Principal’s Report

Dear Parents,

Last week our grade 5/6 students enjoyed a fantastic adventure camp at Forest Lodge Farm. They completed many fun activities and should be commended for their exceptional behaviour. A huge thank you to all the staff who attended as they go over and above what is required of them to ensure a successful and enjoyable camp was had by all. A special thanks to Rhiannon McFarlane and Di O’Hehir for their organisation.

Swimming Trials
Unfortunately yesterday’s swimming trials had to be cancelled due to an issue at the swimming pool. We have been able to reschedule for this Thursday 16th February. This will be for students in grades 3-6 only as they need to trial for events for our upcoming District Swimming Carnival on Monday 20th February. Notes were sent home with the students yesterday could you all please endeavour to have them returned to the office by tomorrow.

Richmond Football Club/Cardinia Shire Council
The Richmond Football Club has entered into a partnership with the Cardinia Shire Council and yesterday we were fortunate enough to have a visit from three players. They spoke to our grade 3-6 students about the importance of healthy eating, diversity and resilience.

Sacramental Information Night
This Thursday, 7:00pm in the hall there is a Sacramental Information Night for parents of children who are making their Reconciliation, Communion or Confirmation this year. This night is a gathering for parents only and is a requirement as the official commencement of our Parish Sacramental Program for 2017.

Parent-Teacher Interviews:
Beginning of Year Parent / Teacher Interviews for all students will be Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st February. These interviews are exceptionally important as they provide you with the opportunity to get to know your child’s teacher and set learning goals for the year. A positive partnership between home and school is critical in allowing your child to reach their full potential. Bookings are online at www.schoolinterviews.com.au (event code: 7w9wC). Parents are also welcome to make an appointment with the classroom teacher, Chris or myself at any time should they have any issues or concerns.

School Closure Days 2017:
Ongoing Professional Development is vital for teachers as it allows us to improve our knowledge and also reflect on current practice and trends in education. Throughout 2017 we will have a number of closure days focusing on improving our teaching and learning practices. Please note the following school closure days thus far:

- Monday 27th February
- Monday 29th May
- Friday 16th June
- Monday 9th October

Regards

Justin Greenwood
Principal
**Junior School News**

In Grades 1 and 2 our main reading focus has been getting into the habit of regularly reading and changing our take home readers. We hope that wherever possible the children are reading their take home books to a parent, grandparent or older sibling every school night.

The Foundation students are listening to stories and sharing something they liked from the story. They are also recognising upper and lower case letters in stories.

The Grade 1/2 students have been writing recounts about their holidays and their weekends. One way you can help your child compose his/her story is to remind them about different weekend events before Monday.

The Foundation students have been learning how to hold their pencil correctly and also learning how to write their name.

In Maths, the Grades 1/2 students have been learning about the numbers 1-1000. The Foundation students have been learning about numbers 1-10.

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**Middle School News**

The children in grades three and four have come back to school from their summer holidays well rested and ready to learn. It has been lovely hearing about all of the fun things the children have been able to do over the holidays.

During this term the children in grades three and four will have learning intentions, which will be the focus for their learning over a week or over a number of weeks. This week in Maths the children’s learning intention is counting and reading, writing and modelling numbers. In English the children have been focusing on recount writing.

Yesterday, the children in grades three to six had a visit from some AFL players from Richmond. It was a wonderful opportunity for the Richmond players to talk about resilience, leadership and healthy eating.

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**Senior School News**

After a wonderful week on camp, we have returned ready to learn in our classrooms. The senior students will be learning about ‘Number and Place Value’ in maths lessons. They will be learning to recognise, represent and order numbers to at least hundreds of thousands. In English lessons, the focus will be on Recount Writing. We will be looking at different strategies to assist with comprehension when reading both independently and as part of a group. Keeping up to date with nightly reading expectations and recording reading in your child’s diary is a great way to improve fluency, comprehension and foster a love of literature.

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**Newsletter & Assembly**

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**Sport**

Children will take part in a 50 minute sport lesson once a week on the following days. Sports uniform is to be worn on your child’s allocated sport day.

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FRIENDS OF ST JOHN’S NEWS

Pancake Day—Tuesday, 28 February
Tuesday, 28 February is Shrove Tuesday. As usual, we will be providing pancakes free of charge to all children. If you have a couple of hours free that morning, and/or have an electric frypan you could let us use, please contact Caroline Roff on 0409 803 340 and let her know. We cook in the canteen from 9am and are usually wrapped up by 11am.

School Banking
School Banking day is Wednesday. Information booklets were sent home this week. If you missed out, and are interested, extra copies are available from the school office.

Scholastic Book Orders
Scholastic book orders are due in by Thursday, 16 February. No late orders accepted.

Uniform Shop
The uniform shop is open on Monday afternoons 3:00pm to approx. 3:20pm.
Alternatively completed order forms, with payment, can be left at the office. These will be processed Monday afternoon and uniform will be sent home with your child. If you have any queries please call Amber on 0417 502 927.
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Charlotte Hughes           Melina Briganti
Mitchell Ventura          Levi Towers
Tara Van Den Heuvel        Jessica Larchin
Christian Gigliotti        Torin Dickerson
Keira Foster-Miles         Jordan Clarke
Sebastian Borthwick        Corey Lucas
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES:
St Joseph’s, Iona—Sunday 11am
Holy Family, Maryknoll—2nd Sunday, 8am
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St John’s, Koo Wee Rup—Sunday 9:30am
St Mary’s, Lang Lang—3rd Sunday, 8am
Alternatively, upon request.

Fees—EFT Details
Families wishing to pay fees via EFT can do so using the following details:
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Acc No: 69544 2410
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