Principal’s Report

Parking, Speed Restrictions, School Crossing…..

A reminder to all parents to observe the parking restrictions around the school. Parking restrictions are there for the safety of our students and it is particularly important that all parents observe these restrictions at drop off and pick up times. Local Officers will be visiting the school at some point to reinforce these restrictions. If your child is planning on using our school crossing please talk to them about the appropriate rules. Finally with school back in full swing please ensure you take note of the speed restrictions around the school for the safety of our students.

Bike Ed…..

This term students in grade 3 – 6 will be completing a Bike Ed course. Designed to be a fairly comprehensive course, this course provides our students an opportunity to look at how to safely travel to and from school. Given we have so many of our students travelling in and around the streets at especially busy times such as school pick up, this program is an important part of educating our students to ensure they remain safe at all times.

Welcome To LEPS…..

Next Friday 24th we will be holding our Welcome Evening. Running from 4pm till 7pm, parents are encouraged to come along for a picnic of sausage in bread to join us in celebrating the beginning of the year. Being part of, and creating a strong community, is always high on our agenda and we are always looking for events such as these to help us come together as a community. This year’s BBQ will be held at Apex Park. The school will be providing canoes to use however parents will need to supervise their child in and around the water.

Swimming and Sailing....

Over the next few weeks our year 5 and 6 students begin their intensive swimming program. Water safety is an important element each year, given where we live. At the beginning of this year all of our staff participated in a sailing course designed to refresh our skills and update our qualifications to sustain this fantastic program. We are currently in the process of looking at updating our sailing fleet to ensure we are able to continue with the program for many years to come. Grade 5 and 6 students will also begin their sailing course. On Friday (depending on the weather), students spend two hours sailing in the local waterways with our school boats. We are looking for parents to help organise our sailing program. Any assistance from towing the boats, to sailing with classes or working the support boat would be greatly appreciated. Please contact the 5/6 teachers if you are able to provide any support.

reminders

Bottle green broad brimmed hats must be worn for all outdoor activities during the school day.

Asthma Management Plans must be updated for the new school year, and especially prior to school camp.
SMS System.....
Over the next few weeks we will be trialling and implementing changes to our SMS system. All parents will receive a test text message to ensure the system is working properly. Previously we had a system to use only in the event of an emergency. Now with the updates to our current system we are able to keep parents informed of any last minute changes or alerts. As always the newsletter and office are the best sources of information however this system will provide us with the opportunity to keep parents informed in a quick and efficient manner. Our school Facebook site also provides live updates throughout the day and in the event of an emergency will be used to quickly inform parents. The SMS system will also be used in the event of an emergency and therefore, it is extremely important that family contact details are kept up-to-date on our school records. Parents will be automatically registered into our system and sent messages, if you do not want to be added to our system or receive any texts from the school please inform the office. In using this system we will try to limit the number of messages that come through.

Emergency Management....
Over the coming weeks we will be holding a series of emergency management drills to make sure all of our staff and students are properly briefed in the event of an emergency. These drills are an important part of our process each year. Students may come home and discuss these drills however in the event of an actual emergency all parents will be informed directly as soon as possible.

School Council....
Several members who have donated their time over many years are moving on as their children have left the school and are beginning their journey at Secondary College. Over the next month we will open up the process for new nominations, there are several vacant positions that need to be filled and I would encourage anyone interested in being involved in the running of the school to put in their nomination. Meetings are held twice a term on a Tuesday at 6:30pm, as we have had our first meeting for the year there are only 7 meetings for the remainder of the year. School council forms a valuable part providing an essential link with our parents and governance of the school.

Parent / Teacher Meetings....
All families should have received information about the upcoming Parent/Teacher Meetings. This is an opportunity for parents to meet their child’s new teacher and discuss any concerns. All parents will be allocated a time to meet with their child’s classroom teacher. Improving communication is a focus area for us this year, all teachers will make contact with every family twice a term to discuss the progress of each student.

Thank you for your ongoing support,

Simon Prior

Please keep in mind that we have some students who have a severe allergy to nuts and nut products. We ask you to keep this in mind when sending food to school.

Please remember to complete and return all forms to the office as soon as possible – Parent/Teacher Interviews, SMS messaging, CSEF application forms and also to make payments for swimming and Years 3 – 6 Essential Education Items. Thank you.
Pupils of the Week - congratulations

Ellie Williams for trying everything with a cheery smile on her face – very positive.

Malachi Smith for starting Prep with a great attitude, being eager to learn and always helping others.

Lilly Eiseman for a fantastic start to the year in Grade 1.

Emmanuel Ekhayeme for starting the year with an amazing attitude and helping others with their work.  Great work!!

Paul Harrison for an amazing start to the year – leading by example and trying very hard.  Keep it up.

Stevie Hood for starting the year off in a positive and enthusiastic fashion.

Crystal Kavanagh for always displaying a positive attitude to learning and being an amazing role model.

Dayne Jack for a fabulous attitude to his learning and school for the first few weeks!  Keep up the great work!

Connor Guillot for beautiful Valentine’s Day flowers and interaction in Visual Arts this week.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund 2017

Application forms for the Camps, Sports and Excursions funding support program for 2017 are available at the school office. Eligible parents who hold a concession card are able to claim $125 per year for eligible primary students. This money will be paid directly to the school to offset any camps, sports or excursions. Parents will then be informed of any remaining amount outstanding through the office. A FAQ sheet as well as an application form is available at the office.  Please contact the office should you have any further questions regarding this matter.
SCHOOL NURSE INFORMATION FOR PREP PARENTS 2016  Your child will receive a School Entrant Health Questionnaire in their first year at school – please complete it and return to school as soon as possible. This information helps the Visiting Primary School Nurse understand any concerns you may have about your child’s health and development and the impact this may have on their learning. This information is important in providing support for you and your child.

You can contact the nurse directly if you wish to discuss the screening which may include checking your child’s vision, hearing, speech, height, weight and teeth. The nurse is also available to discuss and advise on any concerns with parenting and child health issues.

Groups of our senior students will be involved in this project later this week.

About the project:
The Lanewayz in Lakes Project was made possible by a $20,000 grant from the Victorian Government Department of Justice and Regulation Graffiti Prevention Grant Program. Lanewayz in Lakes will transform the laneway into a contemporary, welcoming green space.

LEPS SWIMMING TEAM WHO REPRESENTED US AT THE DISTRICT SWIMMING SPORTS TODAY IN ORBOST
Swan Reach Hockey Club is a family club with an emphasis on good sportsmanship and fun! They encourage everyone to have a go.

They will be running a 5 week program starting 25th February, 9:00am at the Swan Reach Recreation Reserve.

For more information please go to http://hookin2hockey.com.au/program.finder/ search Swan Reach Hockey Club and click to register.

LOST

A doll (orange hair and purple clothing, similar to a rag doll).

Please return to Gr 1/2A. REWARD

This doll is very special to one of our students so please everyone if you could check around for this missing doll. Thank you.

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All Children Can and Will Achieve

Success
Always strive to achieve your goals

Mutual Respect
Always treat others as you would like to be treated

Belonging
We value and accept each other

Persistence
Keep on trying and never give up

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