Principal's Report

**Uniform**

Thank you to all of our families who make sure their children are wearing clean, neat, school uniform as outlined in our recently reviewed and approved school policy. A copy of the policy will be sent home with this newsletter.

Wearing a school uniform has many benefits in particular, it creates a sense of belonging, a feeling of equality and a sense of pride that makes children more united. Having a uniform makes it easier and cheaper to dress children through the week too. Secondary Colleges have very strict uniform requirements so it is important to set the standards very early.

We are working with our school uniform supplier to add to our range a waterproof jacket and a beanie with the school logo. In the meantime we accept all beanies without logos and jackets/coats to keep warm outside.

Our focus will be on children;

**Wearing** our rugby top, or other school windcheater, skivvies, tights or pants in **navy or burgundy**

**Not wearing** track suit pants and long sleeved tops under summer dresses. Likewise, long sleeved tops are not considered appropriate to be worn under short sleeved polo tops or t-shirts.
Lateness/Absenteeism

Many of our specialist classes begin at 9.00am each day so please make sure your child is at school on time. 8.50am is the perfect time for arrival unless brekky club or before school care is being attended. At this time of the year when children are more independent, please drop off your child and leave quickly, as a courtesy to the teachers and the other children.

We know from research that regular attendance, increases student outcomes and connectedness while reducing anxiety in most cases. Unless ill, please make sure your child attends every day. Contact the school if you need any assistance with attendance.

Op Shop

The Op Shop is doing very well financially and we are certainly receiving a lot of excellent quality donations. We could do with some more volunteers despite having a few new helpers recently. If you would like to donate a couple of hours a week of your time please let me know.

Playgroup

If you, or anyone you know, have children under 3 years and a Health Care card, they are eligible to attend a Shire funded playgroup at our school. The playgroup runs on a Monday from 10.00am-11am next to Stacie’s Prep class. A great opportunity to connect!!

Jesse’s letter

One of our year 4 children with the support of his mentor, wrote to author Terry Denton to let him know that he enjoyed reading his books. Last week, Jesse received a personalised letter in return along with a copy of his latest book. What an exciting event for Jesse. He was ‘over the moon’.
Parent Teacher Interviews

Our recent Parent Teacher Interviews were very well attended indeed. Positive comments and happy parents and children make our hard work worthwhile. **If you haven’t** met with your child’s teacher as yet, please contact them via the office, to arrange a mutually convenient time to share valuable information about your child’s education and progress.

**Music Camp**

The Music Camp was held at the Briars earlier this term and was attended by 10 of our students. The children rehearsed in small workshops over 3 days and then showcased what they had learned at a concert on Friday evening at Osborne Primary. Thank you to Paula Tuck who gave up her time to be at the camp for 3 days.

Deltah - “I learned how to play new songs on the guitar. It was great to see Dave again. I learnt how to play Sesame Street on piano. I enjoyed red faces on Thursday night. It was so funny”.

Monique – “I played keyboard and learned new songs”.

Kye – “I met friends from different schools”.

Izumi – “The best part was learning the African drums. The teachers were really good”.

Alice – “It was a really good experience to play guitar with children from other schools. At the concert it was nerve-racking at first and then it was so exciting, it felt like no one was watching”.

Alfie – “I learnt heaps. I couldn’t play any chords on the guitar and I learned 5 chords and could change from each really fast”.

Hannah – “I was in the choir and they taught me a lot -12 songs in 3 days!”

Quinn – “My favourite song to play was Baca and my favourite thing about that was everybody jumping around and dancing”.

Xavier – “At the music camp, we all learnt 7 songs on the guitar. They split us into 2 groups and my favourite song to play was called Somebody that I Used to Know”.

**Sport News**

Children are actively skipping at the moment in preparation for the skipathon held here at Mornington Park next term in collaboration with Karingal Heights, Frankston SDS and Mornington SDS. The focus is on raising funds for the Heart Foundation whilst building friendships, fitness and co-ordination.

**Before School Care**
Curriculum Day

August 25th is a pupil free day. The Mainstream staff will be here at school working on our website and continuing the work on Mathematics. The Steiner staff are at a conference at Little Yarra Steiner School.

Car Park

I recently contacted the Shire about the condition of the carpark and they have since graded it. We are in discussions about a railing to prevent children from falling down the side of the path near the tennis courts.

Lunch with the Principal

As part of our School Wide Positive Behaviour Support program, children are rewarded with tokens when they have been observed displaying our values of kindness, perseverance, responsibility, honesty and cooperation. At the end of the week they have an opportunity to exchange the tokens for various prizes. Saving tokens is an option so a bigger prize can be taken! One of the bigger prizes is to have lunch with the Principal!!! The first person to have lunch with me was the ‘lucky?’ Austin K. We had a delicious lunch prepared and delivered by Russel Ardley, of tomato soup and crunchy toast, followed by a fruit platter with a dipping sauce of yogurt infused with cinnamon, honey and a touch of vanilla. Finally we shared some date and coconut balls. Thank you Austin for a lovely time!

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Principal