mindfulness and enjoy coming into the classroom to meditate and be mindful.

**News from the Art Rooms ....**

It’s been “All systems Go!” In the Art Room this term. Lots of different equipment, materials and ideas have been explored...........

The **Preps** have been learning about fabric - how it is used in day to day life, how it is made and how it can be used to create artworks. They have learnt all about the safe use of fabric scissors and also pulled the threads of hessian apart until all that is left is a pile of threads. Pictures of people have been made using fabric to create clothes for them. Great fun!

In **Grade 1** the children have been learning about drawing “Little Critters”. After focussing on drawing the children have now begun to make small models of “Critters” using paper clay. Rolling balls, sausages and worms have created some great models. Very cute!

The **Grade 2** students have been decorating their painted trees with pattern work using various sized black markers. They are now drawing and cutting out leaf shapes and using leaf shaped hole punches to add a collage element to the piece. The trees look stunning on a food dye and salt background.

The **Grade 3** children have each created 2 sets of painted papers using food dye and sprinkling it with salt. The salt creates a beautiful effect on the dye. Leaves will be cut out of these papers and arranged on a rolled background. Black details will be painted and printed on the leaves.

**Grade 4** have been working on a brush puppet project. The bristles of wide brushes have been dyed with food dye – this is the hair of the character. Paper clay faces have been modelled and are being painted – these will be glued on to the brush. The students are designing and making clothes and accessories for these characters as well.

Some beautiful water colour hot air balloons are being drawn and painted in **Grade 5**. These will be cut out and glued onto sketched backgrounds. The contrast of vibrant water colours with grey shaded backgrounds is quite stunning and I’m sure many will feature in the Art Show.

The Archibald Prize has been the inspiration for the **Grade 6** students’ portrait project. The students are creating a portrait of someone well known in their own style and using materials of their choice. It’s so interesting watching nearly 7 years of skill development come together as the children take control of their project and follow their ideas to what already looks to be some amazing results.

**Thanks** for all the donations that come to the Art Rooms! We always need plastic containers such as butter, ice cream and yoghurt and any old towels or face washers are always useful too.
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Ukulele News ….

Our Ukulele Concert is on **Wednesday 14th September**
in the PAC starting at 7.00pm.
All welcome.

Thanks, Clare

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**Book Club….**

This issue of Book Club **closes today 31 August**.
If you haven’t got your order in speak to your teacher NOW!

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**Junior School Council …..**

**Next meeting:**
Monday 05 September, 8.30 am, Miss Fraser’s Room

**Next Fundraising Event:**
**Friday 16 September**
**Dress Up Day – GOLD COIN DONATION** – for Motor Neurone Disease research

DON’T spend a lot of money on buying or hiring costumes ……………
please dress “from home”!
For example you could use characters from
Diary of a Wimpy Kid or
a footy player from Specky Magee!

**Daffodil Day Merchandise:**
We have some **Pens and Pins** for sale at the
Senior School Office - only while stocks last!
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School Banking …
Next banking day:
Tuesday 13 September

2016 Term Dates:
Term 3 - Monday 11 July to Friday 16 September
Term 4 – Curriculum Day Monday 3 October
Children return to school on Tuesday 4 October

CHESS Timetable

September
Thu 01 – Chess: Junior 8.00 am Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Thu 01 – Chess: Intermediate 3.30 pm, Gr 2 Area, Room 15
Fri 02 – Chess: Advanced 8.00 am, Gr 2 Area, Room 15

Father’s Day Stall ……. Performing Arts Centre Senior School
Thursday 1st September - Preps and Grade 1
Friday 2nd September - Grades 2-5 AND Grade 6
If you are able to assist on either day, please contact:
Silvana 0438 783 909
Gregoria 0438 502 210
Grace 0413 303 000

Save the date ……
Trivia Night
'Trivia Olympiad'
Saturday 22nd October
More information next week!

Girls’ Night Out
Thornbury High School
7pm, Thursday
8th September 2016
Visit us at www.thornburyhs.vic.edu.au
to see what a great year we have had so far in 2016

Date: Thursday 8th September
Time: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Place: The Library
RSVP: Monday 5th September
Further Details: 9480 4066

*Please enter the school via Maini street (which is located at the back of the School)
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KEY ENROLMENT DATES FOR SANTA MARIA COLLEGE
We acknowledge that the Catholic sector is in a period of transition at present with enrolment dates varying between Catholic secondary schools. For the purpose of providing clarity, our key dates for 2018 and 2019 intake are below.

Key Enrolment Dates for 2018
17 February 2017 – Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2018 close
27 April 2017 – Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2018 students posted
11 May 2017 – Final date for families to accept offers made

Changes to Year 7 2019 Intake
Timing of the Year 7 2019 enrolment process has changed in line with Catholic Education Melbourne guidelines.

The new process will result in Catholic secondary colleges offering places for Year 7 enrolment in Terms 3 and 4 of Year 5.

25 August 2017 – Applications for enrolment in Year 7 2019 close
13 October 2017 – Offers of places to prospective Year 7 2019 students posted
27 October 2017 – Final date for families to accept offers made

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the process, please contact;

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Admissions & Marketing Leader
Year 7 Transition Leader

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Family, fun & fitness Ages 5–15 years

2016 Registration Day
Saturday, 3 September
Anytime between 9.00am–12.00noon
at the Athletics Pavilion, Edwardes Park Lake, Reservoir

Or you can register online
www.lavic.com.au go to find a centre > 3073 Reservoir

Registrations also welcome throughout the season.

Preston Reservoir Little Athletics Centre Inc.
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