PRINCIPAL’S NOTES

Wintry Weather
As the weather turns chilly, these winter tips for children can help keep them safe, warm and healthy through the coldest months of the year. Those freezing mornings, frosts and fogs clearly create discomfort, but the general indoor lethargy of winter can also create health hazards due to overeating and less activity. Children can enjoy the fun and freedom of playing indoors or outdoors on chilly days without substantial risk. For outside play, to avoid the cold weather issues consider the following:

- Dress in multiple layers, including extra layers for legs, feet and hands.
- Always wear hats and gloves when playing outdoors in cold weather; the biggest proportions of body heat are lost through the head and hands.
- Limit the amount of time spent playing outdoors to safe intervals, and bring children inside periodically to warm up.
- The long days of winter often keep children indoors, which can lead to hours of inactivity. Furthermore, children are more likely to contract illnesses during the winter months because they are in more confined spaces. To stay healthy during the winter, consider these safety tips:
  - Eat a healthy, balanced diet that includes fruits and vegetables.
  - Teach children proper hand-washing techniques to kill germs and bacteria or use hand sanitizer if necessary.
  - Keep children home from school and other public places if they are sick.
  - Ask your doctor about the necessity for flu vaccines for young children
  - Limit the amount of junk food and so-called “treats” or “rewards” that children are allowed to eat; or better still: make the treats actions rather than food – a trip to the park for example.

The next two weeks of holidays is a time when all these hints can be taken on board. The weather is likely to be cold, wet and miserable. But at school we see that kids really do like getting outside to play for short times, no matter what the weather brings. Just rug them up, prepare them for the weather conditions and let them enjoy themselves.

Don’t forget to remove those layers however, when they come inside to a warmer environment.

Headlice
With the holidays coming up, it is the perfect time to check thoroughly and treat your child’s hair if you see any sign of either nits (eggs) or head lice. There has been an outbreak recently, so it is extremely important that every parent checks their child’s hair; not just NOW, but also on a regular basis into the future. Remember it takes as little as one week before any egg on your child’s hair hatches into the lice; that’s when more (often many more) eggs are deposited on the hair shafts.

New Times
From the beginning of next term the office hours will be strictly adhered to: 8:30am til 4:00pm. If you need to contact After School Care they will answer the phone.
School gates and toilets will not be open until 8:30am. Children should not be at school before that time unless you are booked into the Before School Care program.

Enjoy the two weeks break, keep safe and I look forward to seeing you all again on 16th July (Tuesday… don’t forget!)

Helen Miller

DIARY DATES

26th June    Circus Oz Excursion for Group 6/10/11 Group 12 (Year 3's)
28th June
Last day of Term 2
Assembly: 1:30pm
Students Dismissed: 2:00pm

15th July
Curriculum Day – No school for Students

16th July
Term 3 Commences at 9:00am

Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten
Gellibrand Crescent Kindergarten is currently taking enrolments for three and four year old kindergarten for 2014. Please contact the centre for a tour, and speak to staff. Phone 9460 5862.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

“Happy Birthday” to

Chaltu, Audrey, Alastair, Sweeney, Dominic, Abir, Charli H., Azeezah

who are all celebrating their birthdays during the school holidays.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

If you have a Pension or Health Care Card current on the 15th of July 2013 you are entitled to claim the Education Maintenance Allowance for Semester 2. Most families would have applied in Semester 1; in which case you do not have to apply again. However if you are new to our school or have only received one of these cards since the beginning of the year then you must call at the office and present your card so that we can register your details to receive this funding.

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS

The second payment of the Schoolkids Bonus is coming in July. If you are eligible you could receive up to $205 for each primary student and up to $410 for each secondary student.
You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school and receive Family Tax Benefit Part A or you are a primary or secondary student receiving an income support payment.
If you think you are eligible and you haven’t already updated your child’s education details with Centrelink, then visit Online Services by 29 June 2013 to ensure you receive the correct amount and are paid on time.
The Schoolkids Bonus replaced the Education Tax Refund in January 2013 so eligible families cannot claim education expenses in their 2012-13 income tax return.
To ensure you receive the Schoolkids Bonus payment in July, check your eligibility by visiting www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED!!!

Australian Girls’ Choir Open Day 29th June
Girls aged 5 to 8 are invited to attend a free class of singing, dancing and drama activities. These classes are the perfect place for girls to build confidence and develop music and presentation skills and are held in various locations around Melbourne.
9:15-11:30am Ave Maria College 20 Vida St, Essendon
Ivanhoe Girls Grammar School Upper Heidelberg Rd, Ivanhoe
Enq: 9859 6499 or www.aspagroup.com.au

(FREE) All For Kids Market 29th June
Pre-loved and new goods for sale.
9am-1pm Community Bank Stadium, 129-163 Main Hurstbridge Rd, Diamond Creek
Enq: 0431 710 786 or visit www.allforkidsmarket.com.au

National Gallery of Victoria - Six Days a Week
Families can enjoy and discover the diversity of the NGV Collection and exhibitions through a range of programs including a free children’s activity each week.

(FREE) The Call of Walls: daily.
Artist Robin Rhode has created a unique contemporary project for children. Work together with family and friends to participate in the creation of large-scale drawings.
10am-5pm Exhibition Space, The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

(FREE) DUH-HEAD! Daily
This installation, TASTE, by Aleks Danko explores the idea of beauty and who decides what good taste is and how an art audience can be DUH-HEADS!
Children receive an Aleks Danko mask and are invited to draw their DUH HEAD!
10am-5pm
Meet in the Foyer, Ground Level, The Ian Potter Centre: NGV Australia

(FREE) Skating and Bike Riding Daily
Families can get out skating and bike riding at a number of skate parks and BMX tracks in the Moonee Valley City Council area.
Boeing Reserve Skate Ramp: Boeing Rd, Strathmore.
**Fun4 Kids Festival**
Australia’s Best Children’s Festival is Back Bigger Than Ever!
This year’s festival features the new look Wiggles, Cosentino the Grand Illusionist, The X Factor pop group- The Collective, a performance of Sleeping Beauty, cooking workshops, hands on fun for pre-schoolers, woodwork, circus-skills workshops, sand sculpting and more.
Enquiries and Bookings: 5562 4044 or visit www.fun4kids.com.au
Warrnambool Great Ocean Road Victoria

**PRESTON RESERVOIR ADULT COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

**Barista Basics**
Want to work in the Hospitality Industry? Learn how to prepare espresso coffee using a commercial espresso machine in our Barista Basics course.
Dates: 15, 16, 17 & 24 July 2013
Time: 9:15am—3:15pm
Duration: 4 sessions + preliminary reading
Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Statement of Fees: $28 plus Service & Amenities fee $10 conc./$25 non-conc.
Fee for Service: (not eligible for subsidised training) $215 plus S/A.

**Food Handling - School Holiday Workshop**
Gain the knowledge to follow current workplace hygiene procedures in this one day course. (1 Core Unit towards the Cert. II in Hospitality)
Date: Wednesday, 10th July 2013
Time: 9:30 – 3:15pm
Location: Merrilands Community Centre, Reservoir
Duration: 1 session
Cost: $72 (includes manual)
For more details ring PRACE on 9462 6077 or visit our website: www.prace.vic.edu.au

**RESERVOIR LIBRARY**
**RALPH STREET, RESERVOIR**

When: Thursday 27th June
Time: 4:00 – 4:45pm
Come along to this special Sponge Club event!
Enjoy a reading of Dreamtime stories and create your own dot art paintings. Your artwork will be displayed at Fairfield Library during NAIDOC week.
NAIDOC week is a yearly celebration of Aboriginal and Torres Straight Islander Cultures and runs from 7 - 14 July 2013.
N.B. This event is for children aged 5 - 12 years. Adult supervision required at all times.

**Maldon Camp Stories**

**From Group 6**

When it was the day of camp I went to school and I was about to start crying because I was going to miss my mummy and my daddy. When the bus arrived I started crying because I was going to miss my mum and my dad but when I got on the bus I stopped crying. When I went on the bus I sat next to Sweeney and I sat next to him on the way home as well. When we got there they showed us around the camp and it was beautiful. The bikes were very good as well. When I went in my bedroom I slept with Jayden, Jack, James, Edward, William W. and Mr Briggs. It was a good time at camp but when we had to go home I felt happy and sad. I had an excellent time.

**Joshua**

On Tuesday the 28th some Grade 3, 4, 5 and 6 students went to Camp Maldon. Firstly everyone went on the bus and it took a long time to get there. It was boring. When we got there we had to find out our rooms and I was with Chloe, Evangeline, Leila, Mrs Angelevski, Ying, Ashleigh, Angelica, Lia, Mirna and Charlene. On Wednesday the 29th we went bike riding and we went in a cave. There was a man called Fred and people thought he was scaring children. On Thursday the 30th we went to the ice-cream shop and I got the mango flavour. I went to the lolly shop and I used $2.00 for 7 lollies. On Friday the 31st all the people had to get packed. Later we watched a movie called The Big Green. When we finished the movie we had sausages and then it was time to go back to school.

The camp was awesome!

**Jianing**

**History, Government and Science**

Wow! What a busy and exciting term of learning we have had in Grade 5 and 6. We have been researching and looking at Australia’s history and significant events that have been important in shaping our country to what it is today. As part of this learning, last week we visited the Melbourne Museum and the Melbourne Story exhibit where we were able to see, hear, touch and feel a part of this history.

As well as this, we visited Parliament House as we are learning about the different levels of government (Federal, State and Local) and the way in which laws are made.

Parliament House is such a beautiful, old building with so much information and history in it. We were very lucky as there was a parliamentary sitting happening on that day and we got to see and hear the
members of parliament and ministers having a real meeting. It was very interesting to hear them discussing some of the current issues in our community. Parliament House is a great place to visit with your families during the holidays and it’s free.

But it doesn’t stop there! Last week and this week we had an incursion where scientists from the Gene Technology Access Centre came to our school, and taught us about how genes work. Fascinating stuff, which made us very curious. We got to wear white lab coats and special glasses, and do some experiments where we made mucus and investigated how genes influence what we look like.

It has been a term of so much learning that has been interesting and fun. We have included some photos for you to have a look at. Happy holidays to everyone.

Year 5/6 Groups 8 & 9

Dear diary and whoever is reading this, I woke up feeling fresh and energised for the excursion today. Well everyone in groups 8 and 9 had so much fun. You're probably saying “Oh, I want to hear about it!” So, I will tell you!

Well, firstly we went to Parliament House. We had a woman who worked there telling us about it. She told us a lot about information like the Parliament house was made out of gold. I was amazed. She also told us that people debate here. So she took us to a room that is for debating. There was a mace that we had to draw. I liked that activity. Next Bethany (the woman) told us about the parliament house and when it was built. I thought it was fun to learn information.

After a while we had to leave to go to the museum. I was sad because I had so much fun but excited to go to the museum. So everyone how was that, good huh? Well hope you are not bored because now I will write about the museum.

We got on the bus to go to the museum. When we arrived there were so many different schools there but that didn’t stop us from going in. The teachers split us into group 8 and group 9. I am in group 9 so I will talk to you about what we did. Firstly we saw olden day things. Some people (including me) went on an old rollercoaster. It was boring but everyone else was enjoying it so I was joining in. Later on we went to see the dinosaur bones. It was freaky but AWESOME. I was searching for Irene, Ataria, Sheree and Emily D and then I found them in a 3D movie. They were wearing 3D glasses. I went in and it was cool. After a while a lot of people came. I loved the 3D movie. So diary did you enjoy it? Thank you for reading.

Love Besi

Dear diary, I arrived at school tired and the weather just made things worse. Once our class got on the bus things got better because I got to talk to friends. We entered the wet city of
Melbourne. I noticed as soon as I saw the traffic and the tall buildings and not to mention the tall billboards too. As soon as I was enjoying the observant view, we had to get off the bus. Unfortunate for me the rain started getting heavier and heavier as the trip went on. When we arrived at the parliament house we had to go through a customs. Finally we could make an entrance. I looked at the walls and the ceiling and there I saw, intricate and beautiful carvings on the wall and pure gold painted on the wall. The whole day was great. We got to see a live debate and learn about the history of the rooms and the building itself. It was soon over, in a blink of an eye. But the trip did not end there we still had to go to the museum! These are some of the things the classes looked at; Phar Lap, the forest gallery, history of the dinosaurs, and food and technology! It overall was a fun educating day.

Love Elly

Dear diary,
Today I’m writing to you today about my excursion that I went on Wednesday 12th June.
Groups 8 and 9 went on an excursion to Parliament House and the Melbourne Museum. I thought it was going to be really boring because I’m not really into that area of humanities but then I found out that it wasn’t boring at all. We went on a bus to Parliament House first. Once we got there we had to through the customs which I was clean. I didn’t know that we had to go through them. Once we got with our tour guide she told us some very interesting facts; that the whole Parliament House had real gold on the walls except one room. I even touched the walls that had gold which was very cool and exciting.
We went into two rooms; green and red. We went up these stairs which I didn’t like because it had no support holding it up. When we got into the rooms we watched 2 live debates.
Once we got finished in Parliament we went to the Melbourne Museum which was very cool. We went through the forest section which was in fact boring because there was nothing there. After that we went to the Australian History section that was also ok but there really wasn’t much there to do with our Humanities topic. Then we went into the dinosaur/ natural disaster/ earth section and that was by far my favourite section. My friends and I went into a 4D Volcano area which was awesome because we felt like we were moving but we weren’t. After that my friends and I went into a glow mineral section. We didn’t know how it worked and one of us touched the glass panelling and the minerals box lit up. We ran back outside because we were scared and then decided to go back in. As soon as we ran back in the minerals lit up and then glowed in the dark. It was so cool.
It was time to go which was really disappointing because I was really enjoying that section. Overall it was great excursion apart from the rain.

Love Emily D.

From Declan
Dear Paper,

I woke up today to Danny’s wonderful, annoying voice shouting at me “WOOHOO”. I got ready to walk to my bus stop. It felt very awkward for me to walk a km with just a plastic bag in my hand since I’m so used to having my bag on my back.

By the time I arrived to school, everybody was lining up. I was really excited for today unlike many other year 5/6 students, but the rain put my spirits down. We got onto the bus at 9:30 and arrived at 10:10 AM. We ate recess, in the rain, outside a not very well sheltered cafe.

We went to Parliament house and we got split up into 2 groups, our grades. I am in group 9. We had to be checked for any metal and stuff. I was afraid even though I didn’t have a bag. I had an electric key that looks nothing like a key; it looks more like the remote of a bomb.

When we finally went inside, we got an educator. Her name was Bethany. She spoke to us about Parliament and how we were in a room packed with gold. We went into a live debate. To me it was pretty funny. In the debate room there was a green carpet, the queen isn’t allowed on the green carpet. After watching two live debates we left Parliament House and went to have lunch. Sadly, once again we ate in the rain.

Later on we caught a bus to Melbourne Museum. We went inside the forest exhibition but I found it boring only because I’ve been there before and we were standing under pouring rain. We later went to a cool exhibition that had all these interactive things and a ‘Haunted House’ as Miss Elsheikhi calls it. (There was a cool toilet there too!) We came back to school very tired but happy. I walked home in the rain and I had a pizza. Which leaves me here!

Bye Diary.

Love Haifa
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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.

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