Friday, 16th December 2016

TERM 4 WEEK 11

KEY DATES:

DECEMBER
19 Taskworks Excursion - Year 6
19 Book Pack Collection 2.45 - 3.45pm - Long Room
20 LAST DAY TERM 4 - 1PM DISMISSAL
   Assembly will commence at 11.15

JANUARY 2017
31 9.30 - 11.00am - The School Office will be open for payment of
    2017 Contributions & collection of Book Packs.
    The Uniform Shop will also be open.

FEBRUARY
1 First Day Term 1 - Year 1 - 6 - 8.50am
2 Uniform Shop open
8 Foundation commence - 9.00am-12.30pm
9 Foundation start full time

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, here we are at the end of another year. I actually am finding it hard to believe, as the year once again has seemed to fly by. Having said that, I know we are all ready for a break and looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the summer holidays.

Year 6 Graduation
Last night we had the Year 6 Graduation. These students were my very first preps when I started as Principal in 2010. It is difficult to believe that these same kids are now leaving and going on to High School. I am incredibly proud of this terrific group of students who have been wonderful role models as the senior students in the school this year. We are very sad to see them go, but know they are ready for the challenge of moving on to secondary college.

It was a terrific night, sharing a meal with the Graduating Class in the PAC and then joining the parents, families and staff in the Wicking Centre for the ceremony. We would like to thank the Year Five and Six staff, headed up by Charlee Patrick, who all worked together with the parent Graduation Committee to organise the evening. It was also wonderful to have our School Council President, Fiona Ross, our local member of State Parliament, Mr Neil Angus, and our 2015 School Captains, Emilie Hoyne and Robert Campbell, who all came along to speak last night.

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The following students gained particular acknowledgement by receiving an award in the following areas:
- Graduation Award – Zane Garrett
- Academic Award – Isabelle Chong-Nguyen and Felix Sun
- Rotary Bert Sloane Award – Mitchell Davis
- Forest Hill Endeavour Award – SuSu Leeding
- Arts Award – Emi Taylor
- Sports Award – Tom Audley
- Performing Arts Award – Ivy Brady

Each child received a financial gift, presented by Liz Stinson from the Blackburn South Bendigo Bank. They will be able to open an account with the bank using this money.

**Christmas Boxes for the Homeless**
If you have received your local Leader Newspaper this week, you would have seen the smiling faces of three Orchard Grove PS students celebrating the Christmas Boxes for the homeless.

James, Izzy and Alex are front and centre and then the article is on page nine. The Christmas Boxes for the homeless was an initiative of James in Year Four and, together with the school community, we had over 108 donations of shoe boxes and handbags filled with goodies for those in need. A fantastic idea James! What a wonderful community we have to give such generous support for a worthy cause – that’s the Christmas Spirit in action. If you would still like to donate a box there is still time; just pop it into the office.

**Final Assembly**
Our final assembly on Tuesday will be starting at 11:15am, followed at 1pm by our Guard of Honour for our Year Six students as they leave the school. At the assembly, we will have the Citizenship awards for each level, the choir will be singing, we will hear from our outgoing student captains and our incoming 2017 captains and we will finish up with our annual staff song to the students – it’s a good one!!

**Staffing for 2017**
Included in this Newsletter is a list of the staff for next year.

In particular, we would like to welcome Abbey Cox in Foundation, Teagan Cant in Year Three, Philippa Statkus and Emily Fox (both in Year Five), Gina Mets in Performing Arts, and Filomena Vinagre Arias, who will be heading up our Spanish Program. We would like to say a fond farewell to Lauren Bell who will be joining her partner in England shortly. Lauren has done a fabulous job in teaching Spanish this year and she will be missed greatly. Lauren was assisted by Maria Garcia, who was our Spanish Language Assistant, who we shared with Berwick Primary School. Maria has finished her year contract and will be returning to Spain. It was wonderful having Maria with us this year and we appreciated all her efforts.

Christabelle Toohey will be off to explore the world, with an exciting trip planned for next year. We are all very envious, but we hopefully we see her from time to time as she may do some casual relief teaching for us.

Kerry Todkill and Hayley Sheridan will be with us briefly into the New Year, before going on maternity leave in anticipation of their coming ‘bundles of joy’.

**Kos Retiring from OSHC Club**
Many of you are aware that Kos, from our out of school care program, is retiring at the end of the year. Kos has been working in the program for years now, and has been a marvellous asset to the program. Her love and care for the children is unmeasured, regularly going above and beyond to make sure that every child at OSHC felt cared for and special. The school and the program will sorely miss Kos, however we understand that Kos is looking forward to having more sleep ins, enjoying her grandchildren and spending more time with her family. All the best Kos – we will miss you.

**Cleaning Contract**
We have just completed a new Cleaning Contract process and we will be starting with a different cleaning company in 2017. We would like to take this opportunity to thank our cleaners, Sandra and Alex, for all their efforts. In particular, Sandra has been working for us for many years and is a much loved member of our staff. Sandra will be sadly missed; however she has some exciting plans ahead as she moves into a new stage of her life. All the best, Sandra!

**Garden Calendar**
If you haven’t seen ‘The Grove Gardening Guide Calendar’ that has just been released, do yourself a favour and pop into the office to have a look. It is an excellent publication and is a wonderful Christmas present for your loved ones.

**Building in The Meadow**
Over the summer break, we will be doing the building project in The Meadow, so there will be a lot of activity around the school. The new cleaning contractors will be starting and working hard to get the school ready for the New Year and the OSHC club will be running their holiday program.

Even though there will be many around the school, it is still a real danger time for vandalism and theft. If you do see any suspicious activity when visiting the school in the holidays, please ring 000 immediately.

Well, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

I’m certainly hoping for a quiet one, unlike my last summer holiday. 2017 promises to be a fabulous year and, on a personal note, I am looking forward to becoming a grandma in May – can’t get much better than that!

Take care everyone and I will see you all in 2017.

**Glenda Harry**
Principal

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**2017 BOOK PACK COLLECTION DATES**
The final book pack collection day for this year will be on Monday 19th December at 2.45 - 3.45pm in the Long Room.

Please be aware that fees must have been paid, before you can collect your book packs.
PAYMENTS/FORMS DUE AT THE OFFICE

- Canberra camp (March 2017)
  - second instalment - $100.00 due 9th December
  - balance due March next year
- 2017 Contributions -
  Payment in full due by 19th December 2016 or on 31st January 2017 or:
  - 1st instalment $150.00 due 30th November 2016
  - 2nd instalment $150.00 due 16th December 2016
  - Balance due 10th February 2017
- 2017 Excursion Levy -
  Payment in full - $100.00 - by 19th December 2016 or:
  - 1st instalment - $50.00 - due by 30th November 2016
  - 2nd instalment - $50.00 - due by 16th December 2016

**SICK BAY ROSTER**

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**QUIKSMART AWARDS**

1st prize – Angus - 4MA
2nd prize – Regan - 1/2W
3rd prize – McKenzie - 3KM
4th prize – Genevieve - 2CM
5th prize – Paige - 1BS
6th prize – James - 6HW
7th prize – Martine - FTR
8th prize – Jake - 2SP
9th prize – Leon - 1BW
10th prize – Charli - 3GT
11th prize – Allison - 1/2W
12th prize – Jack - 4MA
13th prize – Kohan - 2CM
14th prize – Jessie - FCT
15th prize – Indie - 3TK

**OXFAM Fundraiser**

**CHRISTMAS RAFFLE WINNERS**

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**MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD AWARDS**

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**PRINCIPAL AWARDS - 16th December**

Nate - FJM
James, Oliver - 4GH
Dylan - 1/2W
Aislinn, Josh, Ethan - 4KT
Jasmine - 2CM
Charlotte, Max, Zane, Darcy - 4MA
Zach - 2KM
Lachlan - 5CP
Jack, Zahra, Sacha, Andie - 2SP
Tiffany, Sienna - 5KT
Imogen, Claire, Ryan, Connor - 3GT
Jack, Cam, James - 3TK
Marcus - 5SG

**MARKET DAY FUNDRAISER - KIDS UNDER COVER**

**BUBBLES Car Care & Cafe**

**THE DOG DAZZLERS**

**Come and visit Sam at their new location at PetStock Shop 4 313 Middleborough Road Box Hill South (next to Spotlight)**
END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS – Tuesday 20th December

♦ School finishes at **1pm**.
♦ The school office will close at 1.30pm. Any children not collected by this time will be taken to OSH Club (Community Room) for which you will be charged.
♦ Please make sure that no items are left in classrooms as the school will be locked at 1.30pm.

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TEACHING STAFF - 2017

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Physical Education 2016 and 2017

With 2016 at its end, the Physical Education and Sport program begins to look towards 2017, but first a short look at the year that was.

2016 saw many students achieve success in a wide range of sports. Students represented the school at District through to National competitions with great sportsmanship, comradery and teamwork, with many achieving personal bests along the way. Outside of school, Orchard Grove students also remained active in community sports, with students competing in a huge number of sports and continually achieving success. We have had students at State Athletics Championships, participating in local netball, basketball and Australian football grand finals, along with swimming, dance and gymnastics at all levels. It is always impressive to hear exactly how our students have gone in all their sports and we are constantly finding out about students taking part in new sports; this year included judo and cycling to name a couple.

Two Orchard Grove students, who are leaving us this year, have made national-level competitions – representing Victoria in their sports at the highest level. Tom (Golf) and Penelope (Acrobatic Gymnastics) both had results they should be extremely proud of and an experience to remember, and we look forwards to hearing how they progress in the future, along with many of the talented Year Six students who have a bright sporting future ahead. No doubt we will hear many more stories in the years to come. Many others reached state-level competition and were selected into representative teams. Most importantly, the number of students taking part in physical activity and sports outside of school, regardless of the level, means we are all working to a healthy and active future.

2016 also saw out first ex-student selected onto an AFL list through the Draft. Congratulations to Jordan Ridley who was drafted to Essendon. In addition, Kate Eddy was selected to be a Training Partner with the Melbourne Vixens national netball league club.

2017
2017 has many opportunities very early in the year.

Swimming Team
Students turning 9-12 in 2017 can try out for the school swimming team and have received an email with the nomination form. Please contact me if you are interested and this email is not in your school email account. Forms must be returned by the end of Week 1 2017.

Team Vic State Team Trials Registrations Open
Do you play a sport at a high level (Representative team etc)?
SSV Team Vic state team trials are now open for these sports; Please contact me if you think you may be interested.

Australian Football - 12 Years and Under & 15 Years and Under Girls
Basketball - 12 Years and Under
Football (Soccer) - 12 Years and Under
Hockey - 12 Years and Under
Netball - 12 Years and Under
Tennis (Pizzey Cup) - 18 Years and Under
Touch Football - 12 Years and Under & 15 Years and Under

All the Team Vic Trial dates can be found on the State Team page of the SSV website, including Cricket, Cross Country, Athletics and Swimming.

House Athletics
Once again, House Athletics comes up very quickly. Wednesday 22nd February is the date to mark in your calendar. We will be looking for experienced helpers to assist in running events. Please ensure you have a current working with children’s check registered with the school office if you are thinking of assisting with this or any other sports days. Also, it would be great to see our students in their House Spirit T shirts. See Lauren if you haven’t ordered one yet.

Kate Eadicott
Looking for an exciting way to keep your children entertained over the school holidays?

Would you like to discover a fun way to learn about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math? ROBOTICS ROCKS specializes in providing interactive engineering design tasks in order to provide a meaningful context for learning and understanding in mathematics, technology and science using robotics as a vehicle. Robotics challenges not only allow students to apply their STEM learning, but also help students to see the purpose of STEM learning.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Melinda and I have been the proud coach of 4 teams who have won the Victorian Robocup Competition for the last 4 years in a row, and represented Victoria in “The Nationals”.

“We need to build children’s competencies, teach them computational thinking and problem solving skills; we need to give them the opportunity to be not just users, but creators and adapters of technology. We need to show them that these skills are empowering and relevant to their lives, connecting computing to potential careers and interests.”

The school holiday program consists of whole day workshops which will have children programming autonomous Robots and creating their own games by writing code. Workshops are held on Monday 9th, Thursday 12th and Friday 13th, Monday 16th, Thursday 19th, Friday 20th of January running from 10:00am – 3:00pm at Roberts Mc Cubbin PS Box Hill South. Morning tea provided. Please bring nut free lunches.

One session $70 Two sessions $125 Three sessions $180

Please call Melinda 0410504245 or email bowles.melinda.k@edumail.vic.gov.au
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