



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

### **One term down!**

Now is the perfect time to reflect upon the achievements our school and our students, have achieved in the first nine weeks of school in 2014.

As a school, we have grown in numbers, established a new class, employed a new teacher, had a great start with our two new Assistant Principals, launched our Specialist Science classes with huge success, almost completed our "Cooking Lab", and managed to settle in 75 new students to our school (including 56 Prep students).

98 of our senior students have completed an eight week swimming program and almost one hundred participated in the district athletics carnival.

Our new Prep students have completed a school entry assessment, settled into the fun and routines of full time school and already are showing signs of excellent learning.

Year six students shall receive their year six "polo top" – tomorrow I believe - which will promote their feeling of being "pretty special" in their final year of primary school.

### **Next Term**

**We have a Curriculum Day on the first day of term two; Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. So there are only two days of school that week for your children; Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April.**

For years five and six, inter-school sport takes place on Fridays, in Tee-ball, netball, soccer and football.

Cross Country event is also in the early days of the term, so maybe aspiring longer distance runners could do some "endurance jogging" over the break.

Excursions are planned for the middle and junior classes in line with their planned topics, and there's Education Week. NAPLAN and June reporting to parents: Enough to go on with I think!

## **SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT!**

### **Who Empties Your Dishwasher?**

The choice of who empties the dishwasher in your family tells a great deal about your parenting philosophy.

If you or your partner usually does it then *I humbly suggest that you may be working too hard.* You're letting your kids off the hook.

On the other hand, if one or all of your kids (over the age of three) have this job then **congratulations**. You're travelling down the road toward **redundancy**, and your children are heading toward **independence**.

Many parents would love their kids to do this task but pragmatism ("*It's easier to do it myself*"), lack of faith ("*They're sure to break something!*") and unwillingness to let go ("*It's my job after all*") get in the way.

### **Why the dishwasher?**

Good question. Here are seven good reasons:

1. These days almost every house has one, and it's a job that just has to be done!
2. It's fiddly and tedious, and it needs to be **done right**, which is a great lesson for kids to learn.
3. Kids learn that **everything has a place** in the kitchen, which is a great lesson for those who are organisationally challenged.

Knowing their way around the kitchen is also an important first step toward children making their own snacks and preparing meals – a worthy aim!

4. It's emptied every morning/day, second morning/day so kids learn about **routine**.
5. As it needs to be emptied whether they feel like it or not, kids learn about **grit** (*the ability to stick at a task even though it's boring*) and **self-control** (*through delaying gratification*) – two important character strengths that contribute to kids' success.

**6. If they don't do it then who will?** It teaches kids that others rely on them, as well as the other way around.

*Believe me, I see many young people who've never learned this lesson at home!*

7. **Kids are hard-wired to help** but they need the opportunity to do their bit at home. The dishwasher is the perfect opportunity that never goes away!
- There are plenty of other reasons for putting the dishwasher on the kids' chores list, but that should be enough to get you thinking.

### **Okay, but does it have to be the dishwasher?**

Smart parents put principles into practice to suit their circumstances. So, if you buy into the notion that kids should routinely help at home without being paid, and that your aim is to make yourself redundant – but getting them to empty the dishwasher just doesn't cut it in your world –

find a similarly regular, laborious task that they can do that will also benefit others.

**How emptying the dishwasher can build independence**

*You can learn a lot about a family by knowing who clears their dishwasher. Who empties yours?*

**No dishwasher? You have an advantage**

Of course, families without a dishwasher have a great communication mechanism at their disposal. That is, one person washing (a parent) and the other drying (a child or teenager) provide a fabulous shoulder-to-shoulder parenting opportunity. As many parents have discovered, when a child or young person's hands are busy their tongue suddenly loosens up and the chat happens naturally.

*Helen Miller  
Principal*

**DIARY DATES**

4 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day of Term 1 Assembly: 1:15pm Students Dismissed: 2:00pm
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22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Curriculum Day (No School for Students)
23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term 2 Commences for Students (It's a Wednesday)
25 <sup>th</sup> April	Anzac Day Public Holiday (No school for students)
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Cross Country for some senior students
5 <sup>th</sup> May	School Council Meeting 7:00pm

**PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE**

**How does the Challenge work?**

The 2014 Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge has now commenced and officially ends on 12 September 2014. Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or 'experience' 30 books during this period. Students in Years 3 to 10 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books during this period.

**If your child is interested in participating in the Premier's Reading Challenge please speak to Gaye Clark in the Library for further information.**

**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

**"Happy Birthday" to**



**Calvin, Billy, Farouk and  
Bradley C.**

who are all celebrating their birthdays this week.

**"Happy Birthday"** also to the following students who are celebrating their birthdays during the holidays:

**Yunes, Jo, Ashleigh T., Andrew, Jianing, Makelita, Denholm, Paakhi, Alita, Neishar and Durar.**

**ART ROOM - WANTED**

We are still in need of clean meat trays! If you are able to help then please leave them at the office. Thank you.

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following children who were presented with Student of the Week / Achievement / Encouragement Awards on Friday at assembly:

**Rital, Matilda, Chaltu, Carlos, Gabrielle, Karan, Omar, Gina, Charlotte, Vijeta, Miljan, Riziki, Leah, Vini, Mason, Ahmed A., Durar, Ishita, Paradise, Sofia Ty., Jonah, Victoria, Dan, Jye N., Alice V., Yahya, Safa, Saeed, Calie, Hebatallah, Stephanie, William H., Jack, Yashil and Ach-Erdene.**

**PASCOE VALE GIRLS COLLEGE  
Lake Avenue, Pascoe Vale.**

Pascoe Vale Girls College invites prospective students and their parents to attend one of our information sessions at our College. You will have the opportunity to meet College leaders and hear about our curriculum and programs offered to our students. This will be followed by a tour of the College.



The information sessions will occur on the following days at 11:00am:

- **Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April**
- **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May**

An evening session is also available commencing at 7:00pm on:

- **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April**

Bookings are essential. Please phone the College on 9306 2544 to reserve a place.

**RESERVOIR HIGH SCHOOL  
855 PLENTY ROAD, RESERVOIR.**

Reservoir High invites you to attend our Showcase and Information Evening on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2014 at 7:00pm in the Library.

Reservoir High are also welcoming Applicants for our 2015 SEAL Program and our 2015 Scholarship Program. Application forms can be downloaded from our website [www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au) or obtained from the General Office.

Please complete and return it to Reservoir High by Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2014.

For more information phone 9470 3555 or go to [www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au](http://www.reservoirhs.vic.edu.au)

**UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL  
77 Story Street, Parkville**

The Acceleration Program at The University High School is designed to:

- **Challenge:** The subjects studied are sufficiently advanced and delivered at a pace to sustain interest and challenge the learners in the program.
- **Offer Breadth and Depth:** Students are given the opportunity to undertake a range of subjects across the domain areas and are encouraged to explore special areas of interest to a high level of expertise.
- **Provide Complexity:** The curriculum reflects the capacity of learners to engage in abstract thinking and conceptualisation to a high level.

In 2014, the following selection procedures will be used to identify students for the 2015 Year 7 intake:

1. Test administered by EduTest on Saturday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at The University High School.
2. Interviews with shortlisted applicants and their parents/guardians.

Please apply online via the link on our school website. [www.unihigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.unihigh.vic.edu.au)

The closing date for applications is Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014. For more information visit our school website and join us on our Open Day on Wednesday April 30<sup>th</sup>. We are running two Open Day sessions. Session 1: 2pm-3pm and Session 2: 7pm-8pm. Please only attend one session. There is no need to book for either session 1 or 2.

**FREE EVENTS AROUND MELBOURNE**

**(FREE) Port Open Day Boat Tours**

*\*Last Sunday of the month*

Visit Australia's busiest container terminal at Swanson Dock. See the massive ships and cranes up close and learn more about the port in these guided boat tours. Departs Gem Pier, Williamstown: 9am and 11am (90 min return). Will not run in July and December.



Victoria Harbour Docklands: 1:45pm, 3pm and 4:15pm (60 min return) **96831565**  
[portmelbourne.com](http://portmelbourne.com)

**FREE Fitzroy Gardens Daily**

Historic gardens where families can have a picnic or see the conservatory, fairies' tree, model Tudor village, Captain Cook's cottage as well as statues and fountains. Free guided walking tours every Wednesday, 12:30pm. Fitzroy Gardens 230-298 Wellington Pde, East Melbourne. **9658 9658** [melbourne.vic.gov.au](http://melbourne.vic.gov.au)

**(FREE) State Library of Victoria**

Exhibition 'Once Upon A Time: A World of Children's Picture Book Art, features classics including Blinky Bill and The Magic Pudding. Until August 31<sup>st</sup> 2014  
Details: [slv.vic.gov.au](http://slv.vic.gov.au)

**(FREE) Arts Centre Melbourne**

100 St. Kilda Road Melbourne  
1st April to 6<sup>th</sup> of April 2014  
03 9416 2966  
Design Portal- a free design hub including exhibitions, social events and food on the Arts Centre Melbourne Lawn.  
\*\*Some other events may incur a cost.

**Swiss Festival: Queensbridge Square**

Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of April  
11am- 5pm  
1 Queensbridge Square South Bank  
0435 510 442

The Swiss Festival is the main event for Victoria's Swiss community and it showcases Switzerland's unique culture and traditions as well as those of its European neighbours. Come along for an entertaining and fun filled day- think Swiss cheese and wine, Swiss dancers and singers, Swiss chocolate and much more from the Swiss culture.

**Melbourne Museum**

**EXHIBITION: AZTECS** 9 April- 10 August 2014

An epic story of Life and Death  
Ancient Civilisation of the Aztecs rises again in a stunning new exhibition.

The Aztecs emerged as the dominant force in central Mexico in the 15<sup>th</sup> century but Spanish invaders put an end to their empire after only 200 years. Melbourne Museum has worked in partnership with the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa in

Wellington and Sydney's Australian Museum to bring the exhibition to Australia.

### **WE NEED YOUR HELP!!**

Many parents are very concerned about our children crossing High Street up near the train crossing. These kids walk over to the other side of the railway line. As you know the traffic in High Street is very fast and includes large trucks as well as buses. We also know from experiences that cars and trucks just do not stop when the light turns red.

Hence the danger to our kids; they assume when the green light tells them to walk that it is safe.

School Council is trying to have the crossing supervised, and has prepared a petition to present to Darebin Council. Copies are at the office if you wish to add your name.

### **LAKEVIEW TENNIS CLUB LEAMINGTON STREET, RESERVOIR.**

#### ***Easter Holiday Clinic***

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April

10:00am – 3:00pm

Cost 1 day: \$40, 2 days: \$70,

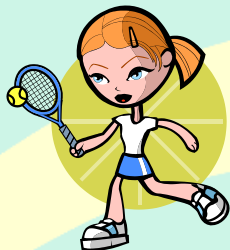
3 days: \$100

Discounts when 2 or more family members enrol. See website for further details.

Enrolment enquiries contact John on 0419 188 908 /

[john@grippingpotential.com.au](mailto:john@grippingpotential.com.au)

Email about a **Free trial** to all who would like to give tennis a go!



### **KEMIZO ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE 844 COOPER STREET, SOMERTON**

- Roller Skating
- Laser Tag
- Rock Climbing
- Playground
- Bumper Cars
- Parties and Functions



For more information go to [www.kemizo.com.au](http://www.kemizo.com.au) or phone 9305 1772.

### **TRICK OR TREAT MAGIC VENUE**

For some School Holiday Magic 'Trick or Treat Magic' can be found upstairs at Kids Space, 560 High Street Epping (enter off Railway Road).

**Magic Show:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>,

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00am

Approximately 50 minute show

Price: Child 2-12 years \$15 and Adults – No Charge

**Magic Class:** Monday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm

Approximately 50 minute session

Price: Child 5-12 years \$15 and Adults \$5

**Super Session Magic Class:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> and Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April at 12:30pm

Approximately 3 hour session for Intermediate to Advanced Magicians

Price: All Ages (Child/Adult) \$50pp

**Book now on 0412 969 931**



### **ANZAC DAY**

The ANZAC appeal begins in early April and runs up until ANZAC Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> April.

Most of the funds are raised through the sale of ANZAC badges. The badges are available in different denominations with the basis for the range being the 'Rising Sun' ANZAC Appeal landmark. This emblem is well known to all Australians and has been used during the appeal for many years.

**Badges:** \$2:00 or \$5.00

**Wristbands:** \$3.00

**Bag Tag:** \$4.00

**Pens:** \$5.00

**Children will be able to purchase these in their classrooms at lunch eating time each day.**

# SUBWAY LUNCH ORDERS 2014

Subway lunches are on **FRIDAYS ONLY** - orders are collected on **THURSDAY at 9.00am**

Place money and order in an envelope or bag marked clearly with child's name and Group and give to the classroom teacher. **Separate orders are required for each child. Correct money is required, no change will be given.**

Please note that Subway do not put butter on their rolls.

**\*\* PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU CIRCLE WHICH NUMBER YOU WISH TO ORDER – YOU ALSO NEED TO CIRCLE WHAT SALAD ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE**

CHILD'S NAME ..... GROUP .....

1.	<b>Six inch Vegetarian Delight Sub:</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.40</b>
2.	<b>Six inch Sub: Ham</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.70</b>
3	<b>Six inch Sub: Chicken Pieces</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$6.30</b>
4.	<b>Six inch Sub: Roast Beef</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$5.70</b>
5.	<b>Six inch Sub: BMT (Salami &amp; Ham)</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$5.80</b>
6.	<b>Six inch Sub: CLUB (Ham, Turkey &amp; Roast Beef)</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$5.80</b>
7.	<b>Four Inch Sub: Ham</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.10</b>
8.	<b>Four Inch Sub: Turkey</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.10</b>
9.	<b>Four Inch Sub: Roast Beef</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.10</b>
10.	<b>Four Inch Sub: Chicken Pieces</b> Cheese    Lettuce    Tomato    Cucumber    Carrot    Salt / Pepper    Mayonnaise	<b>\$4.60</b>
11.	<b>80 cents for a Cookie</b>	<b>.80</b>
	<b>TOTAL money enclosed</b>	<b>\$</b>

***Please Note: Late orders will not be accepted***