



Friends Learning Together

Newsletter

Friday 21st July 2017

Principal's Report

Welcome Back

Welcome back to everyone for term 3. We hope you had a good break over the holidays and that you and your children are revitalised and ready to launch into this term. Term three is traditionally a hard working term where students utilise all of the skills and knowledge gained in the first semester and consolidate their learning in the classroom.

I am delighted to officially announce, that within the next few weeks, the building works in our Early Learning Centre **will be finished** and our Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students will be moving back into their brand new classrooms. This will be a very exciting time for us and our students. There have been a number of unforeseen delays to the project and we are probably about six to eight weeks behind schedule but the classrooms look fantastic and the quality of the work is outstanding. Our junior school students will soon have a "state of the art" facility to learn in.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Next week we will be holding our Parent / Teacher interviews over two nights. On Monday, our parents in Years Prep to Two are invited to attend and on Tuesday, parents for our Years Three to Six students are invited. Our year five and six students are preparing for student led conferences, where the students present their achievements to parents and teachers in the time allocated. We hope that parents take advantage of this time to discuss each student's accomplishments.

Student Attitudes to School Survey

We have received the results of the Student Survey that was recently completed by our Year 5 and 6 students, and once again, we have achieved extremely high results. This indicates to us that our students recognise the efforts our staff go to, to ensure effective teaching practice occurs across the school. The survey also indicates that our students have a high regard for our teachers and what we are striving to achieve as well as personal high motivation to succeed in school. We are proud that our students continue to remain engaged in all that they do.

The Parent Opinion Survey

The Parent Opinion Survey is completed annually by the Department of Education and Training and is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents at every school in Victoria. This year, about 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate. All responses to the survey are anonymous. The survey helps our school gain an understanding of how you view our school climate, student engagement, and relationships. Our school will use the results to inform school planning and improvement strategies. For the first time, the survey will be conducted online and will only take 15 minutes to complete. For those who are invited to complete the survey, a link will be sent home to you and it can be accessed from Monday 7th August to Sunday 27th August. Results will be sent back to our school at the end of September.

Working Bee

Together with this this newsletter, we have sent out an invitation for parents to come along to our school working bee, which will be held on Tuesday 8th August after school. We are hoping that many of our parents will be able to join us on this night so that we can tidy up the school and do any maintenance work that is needed. There is a bit of weeding that needs doing as well as trimming a few trees and bushes. We would also like to spread mulch in the sensory garden and playgrounds. We will finish the evening with a hotdog and a drink for all those who can help us out.

Bunnings Fundraiser BBQ

We have been lucky enough to once again be given the opportunity to host another Bunnings BBQ on Sunday 27th August. The Bunnings BBQ is a fabulous fundraiser for our school and we obviously need many parents on the day to assist us with cooking serving and preparing the food. There is also a second note attached to this newsletter and we would appreciate being inundated with responses by the 11th August when the note is due back to school. I'm hoping that there are many of you that can spare two hours of your time to assist us on the day.

Morry Rubinstein
Principal

Term 3 Dates

July 19 24 25	Student First Aid Program	Aug 6	Human Powered Vehicle team training begins	Sept 13	School Council
July 24 25	Parent teacher Interviews	Aug 8	Working Bee		
July 26 27 28	Mt Buller Snow Camp	Aug 11	Taiko Drumming		
July 31 – Aug 4	Tree planting Activities	Aug 16	School Council		
		Aug 25	Basketball Lightning Premiership		
		Aug 27	Bunnings BBQ		

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