NEWSLETTER
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<td>3  Thurs  Pre-Fete Working Bee – 3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. (see page 4)</td>
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<td>29  Fri    Triskills begins for Grades P-4</td>
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* If your child’s medical condition has changed from when they started school, or they have developed an allergy, etc. since, please let us know at the office asap.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK
(Assembly item by Grade 3/4)

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Greetings ...

Student Achievement

Congratulations Lexie M!

Lexie auditioned for the Victorian Performing Arts Choir this week. She had to sing a song accompanied and unaccompanied in front of other children waiting to audition and a judging panel. Lexie chose ‘Let the River Run’ by Carly Simon, quite a challenging song to perform. Lexie was successful and was one of only 20 children chosen and the youngest in the group as most of the other students were from secondary schools.

It is a great achievement for Lexie who has participated in our School Musical Productions in major singing roles. She will have to rehearse every Saturday for 3 hours and sing at other public events around Victoria. Lexie will be part of the State Schools Spectacular event with a solo singing part. Our school is also participating in the State Schools Spectacular having a representative group in both the Choir and Dance section this year.

Well done Lexie, we are very proud of you!

School Council News

Last night, the final 2015-2016 School Council meeting was held. School Council President Ian Taylor, has included a report further on in the newsletter and an acknowledgement of the outgoing or retiring members.

Thank you our School Council President – Ian Taylor

I would also like to acknowledge Ian’s role as President of the School Council over the last year of this School Council.

Ian has continued to lead a very productive and effective Council that has achieved many things in the last 12 months. (See Ian’s report further on in newsletter).

Thank you Ian, for your leadership of and commitment to our School Council. We are fortunate that Ian has renominated to continue on for the next School Council.

School Council Election 2016–2017

We have received 4 parent nominations for the 4, parent category, vacancies which means we will not be required to hold a ballot for School Council Election.

I would like to congratulate and acknowledge the members of the 2016 – 2017 School Council.

The successful nominees in the parent category are:

- Pauline Ioannou (mother of Austin, year 3 and Sienna, year 1);
- Karen McWilliam (mother of Sammy, year 4 and Maddy year 1);
- Miles Callaghan (father of Liam, year 4 and Drue, Prep);
- Ian Taylor (father of Stella, year 4)

The new School Council will meet before the end of term to participate in induction training, to elect office bearers and to set the year’s meeting dates.

I look forward to working with all members of the 2016-2017 School Council.

Information Evenings Q&A sessions all well attended

So far this week, we have had parent information and questions evenings, held each night for Preps; 1/2s and the 5/6s with well over 120 parents in attendance. Tonight, the 3/4s will be running theirs and we expect that we will top 150 parents in attendance overall. This shows to us that these forums are still very relevant for parents and general feedback was very appreciative with parents saying they had a better understanding of how their child’s learning would be targeted and provided for; how the teacher teaming worked; how the curriculum was organised; how parents could help their child at home.

Parents had opportunities to ask questions during and at the end of each presentation. The interaction between the teachers and parents made for very engaging Q & A sessions across each evening. Questions that were not able to be answered due to running out of time, teachers will include in their next class newsletter emailed out to parents. Teaching teams will also email parents their presentations so that they can be discussed with other family members and for parents who were unable to attend.
Thank you teachers
Thank you to all teachers, including the specialists who joined a team, for the effort and time they put into preparing their presentations, seeking feedback from parents and customising the information as much as possible, to areas that parents wanted to know more about.

Feedback on the Q&A sessions
Your feedback is important to us, as it helps us reflect and review on the presentation focus for the next time. If you have some useful feedback, could you please email it to your child’s home group teacher, or to the school email address and we will compile and consider all perspectives.

Gold! Gold! I’ve Found Gold!
Such was the excited cry of our year 3/4 students who attended a 3 day camp to Sovereign Hill last week. The children eagerly learnt the skills of panning for gold like in the gold rush days, and some of the lucky ones discovered their speck of gold and hurried to the Waterloo Store to buy a cylindrical container filled with fluid to display their good fortune!
It was a great camp and from my observations, the children found it highly engaging and came home exhausted but full of interesting facts about ‘the olden days’ for their parents.
Thank you to the 3/4 team of teachers: Janelle (team leader); Jennifer; Kate and Leah; Dan (student support); and parents – Charles; Duncan; Sandra; Maria and Soul; for making it a very successful and safe camp for all children.

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Lots of Thank You’s
School council met last night to finalise the work of this council and celebrate the election of the 2016 council. Kerrie will announce soon the makeup of the next school council and I am confident that it will be as active, co-operative and successful as the last. A great deal has been achieved over the past year and it is a great foundation for our ambitious plans for the coming year. Congratulations to all involved.

Thanks also to the small group of committed families who made up the summer watering roster and did such a great job in maintaining the gardens over the holidays.

Finally, don’t forget the Fete is next week. We still need your help to make it a great success. We are well on our way to funding the new climbing frame, which will be fabulous and our next playground development. This is the major focus of the fete fundraising activity and only one of a long list of great initiatives we have planned across the school. So bring along your family and friends, enjoy the fete and our special community, knowing you’re contributing to a great cause.

If you are not yet on the volunteer roster for the big day please put your name down soon. The school is lovely first thing in the morning when the marquees are going up and the rides are arriving. Similarly the feeling of satisfaction and achievement at the end of pack up is unrivalled. Alternatively, being part of the action, colour and fun of one of the stalls is always satisfying and of course, a great day is always had by all. See you there.
Ian Taylor School Council President

Classroom Helpers Training
Wednesday 9th March – 9.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m. in the Staffroom
If you would like to help in the classroom, we invite you to come along to our training session. The session will cover confidentiality, strategies to use when working with students in groups and one to one, and will introduce you to some of the teaching aids used in class. Classroom helpers undertake a variety of tasks including hearing children read, assisting students to select their take home book for reading, supporting small group tasks, and laminating and labelling resources.
To register, email bennie.ross.a@edumail.vic.gov.au or call 9481 0009.
Ross Bennie
Assistant Principal
**Athletics Update!**

**Athletics - Tuesday 22\textsuperscript{ND} March**

Permission notes will be sent home early next week – the cost of the athletics is on your parent payment statements. Just one more reminder - don't forget to wear your HOUSE TEAM COLOURS!!!!!!

Krissy, PE teacher

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**Twilight Working Bee**

We will be having a Twilight Working Bee after school on Thursday 3 March from 3.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m. to clean up before the fete. Meet on top turf outside Maintenance shed where there will be a list of jobs to do. Please bring own wheel barrows, brooms and rakes.

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**Hip Hop Day**

Next Wednesday, March 2, as one of our cultural performances, we are lucky enough to have Sarah from Stomp Dance Company coming to work with grades 1-6. She will be taking workshops with each learning area and showing them some great moves that they can use in dancing. Preps will be having their session today Thursday 25\textsuperscript{th} as they will still not be here on Wednesday at this stage.

As a bonus, there will be a whole school performance on the top turf at 2.30.

If you would like to come and watch the results of their endeavours, please feel free to turn up and enjoy the show!

Regards,

Lisa
**District Swimming Report**

On Tuesday 23rd February a group of Year 3-6 year students went to the Northcote swimming pool to compete in the District Swimming Carnival. Thankfully, the event was held earlier in the day so the extreme heat was mostly avoided.

NPS had an extremely successful carnival and most of the swimmers now go through to the Division carnival next Tuesday 1st March, at Northcote Aquatic Centre.

Kai S, a Grade 6 student, summed up the day like this: “The first event was nerve-wracking but after that it was just fun. It was very warm weather but because we were at the pool it was really nice. There were lots of parents there to support.”

Here are all the placings:

**12/13 Girls:**
- Xara B – 1st in 50m Freestyle, 1st in 50m Backstroke, 2nd in Medley relay
- Audrey K – 4th in 50m Breaststroke, 4th in Freestyle relay
- Rosa L – 2nd in Medley relay, 4th in Freestyle relay
- Holly L – 2nd in Medley relay
- Erin G – 4th in Freestyle relay
- Lexi M – 4th in Freestyle relay

**12/13 Boys:**
- Matteo RH – 1st in 50m Freestyle, 1st in 50m Butterfly, 2nd in Medley relay
- Kai S – 4th in 50m Backstroke, 6th in 50m Breaststroke, 2nd in Medley relay

**11 Girls:**
- Imogen N – 1st in 50m Backstroke, 3rd in 50m Butterfly, 2nd in Medley relay

**11 Boys:**
- Marcus C – 2nd in 50m Breaststroke, 1st in 50m Butterfly, 2nd in Medley relay
- Harry T – 3rd in 50m Freestyle, 5th in 50m Backstroke, 2nd in Medley relay

**9/10 Girls:**
- Ava S – 1st in 50m Breaststroke, 3rd in Freestyle relay
- Eliza B – 3rd in 50m Freestyle, 3rd in 50m Butterfly, 3rd in Freestyle relay
- Lucy C – 4th in 50m Backstroke, 3rd in Freestyle relay
- Jorja N – 3rd in Freestyle relay

**9/10 Boys:**
- George T – 3rd in 50m Freestyle, 4th in 50m Backstroke, 2nd in Freestyle relay
- Connor H – 3rd in 50m Breaststroke, 2nd in Freestyle relay
- Kai S – 1st in 50m Butterfly, 2nd in Freestyle relay
- Ben G – 2nd in Freestyle relay

Congratulations to all competitors but a very special pat on the back for those who finished either 1st or 2nd in their events as they now progress to the next level. An enormous thank you to all parents and carers who transported, supported and represented our school at the event. Good luck next week.
Salve a tutti! (hello everyone!)

What a great start to the year for all Italian classes! All year levels have been full of energy and thoroughly engaged in our sessions! It has been wonderful to see the students greet me in the school yard with ‘Ciao, Rosa, come stai?’ or ‘Sto bene grazie e tu?’

The year 3/4’s have settled in well in our new learning area- the ‘break out room’! We have been learning about basic greetings and common courtesy words through reading simple texts, by role playing and practising our words and phrases. We have looked at common forms of gesturing and ‘the polite form’ of addressing someone who is older! Si (yes), there has been some entertaining role plays and quite a lot of laughter too! Our year 3/4 students are becoming quite confident with responding to our weekly roll call questions and making comparisons between the Italian and the English languages!! Love that pronunciation of words! Superbo!

The Year 5/6’s have also been a busy bunch over at the ‘block’! We started the year with ‘conversation’ skills and reading two different types of texts about ‘Introductions’. The students have analysed the texts and have worked on translations, identifying language and literacy strategies used. It has been a great three weeks where the students are seeing commonalities between the Italian and the English languages and they are transferring their literacy skills in English to the Italian language! The year 5/6 teachers are also noticing this process! In coming weeks the students will be recording a conversation and then writing a short paragraph about themselves.

All students have completed their ‘Language Learning Goals’ this week and they have had fun with our tactile games! We had an interesting session calculating exactly how much time they spend learning Italian each term and how many days this equates to in a year! Ask your child! The students couldn’t believe it and once this was established we completed writing our own ‘Language Learning Goals’. What an achievement! Epico!

Competitions: The Italian year will provide our students with more state-wide competition opportunities. The Dante Alighieri Society Melbourne will announce their poster and IT competitions later in the term as will another association who will run a Drama/Theatre Competition, which our students have expressed a lot of interest in.

Pasta or Pizza making classes - Can you help? Through student surveys, an expression of interest has emerged for cooking activities. If you would like to participate and assist in making and cooking pasta or pizza or even ‘gelato’ with the year 3/4 or 5/6 students please see me or contact the school as soon as possible. We endeavour to schedule these activities late next term either on a Monday or a Tuesday.

Extra Italian practise for students: Following many discussions with parents regarding extra Italian lessons/practise for their child/ren at home I have provided the popular education website for you once again. If you have the internet at home, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline

This program is an extra fun way for your child/ren to practise and extent their Italian knowledge and support Literacy skills. It is a great language website filled with lots of new activities and games.

If you have any queries regarding the Italian Program, particularly in Year 3 to 6, please feel free to contact me at the school or drop in directly after school for a chat or to make an appointment. I encourage you to read the school newsletter and discuss what you have read with your child/ren to stimulate conversation about what is being taught at school.

Until next time, grazie mille (many thanks) for your continuing support, Signorina Rosa.

Italian Teacher and Co-ordinator (Mon/Tue)
Community News

It's A Boy!

Congratulations to Hadi (in prep), Oula & Ali on the birth of:

Adam

Thornbury High School
OPEN NIGHT
Thursday March 17th 2016 - 7pm

Guests are invited to arrive via Malise Street and gather in the school gymnasium. The principal Peter Egeberg will make a small presentation. Following this, parents and students will take part in a number of activities as well as a tour of the school. Tea and coffee will be served in the staff room from 8:30pm with ample opportunity for informal discussion with the principal, year level coordinators and teaching staff.

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2016 PRESHIL SECONDARY SCHOOL OPEN DAY
22 March
11.00 to 1.00pm
Call 9816 7901
Love footy? Over 35? Over 45?

If you can play, why not play fortnightly.

We want you at the mighty Brunswick Mudlarks - Over 35’s Football in the Inner North.

We’re part of the booming Victorian Masters League, and play once a fortnight, for a 10 game season. The rules are slightly modified to prevent injury and to promote fun and fitness. We currently field three teams – 35’s, 40’s and 45’s.

So if you’ve played before or perhaps just ‘retired’ from open age, check out www.brunswick.mafv.com or call/text Rohan Lyon on 0409 527 576.

There is an article in some of the local papers this week.

https://m.facebook.com/MudlarksFC/photos/a.837879389617719.1073741829.769117076493951/1040126346059688/?type=3&source=48
Looking for players aged 9 to 11 for an ALL GIRLS TEAM. Training Thursday nights at Yarra Bend Park, Fairfield. Games in Term 2 and 3. Contact Janine Parker for more details. janinemparker@gmail.com

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GIRLS FOOTY - COME AND TRY IT!

Sunday 28 February 2016
9am to 10.30am @ Gillon Oval

Interested in playing AFL football with a great community club?

The Brunswick Dragons will be hosting this fantastic event at Gillon Oval, Pearson St, Brunswick.

Come to a training session for all skill levels coached by VWFL players.

The Brunswick Junior Football Club is now recruiting girls aged 7 to 17 to play in our mixed and all-girls teams.

Contact Ali Beswick: 0439 360 055 or registrations@brunswickjc.org.au
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN PLAYING GIRLS FOOTY IN 2016?

Fitzroy Junior Football Club (FJFC) welcomes newcomers, first timers and ALL current players. The teams play in girls’ only competitions, and the key focus is on assisting girls to strive their full potential as people and football players.

We offer teams at: Under 12’s Under 15’s Youth (Under 18’s) and new in 2016 Under 10’s

For more information or to register your interest to join FJFC, please email your (child’s) name, DOB and school along with one (parent’s) name and mobile number to info@fitzroyjeunessefootball.org.au or visit the FJFC website at http://www.fitzroyjeunessefootball.org.au

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