



Friends Learning Together

Newsletter

Friday 11th August 2017

Principal's Report

Building Opening - Monday

Our Junior School students will be moving in to their new classrooms on Monday. This will be a very exciting day for them and we hope they will come home full of excitement and tell you about their day. In the morning however, we would like students to line up in their usual places, Preps near the library and the Year 1/2 students in front of the Dolphin Centre. They will leave their bags in these rooms and make their way to assembly first, and then make their way over following assembly.

We also understand that many of our parents will be excited and will want to look through the building but we are going to ask you **to wait until after school** to have a look through. On Monday morning, teachers are going to be extremely busy setting up classrooms and we ask that you do not disturb them. We also want the day to be as "normal" as possible for our students.

We will open the doors for parents to have a walk through on Monday afternoon at 3:45pm and I am sure that you will all be impressed with our new classrooms. A great deal of research and planning went into the design and development of our Junior School Learning Centre. We aimed to design a facility that would allow for flexibility in the way we teach, and one that would give teachers the opportunity to work collaboratively. We are extremely pleased with the outcome and I wish to acknowledge both the builders and the architect for their work.

We are also excited to announce that our Premier, Mr Daniel Andrews will be visiting the school on Wednesday morning to officially "cut the ribbon" to open the building. Our Performing Choir will be singing and School Captains will be doing a speech on this important occasion.

Working Bee

Thank you to everyone who braved the wet and blustery conditions last Tuesday and turned up to the Working Bee. Even though it was raining, we had a group of about 15 very brave and hard working parents and quite a number of students who managed to complete most of the jobs on our list. We trimmed trees, weeded gardens and moved mulch. We also cleaned up around the outside of the builders' fences and made sure that the school looks fantastic as always. We always appreciate that our parents volunteer to help and especially this time, considering the weather. At the end of the day, we all enjoyed a hot dog and a drink and had a terrific sense of achievement.

There are still a couple of jobs that need doing so if anyone has a bit of time, we would love to hear from you.

Late Arrivals

We are seeing way too many students arriving late to school in the mornings with many of these families arriving after 9:00am day after day. I am asking you to put your alarm clocks on 10 minutes earlier so that you can arrive at school on time. Not only are these people creating more work for the administration staff, but you are also causing your children to miss the first 10 minutes of the day and this is a very important time for any student. The disturbance to our office staff starts again at around 3:00pm with some students being picked up early. We do understand that sometimes being late is unavoidable (or going home before the end of the day) but for those who could make it on time by starting your morning 10 minutes earlier, please help us by making a bit of an effort.

Parent Opinion Survey

A reminder to our parents who were sent an envelope with the link to our parent opinion survey. The survey is now live and we ask that you complete it before the 27th of August. We hope to get a high response rate so if you are one of the 70 parents please find the time in your busy schedules to go online and complete the survey.

Prep Tours

Our Prep placements for 2018 are filling fast. If you know of anyone else who is looking for a school to enrol their child, ask them to phone us to book a tour. We have several vacancies at over levels for anyone who may be interested.

Hope you all have a good weekend.

Morry Rubinstein
Principal



Tree Planting Week