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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### INTRODUCTION OF ONLINE (SENTRAL) PARENT PORTAL

School council supported the introduction of the next phase of the introduction of our online management system SENTRAL at Monday's meeting. In March of last year, we commenced the rollout of SENTRAL in our school with the administration module being installed. The administration module enables staff to manage student details, reports and Individual Learning Improvement Plans (ILIPs) internally. This has proven to be very successful. We are now about to introduce the Parent Portal – this will enable us to provide parents with their children's reports and ILIPs online as well as access our newsletter and book their parent /teacher interviews (formerly via a different online platform). In the next fortnight we will be forwarding all families, including alternative family members with a welcome letter that will include information about the system plus personal login details. What it means in practice is that we are continuing the development of our online facilities at our school. In future we will not be providing hard copies of student reports and our newsletter. These can be printed at home. This is a significant change and that change does cause stress and anxiety for some

people. We are mindful of this and did consider running a dual system for some time, but decided against it on the grounds that the administration work involved in managing a dual system was unwieldy and would create more work than it would save. Please feel most welcome to speak with us at school should you have specific concerns with this change – we are only too happy to support everyone through the change. This is another step in moving toward a paperless system, one which contributes to environmental sustainability, saves money and provides parents and staff with immediacy of contact. Further down the track we envisage providing student attendance/absences information online, much the same as many secondary colleges already do. You may be aware of the COMPASS online service which is the main competitor to SENTRAL in providing schools with online management and communication services.

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LEARNING FOR LIFE...



# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT CONTINUED...

## POSTPONEMENT OF STUDENT TALENT SHOW

School council decided to defer the planned PFA fundraiser, the Student Talent Quest, until next year. It had been planned for later this term in June, however, council was of the view that a number of details needed further clarification and with time limitations and a number of other fundraising activities already on our calendar for later in the year, deferring the Talent Quest until next year seemed most appropriate. Council thanks our hard working PFA for their understanding and, as always, acknowledges the wonderful work they do on behalf of our school.

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

### Q. Does our school have an enrolment zone?

A. No we don't – we do have a school neighbourhood zone. This defines the neighbourhood for which we are the closest government primary school for families. Our local neighbourhood, essentially the Mansfield Street Estate plus the Timbarra Estate housing closer to our school rather than Timbarra College is relatively small in terms of primary school age children. For many years now we have actively and successfully sought enrolments from beyond this area. We continue to do so but are mindful of the fact that we do not want to grow too much in doing so.

## QUOTABLE QUOTE

*'If you want to be noticed in life, don't be mediocre – there's too much competition'*

*Henry Grossek*

## DIARY DATES

**Wednesday 25th May-  
Friday 27th May**

**Grade 6 CYC Camp**

**Friday 3rd June**

**Berwick College Transition program**

**Monday 6th June-  
Wednesday 8th June**

**Grade 5 Camp Sovereign Hill**

**Friday 10th June**

**Grade 3 & 4 Hands on Science in school excursion**

**Thursday 28th July  
Tuesday 2nd August  
Monday 8th August**

**Maths Competition  
ICAS - English Competition  
Wakakirri Performance night at Frankston Art  
Centre**

## NOTICES DUE BACK

**Friday 27th May  
Tuesday 31st May  
Friday 3rd June  
Friday 10th June**

**Grade 3 & 4 Camp Deposit  
Premier's Reading Challenge  
Grade 3 & 4 Hands on Science  
ICAS - English Competition**

## HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?

Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations for students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents



# Assistant Principals' Report



## ★ ST JOHN FIRST AID IN SCHOOLS

★ Next week all students will take part in the St John First Aid in Schools Program.  
★ The knowledge and skills gained in the Program will develop First Aid awareness in school children and contribute to building a more resilient community. The training is tailored to each age group and integrates with the AusVELS curriculum. This free Program is delivered by St John Ambulance Professional Trainers, teaching primary school students on the importance of First Aid and what to do in an event of an emergency.

## ★ GRADE SIX CITY CAMP

★ On Wednesday 25th May 2016, Ms Maskery had the pleasure of accompanying the Grade Six students to the city, to commence their City Camp experience. Needless to say there was lots of excitement among the group and everything ran very smoothly. The city provides many rich learning experiences; the sounds, smells, tastes and sights are a world away from the students' day to day lives. The day started with a very informative visit to the Immigration Museum, with a quick stop at Flinders street station and Federation Square. Unfortunately Ms Maskery had to depart just as the students were about to board the river cruise. Student behaviour was exemplary! I am very much looking forward to hearing all about the experience when the students return.



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# Assistant Principals' Report Continued...

## WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY – FRIDAY 20th MAY 2016

It was terrific to see the number of students who chose to wear crazy socks and use active travel last Friday. We encourage families to support their children in continuing to walk, ride, skate or scoot to school on a regular basis. Establishing these habits at primary school age will have benefits in the years ahead.



## MEMORIAL GARDEN

Thankyou to Andy Coupar for working on the garden and planting the plants and installing the seats. It is a wonderful new space for our school.



## ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

We are now taking Prep enrolments for 2017. If you have a child who will be starting Prep next year, please come and collect an enrolment form from the office.

**ENROLL NOW!**

*Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery*

## 3/4 Lodgie Awards

- Will 3S
- Audrey 4C
- Peter 4K
- Tharuk 4K
- Nauma 3FD
- Tevin 4K
- Mia 4K
- Clayton 3S
- Rune 4W
- Josh 4W
- Sophia 3FD

# art NEWS

We are looking for old cd's that are not being used anymore for the Art Room. They will be used for lessons in Grades 3/4 for Textiles and Threads.

So if you have any cd's that need a new home for another use, other than music, please bring them into the art room as soon as possible. Thank you so much!

Mrs Zammit and Mrs McLeod



# PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

## WAKAKIRRI 2016 CANVAS YOUR IMAGINATION

The Grade 5&6 students have been very busy preparing for our 2016 Wakakirri Story Dance, "Canvas Your Imagination"

The story tells of four tourists who are visiting an art gallery. They are provoked to look beyond the canvases of Van Gogh, J.S. Lowry, Andy Warhol and Salvador Dali, as we journey into the realms of their imagination.

Congratulations to E J Kelly, Jordy Cruse and Phoebe Humphries who successfully designed our Story Dance image. This image will appear on the Wakakirri website and also be printed on the Berwick Lodge t-shirt designs for Wakakirri 2016.



## Help Needed!

I am also looking for some parent helpers who feel they could help with painting backdrops and making props. If you feel you would be able to help, I would love to hear from you.

Thank you for all your help and support,

Lorraine Montgomery  
Performing Arts Teacher

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would be able to help with drawing and painting props and backdrops. Please contact me as detailed below:

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_



**Back to Earth Voting: WE ARE A FINALIST!**

A very BIG THANK YOU to our school community for voting for our new Sensory Garden project. We have made it through to the 16 finalists and will hear within the next few weeks if we are the successful school. It is wonderful that so many families supported our project.

**Eggplant Fritters!**

On Thursday 19th May 2016 the garden club made eggplant fritters with Mrs McCrum, Mrs Musco and Miss Cooper. They had lots of fun making the batter and dipping the eggplants in it. After they finished, the teachers fried the eggplant. Once they finished frying, the students got to taste the lovely fritters. We would like to thank Mrs McCrum, Mrs Musco and Mrs Cooper for helping on the day. Without you we couldn't have done it.

By Freyja and Aviva!



Happy Gardening! Mrs. McCrum



This year I joined garden club with my friends to learn more about growing fruit and vegetables. Some of the things we do are weeding, spreading mulch and watering plants in the Community Garden. We make the garden look nice for other people to look at. We also cook the things we grow. Last Thursday we cooked eggplant fritters. It was my first time trying eggplant and it was delicious! Sometimes the grade 6's put out a stall so people can buy the things we grow. Mrs. McCrum is a great teacher.

Amelia 2H

healthy garden awesome delicious helpful

Carrie	Simone	Community Garden
Ada	IM	Suzanne
2C	PA	SS
2T	LC	3FB
Selvi	IP	PT
2H	PQ	

**DO YOU HAVE A HEALTHCARE/CONCESSION CARD?  
CSEF Applications**

Just a reminder that the Camps, Excursions & Sports (CSEF) Applications are now available for the office. Please bring a copy of your concession card in to the office when applying for the CSEF Fund.

Families holding a valid means-tested concession card or temporary foster parents are eligible to apply. \$125 per year is paid for eligible primary school students. Payments are made directly to the school and are tied to the student. Parents or legal guardians are required to submit a new CSEF application form each year.

To be eligible for the fund, a parent or legal guardian of a student attending a registered Government or non-government Victorian primary or secondary school must:

on the first day of Term one, or;

on the first day of Term two;

- a) Be an eligible beneficiary within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, that is, be the holder of a Veterans Affairs Gold Card or be an eligible Centrelink Health Care Card (HCC) or Pensioner Concession Card (PCC) holder, OR
- b) Be a temporary foster parent, and

Parents who receive a Carer Allowance on behalf of a child, or any other benefit or allowance not income tested by Centrelink, **are not** eligible for the CSEF unless they also comply with one of the above.

**\*\*\* Applications close—3rd June 2016 \*\*\***

# Transition News

## SCHOOL TOURS

Bookings are essential. Please call **8768 1000** to make a booking.

- Wednesday 24th February at 9:30am
- Wednesday 16th March at 9:30am
- Wednesday 13th April at 9:30am
- Wednesday 27th April—Year 7 Parent

### Information Evening

- Wednesday 4th May at 9:30am
- **Saturday 7th May at 9:30am – 12noon**

(Testing date—9:00am arrival at Administration Tours will commence once the students begin the testing and conclude at 12 noon. Parents will receive an email confirming details)

- Wednesday 18th May at 9:30am
- Wednesday 1st June at 9:30am
- Wednesday 27th July at 9:30am
- Wednesday 24th August at 9:30am
- Wednesday 19th October at 9:30am
- Wednesday 9th November at 9:30am
- Wednesday 23rd November at 9:30am

### A Year 8 HAP Student....

Why my learning has benefited from being part of the High Achievers program...*Since I started high school, the high achievers learning structure has changed me as a student in many positive ways. It became a place where I am tested on my ability to work, learn independently and think creatively. There are always moments where I would think of a brand new idea for a project and as always, couldn't wait to carry out the idea and make it come alive. In class, I know a group of people who think just like me. We have deep discussions on learning topics and most importantly, we learn from each other. Every single one of us are constantly helping each other to extend ourselves and strive to do our best. Now every time I walk into a classroom, I'm prepared to challenge myself...*

## For further information please contact:

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Assistant Principal  
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**Alkira**  
Secondary College

Venue: Alkira Secondary College Theatre  
15 Nurture Avenue  
Cranbourne North, Victoria 3977

Applications to Alkira's Sports Program and Accelerated Learning Program close on **Friday May 13th 2016**.  
**Applications after this date will not be considered.**

**Accelerated Learning Program testing will take place on Saturday May 28th 2016.**

Inquiries: Sandra Stevens 03 5991 3514 or email: [stevens.sandra.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:stevens.sandra.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)



**FOUNTAIN GATE  
SECONDARY COLLEGE**  
JOSEPHINE AVENUE, NARRE WARREN

## **FOUNTAIN GATE SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Fountain Gate Secondary College invites parents to request a school tour.

Tours will be conducted by the Principal team and can be arranged for anytime or date requested.

Parents are encouraged to bring their child along to join in on the tour.

Please call the College on  
8762 6839 to arrange a tour.

### **Principal**

Pete Hanratty

### **Assistant Principals**

Paul Broecker and Neil Uwins



## **LOST PROPERTY**

Is your child missing their school uniform ?

Please have a look in our lost property basket located just inside the main building door near the courtyard. We have so many items in this basket and sadly they are not named. This is a timely reminder to our families to put their child's name on their clothes as we can return them to their classroom if it's clearly labelled.



## **BIRTHDAY TREATS**



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## COMMUNITY ADVERTISING



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When: Friday (during school term)

Time: 11:45am to 1:45pm

Phone: 9704 1863

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