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**Important School Diary Dates**

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**Reminder:** There is no school on Monday 25th April

ANZAC Day – Public Holiday

(Please note: There will be no school banking on Monday 25th April. Banking will be done on Tuesday 26th instead)

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**At the going down of the sun,**

**And in the morning,**

**We will remember them.**
Well done all 5/6 Campers at Toolangi

Last week, our year 5/6’s headed off to the beautiful forested area of Toolangi for their annual camp. The autumnal weather was just perfect right across the three days of the camp and allowed our students to get out into the bush and open air to experience the many challenges of Camp Toolangi. The 5/6 students have written an article in the newsletter to share with you but I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all students on how actively they embraced everything the camp had to offer. I was up at the Camp on the first two days and witnessed firsthand how the students worked together in teams, supported and encouraged each other and just went at it again and again to complete their personal bests. They had a great time and I was very proud of their participation and behaviour.

Thank you Nicole, year 6 teacher, for her outstanding organisation and coordination of the camp; and to the other 5/6 Team of teachers, Steven, Emma and Tracy who all had energy to burn! Thanks also to Ross, Assistant Principal, who came up on the camp to take over from me for the last night. Thank you to our parent volunteers: Peter Appelman (Noah’s Dad); Erin Hill (Elly’s Mum), Tania Nishimura (Louis’ Mum), Karen Jones (Erin’s Mum) and Graham Byrnes (Georgia’s Dad). Parent helpers were fantastic support and help for both teachers and students and certainly helped the camp run so smoothly.

Parents of Prep to Year 4 students – Tri-Skills starts tomorrow!

Please don’t forget, Tri-Skills gymnastics is starting for students in years Prep to year 4, TOMORROW Friday 22nd April. We would not like any child to miss out but are unable to allow them to participate if permission and payment has not been made. Please check with your child’s teacher as soon as possible if you are unsure whether you have done this. If you are experiencing financial difficulty, please contact me at the office to discuss.

Group Tours for Prospective Enrolments 2017

We are commencing our group tours for prospective enrolments next week and will continue weekly until close to the end of this term. Many of our tours are booking out, so if you know someone who is interested, please encourage them to make contact with the school as soon as possible, to book in for a tour.

siblings commencing Prep in 2017 – Enrol Now

If you are a current family with children in the school and they have a sibling due to commence in 2017, I strongly advise you to fill in an enrolment form and lodge it at the office, or scan and email to us. Once tours commence, enrolments will fill up fast and we’d like to ensure a place for siblings of current families as soon as possible.

Support for our ‘Lollipop Person’

The most recent edition of the City of Darebin Community News contained an article to recognise the efforts of our local “Lollipop Person” (page 10)

Many parents and students cross the Herbert Street crossing every morning and see Victoria who is there rain, hail or shine to keep them safe. We think her efforts should be recognised by the school community as she has been a constant for around 6 years now and knows every student by their first name. Although she never comes to the school itself, she is around the corner every day working to keep the children and their families safe.

If our parents could show their support of Victoria by visiting the School Crossing Victoria website and fill in a simple nomination form. Here is the link:


(from Carly (Cate G 1/2N mum)

I fully support Carly’s suggestion; Victoria helps keep our students safe, every morning and every afternoon, let’s show her our support.

Warm regards, Kerrie
Camp Toolangi is located near the town of Kinglake in the district of Toolangi. It is set in a mountain ash forest which helps us “get back to nature”. There were seven activities plus 2 extra tours of a mountain ash forest and a rainforest from Gould League. The activities were “challenge by choice” which meant if we thought we were pushing ourselves too far we didn’t have to go to high or climb too far. The staff were extremely friendly and the cooks... were first-rate at cooking! At each meal one of the instructors told us a chapter of a story that had a sad ending, but we were hooked chapter to chapter. Eventually we all got to sleep, (yes, parents, you can stop worrying) and had plenty of energy for activities and fun. Overall, we all had lots of fun, but the most important part is saying a big thank you to Camp Toolangi, parents and Nicole, Emma, Tracy, Steven, Ross & Kerrie!😊

By Gully, Kate and Remi.

The Rainforest
By Aimee Murphy 5/6 N
As I stood there in the rainforest a small drop of water fell on my nose, the smell of the clean fresh air drifting through my nostrils. It was so cold I could see the misty fog gently drifting down on to my head. When the wind blew all I could hear were the tree leaves rustling above, and the rain trickling down them.

CAMP TOOLANGI
By Harry T, Ivy and Markus H
Camp Toolangi is a great destination for school camps for most ages. There are lots of activities that make you challenge yourself. Some of those activities are a High Ropes challenge, Flying Fox and a Possum Glider. There were additional activities, such as bush hut building, bush walk, Low Ropes and Obstacle Course. On the first night we had a night walk. If you could imagine standing and looking at 100 people walking with torches, it was magical and spectacular. On the second night we had a talent night, there lots of comedic shows. Some examples of where the chocolate talk show, a Chinese poetry recital, the Noah M’s joke show and teddy bear shopping. The audience were also lucky enough to catch a glimpse at the State School Spectacular Dance performance. We just want to say thank you to all parent helpers and Camp Toolangi staff for a wonderful 5/6 camp.

A poem for Jacob (Camp Toolangi Staff member)
By Christos and Ben

Funny, adventurous
Nice sunnies, flexible, good at Frisbee
JACOB IS SIMPLY AWESOMELY FUN
Mysterious, Encouraging, Efficient
Kind, grateful
Talented
**Education Sub-Committee**

The Education sub-committee will meet on Tuesday 26th April (the day after ANZAC Day) at 7.00 p.m. in the school staffroom. All parents are welcome. Please let Scott Meaklim (Scott.Meaklim@gmail.com) if you plan to join us.

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Thornbury Neighbourhood House is very excited to provide an expanded program for Term 2 that offers 41 classes at both Preston and Thornbury Neighbourhood House locations.

If you are wanting to begin or develop your computer skills, improve your English, increase your literacy and numeracy and become an eBay or Gumtree seller, need assistance in changing careers or accessing the employment market, wanting to be active and in control or express your creativity then we have the course for you!

Our Term 2 program offers a variety of courses and we are now taking enrolments so get in fast. If you want to find out more come down and have a chat or give us a call we are always wanting to help. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Regards, Thornbury and Preston Neighbourhood House team.
Kids on Queens Parade
Long Day Care and Kindergarten
476 Queen Parade Clifton Hill 3068

Open Evening
Thursday 5th May 2016
6pm – 7pm

EXCEEDING National Quality Standards

To view this homely centre and put your child’s name down on our waitlist for a place at our EXCEEDING centre, please call Lydia on (03) 9489 3405

Please join us for the
HER PLACE Women’s Museum Pop Up Exhibition

16 May – 3 June 2016,
Melbourne Town Hall Room
Corner Swanston & Little Collins Streets,
Melbourne
Open 10am – 5pm daily

Introducing the aims of HER PLACE Women’s Museum, the Pop Up highlights the contributions of amazing women to Australia’s cultural, natural and economic story.

Discover the stories of heroes and unknown women whose achievements will be told using moving image, oral histories, text and objects.

Participate in a consultation program designed to foster community engagement and broad support for HER PLACE.

EDUCATION FORUM
Monday 23 May 4–7pm
Educational Leadership; Curriculum & Literacy; Teaching
Learn about the new Frameworks; Relationships Framework that will soon be enacted as an extension from prep to Year 12 as well as the ground-breaking research “Sightings: Addressing everyday racism in Australian schools” developed by teacher mobility initiatives and early high school immersion collectors.
Happy Mother's Day

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