



## PRINCIPAL'S NOTES

### Our School Logo

Currently we are putting together information for an updated school brochure, and I wondered about the community's knowledge of our logo and how it came into being.

It was adopted in 1996, so many of you have probably never been informed about the meaning of the imagery.



- We teach children to fly.
- The wing is inspired by this thought, and by its relevance to the City of Darebin.
- The symbol of flight captures the spirit of achievement and progress.
- The wing graphic also contains elements of the lower case "R"
- Its subtle reference to the school's geographic origins and location add credibility and relevance to the school's population

These were the ideas that were central to the creation of the logo.



Some of our most junior kids with their favourite toys in Performing Arts

### How to Talk More with your Kids

*One of my favourite articles by Michael Grose*

**The links between school achievement and parents' ability and propensity to talk with kids from a young age is indisputable.**

If you were to focus on one thing to give your child an advantage then do what should come naturally – talk with them.

The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of "first borns" is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent.

But engagement in conversation with parents benefits kids in a far broader sense. It is trite to say that kids learn a great deal from their parents but, in fact they do when we talk with them. In many ways it is through conversations that kids get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with kids that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their worlds and how they think.

Getting conversations going with kids can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet. So you may need to be a little cunning, a little proactive and a little inventive to get some chat going at home.

**Here are five ideas to help you get more conversation going in your family:**

**1. Turn off the TV (and other screens).** Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don't be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

**2. Turn on the TV (and other screens).** If you can't beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from "Who's going to win Australian Idol?", "What happens to the winners of Australian Idol?" to "What is the point of Australian Idol?"

**3. Have more mealtimes (with the TV off).** The family that eats together talks together...or they should. I have

a theory that families with a strong food culture (i.e. they love food and value the whole eating experience) have strong bonds. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can't win.

**4. Move more.** If sitting and chatting is not your child's thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

**5. Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting.** Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids. Every family has their own way of getting the talk happening. Figure out what works for you and make sure it happens. It seems to me that the best communication in families happens when no one is working at it BUT in busy modern families you do need to work at communication. That is the way of it.

*Helen Miller*  
*Principal*

**DIARY DATES**

28 <sup>th</sup> May	Museum Excursion – Groups 3/4/12
29 <sup>th</sup> May	Crazy Hair Day and BBQ
30 <sup>th</sup> May	Inter-school sport V Our Lady of the Way (Away)
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	School Council Meeting – 7:00pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	CERES Excursion – Groups 9/10/11
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter-school sport V Reservoir East (Away)
9 <sup>th</sup> June	Queen's Birthday – Public Holiday
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Inter-school sport V William Ruthven (Away) but Teeball and Netball will be played at Reservoir Primary
19 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent / Teacher Interviews
20 <sup>th</sup> June	Reporting Day – Pupil Free Day Parent / Teacher Interviews
<b>27<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Last day of Term 2 Dismissal at 2.00pm</b>
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<b>14<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>

**15<sup>th</sup> July**

**Students commence school for Term 3 – Please note that it is a Tuesday**

Somers Camp commences for selected students!

**ART ROOM - WANTED**

Teachers in the Art Room are in need of the following items:

- ❖ Clean foil/BBQ trays
- ❖ Magazines
- ❖ Catalogues

If you are able to help then please leave them at the office. We don't need any more meat trays though.

***Thank you to all the families who have bought along donations as they are greatly appreciated.***

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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

**Rital, Zara B., Reece H., Kyrach N., Keith, Praijini, Mia W., Charli H., Farouk, Charlotte, Isobel B., Somya, Jack, Ruby, Ayoub, Yunes, Eve, Ben, Hugo, Billy, Ibrahim A., William H., Ahmed I., Jianing, Miljan, and Lauren.**

The '**You Can Do It**' Award was presented to **Group 6** for showing persistence when learning their times tables in mathematics & **Group 12** for being organised in returning their excursion notes quickly



**BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

"Happy Birthday" to



**Gurkirat, Marshall, Abdulalah & Sheel**

who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

## INTERSCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS

This Friday in Interschool sport we will be playing against Our Lady of the Way Primary School. Netball and Tee-Ball will be played at Our Lady of the Way Primary School. Football and Soccer will be played at Donath Reserve.

30 <sup>th</sup> May	Reservoir v Our Lady of the Way	Away
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Reservoir v Reservoir East	Away
13 <sup>th</sup> June	Reservoir v William Ruthven	Away

### Last Week's Results:

**Football:** Do you want to know what happened in our game of football played today? Well it all started at the toss. Thomastown won the toss and kicked towards the club rooms. They got a 3 goal advantage meaning they scored 20 points to us 0. Despite losing our hopes were up. At 3 quarter time we were happy to only keep them to 4 goals in 2 quarters. Also losing our star player Joel M made it tougher to get closer to winning. Unfortunately they scored 4 goals in the 4<sup>th</sup> quarter and won the game. We played very well despite losing and being very tired. Declan played very well stopping the goals, because it's not an easy job. Final scores: Thomastown 12.4 (75) defeated Reservoir 0.0. (0). Well done to the entire team for never giving up and playing out the game. Mr. Briggs was very proud of our efforts.

**Netball A:** What a windy day to play netball. We played against Thomastown. They seemed tough but we tried our best to get the ball off them. Unfortunately we didn't score and Thomastown scored 20. We had a fun day.

**Netball B:** It was a sunny and windy day to play netball against Thomastown. We won the toss and decided to score where the sun wasn't facing. It was a tough game. Thomastown scored 14 goals and Reservoir 4. Thamilini scored really good goals and so did the team.

**Soccer:** Wow! What a wet and wild game we've played today. They scored a goal just a few seconds after the beginning. The opponents were playing tough. Our team tried hard but couldn't score. It was 0-3 on first half. The second half started and the wind was helping us, but the other team scored. It was the end of the game with the scores 0-6. Unfortunately, we lost but enjoyed the game. We would like to thank the whole team for playing hard.

**Teeball:** It was a hot and boiling day to play a game of teeball against Thomastown Primary. They won the toss and decided to field. Drew, Irene and Besi all made fantastic home runs. In the second innings we were leading by 3 points until they caught up. In the end the scores were Thomastown 11 and Reservoir 20. We won and also had a fun game of soccer after that.

## National Reconciliation Week 2014

Each year from the 27<sup>th</sup> May to 3<sup>rd</sup> June, the NRW celebrates and builds on the respectful relationships shared by Aboriginal, Torres Strait Islanders & Australians.

Last week After School Care displayed the Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander's flag.

We were very pleased that our children were able to recognise the Aboriginal flag but our children and parents had difficulty with the Torres Strait Islander flag.

What makes up the Torres Strait Islander flag?



Green – Represents the land

Blue – The waters of the Torres Strait

Thin black stripe – The Torres Strait Islanders themselves

Five-pointed star – The five major Island groups

The white Dhari – Is the dancer's headdress

White symbolises peace and the star also is a symbol of navigation.

After School Care will be looking at both these flags throughout this week.

# 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***