Date: Friday 9th September, 2016

FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

STATE SCHOOL SPECTACULAR
Yolande Kerin, Kim Morris and the State School Spectacular Team have spent the last two days at Hisense Arena rehearsing with 100s of other students from all over Victoria in preparation for the live performances tomorrow afternoon and tomorrow evening. Everyone is very excited about performing on stage at Hisense in front of a live audience including family and friends. We hope they thoroughly enjoy this wonderful performing arts experience.
We would also like to recognise the many hours Yolande Kerin, Mel Vogrig and Kim Morris have put in to support our students to be part of this event. There have been many lunchtime rehearsals, preparation of costumes and early mornings and late evenings travelling to all the organised rehearsals and of course the Saturday performances. Thank you for your dedication in ensuring our students have these great extra-curricular opportunities.

SSV OFFICER DISTRICT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to those students from Years 4 to 6 who attended the School Sport Victoria Officer District Athletics Carnival on Wednesday at Casey Fields in Cranbourne. All students competed with great sportsmanship, resilience and persistence.

We now have 11 students who have qualified for the SSV Division Athletics Carnival next Wednesday. We wish them all the best of luck.

ENROLMENT FOR 2017
Thank you to the families who have returned their responses regarding whether their child/ren will be continuing at OPS next year. The accurate prediction of our numbers is so important to our planning for next year. It helps us to determine whether we can offer further employment to staff on contracts, our facilities needs and how we may need to structure our classes. If you have not yet returned your response can you please do so as soon as possible. Julie will be happy to provide you with a new form if you have misplaced the letter.

LOST PROPERTY
Our lost property basket is still full to overflowing with items of school uniform. If you think your child is missing some pieces of uniform please come and have a look in the office to see if we have it. All items of lost property will be added to our second hand uniform sales if it is not collected by the end of term.

END OF TERM ASSEMBLY
There will be no Monday morning assembly next week but there will be and end of term assembly on Friday morning at 9:00am all parents are welcome to attend.
FOOTBALL DAY HOT DOG LUNCH AND DRESS UP DAY
Next Friday is our Football Dress Up Day, students can come dressed in their favourite football colours and enjoy a pre-ordered Footy Lunch to have an enjoyable finish to Term 3. Thank you to the PFA for their organisation of the Footy lunch, I’m sure all of our students will enjoy their hotdogs!

Parents are reminded that next week is the final week of Term 3 and school will finish at 2:30pm on Friday 16th September!

Regards
Paula Spierings
Acting Principal

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our next subway lunch is Wednesday 14th September 2016. Please remember to have orders into the office by 9.00am

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS:

Footy Day Lunch
To celebrate the end of term we will be having a footy day lunch on Friday 16th September.
Children will be able to wear their favourite football team’s colours.
This is NOT a free dress day.

Walk a thon
This year our walk a thon will be a survivor challenge. Sponsorship forms will be sent out next week
Congratulations
Students of the week

Prep KS
Jensen: for having super good listening and not giving up when things got tough.

Prep RA
Atharv: for sounding out new super long words and having a terrific go at writing them.

1JDZ
Jazz: for using excellent strategies when solving challenging subtraction problems! Great work!

1 LH
Beth: for working super-hard to complete all of her work. Great Job. Keep it up.

1/2 JD
Ella D: Working hard and presenting her work beautifully.

1/2 DM
Lucas: for working on his poetry with flair and great word choice for his apple poem and his poem about friends.

2/3 NP
Selma: for always working well and completing set tasks.
3/4 BC
Helen: for excellent penmanship and handwriting.

4/5 AW
Maddy: for determination, fierce tackling and great spirits at the AFL Gala Day!

5/6 YK
Mia: for amazing determination in the backline at the Girls AFL footy day!
Hi All,

What an amazing week we have had! It started with Division Athletics where the sun was shining (unlike last week); our students all performed to their best and had a wonderful time. All students demonstrated great sportsmanship and gave it their all. Excitingly many of our students performed well enough to get through to the next level of competition which will occur next week. Good luck to all those students who are competing next Wednesday.

As I am writing this we are getting reading for our second day of dress rehearsal for State School Spectacular. The atmosphere has been amazing and for our first time students seeing the scale of what they are involved in has been eye opening. Everyone is very excited for tomorrow and our main performances, and having our family and friends see our hard work.

During week 10 the students will be finishing their work on the texts they have been reading in class (Once or Pencil O’Reilly). In Maths we are continuing to focus on multiplication and division, our students have enjoyed learning new concepts and extending their previous knowledge. In Literacy we are focusing on poetry, this week students are going to have a go at Black Out Poetry.

NP and BC Hi everyone. Next week in CAFÉ we will be looking at how we use clues in the text such as punctuation to help with fluency. Our focus in maths learning to tell the time. In Design, Creativity and Technology we have started our next project and the children are creating their designs using plastic bottles. If you have plastic bottles of any size we would love to have them—clean and dry please! The children will be using these designs to write procedural texts over the coming weeks.

Reminders

Hot Chocolates—next week will be the last week to purchase hot milos. In term 4 students will be able to purchase Zooper Doopers.

Breakfast Club—Breakfast club is Tuesday and Thursday, the booking sheet can be found in the foyer of the office. All are welcome.

State School Spectacular—We are fast approaching our final performance and would love to have as many people there as possible.
What's On

LITERACY
For the final week of the term, the junior grades will be revising all of our reading strategies with a focus on ensuring we are applying them correctly as we read. Be sure to use your nightly reading to ask your child to tell you what strategies they are using and how they use them!

In writing this week, the students will be completing and presenting their best poems to their classmates. Over the last four weeks we have written acrostic, string, cinquain, and haiku poems. The students have worked extremely hard on these and have produced some fantastic pieces!

The phonics focus for this week is “eau” as in blew. See if you can spot any “eau” words in your nightly reading or in objects around the house!

MATHS
The prep will be completing their unit on addition this week by revising how to apply various strategies to solve addition problems.
The grade one and two students wrap up their unit on subtraction. We have been working really hard on using a range of strategies such as drawing subtraction stories and using doubles facts to subtract and will revise these this week.

INQUIRY
The students have been busy designing, building and testing their balloon powered car! We have seen some fantastic and very creative designs so far! This week students will review their designs and think about ways they can improve their cars.

Weekly Timetable

PREP RA
Art – Friday
P.E. – Monday
ICT – Tuesday
Signing – Tuesday

1 JDZ
Art – Monday
P.E. – Monday
ICT – Tuesday
Signing – Friday

1/2 JD
Art – Thursday
P.E. – Wednesday
ICT – Tuesday
Signing – Tuesday

PREP HS
Art – Friday
P.E. – Monday
ICT – Tuesday
Signing – Tuesday

1 LH
Art – Friday
P.E. – Monday
ICT – Monday
Signing – Wednesday

1/2 DM
Art – Thursday
P.E. – Monday
ICT – Monday
Signing – Tuesday

Reminders

HOT CHOCOLATES
– Hot chocolate money is collected by the grade 6’s on Mondays and Tuesdays.
The cost of a hot chocolate is $1 and are these are distributed on Thursdays.

BREAKFAST CLUB
– Tuesday and Thursday – Booking folder is located in the office

LAST DAY OF TERM

Friday 16th September
FOOTY DAY
Don't forget to dress in your footy colours!
EARLY FINISH - Reminder that on Friday, school will finish at 2:30pm.
Important Sporting Dates Term 3:
- Division Athletics - Wednesday, 14th of September

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Thank you to those who have returned permission forms and payment for our upcoming Swimming Program in Term 4. We are in the final stages of confirming session times that our children will be down at the pool and I will send notices home next week regarding this.

**Please ensure all payments and forms are returned by the end of term**

DISTRICT ATHLETICS
Congratulations to all our students who competed at the District Athletics. We had lots of great achievements and a total 12 students who will progress to Division level next week.

AFL GIRLS GALA DAY
Our team of female football superstars had a fantastic day at the AFL Girls Gala Day last Friday at Beaconhills College in Pakenham. Some of the girls had never played football before but you wouldn’t have known it - they tackled hard, ran fast and even managed to kick a few goals. I’m very proud of our girls and cannot wait until we get to do it again next year!
Want to earn your School a free iPad?

Nicola Parreira at Barry Plant Pakenham has created a special offer for Officer Primary School families. If you mention this add and List & Sell your home with Nicola Parreira she will generously donate an iPad to our School.

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