Dolphin Echo

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Principal's Report

Congratulations to one and all on such a smooth start to the 2015 school year. It’s great to see so many smiling faces in classrooms and out and about in the community.

The start of the school year is a time of changed routines for many students and their families after extended time together over the term break, and for some the separation each morning can be a cause for anxiety. Start the school day on a positive note:

- Say goodbye and tell your child to have a great day - some schools have instituted kiss and drop off zones to ease the separation
- On the way to school and at pick up time focus on 2 or 3 positive things that might have happened during the day
- Share some of your day’s experiences with your child so that they know you were okay in their absence
- Have a routine so that you get to school in time for your child to socialise, be organised and ready for learning, with no last minute panic
- Touching base with the teacher or a friend creates a positive start too

Remember that it is okay to be anxious about new things and that more often than not your child settles very quickly once class begins. If you are concerned about your child being anxious chat to their teacher.

Student leaders conducted their first assembly last Friday and represented PLPS at the Borough’s Australia Day event. Both Freya and Max are keen to be strong and approachable leaders and are looking forward to the challenges and opportunities the year will bring. House Captain and Junior School Council elections will be conducted this fortnight with badges presented at a future assembly.

Teams will be sending home general information about their teaching focus, organisation and camping programs during the coming fortnight. Already the planning for camps in years 3-6 is well underway and before long you will be waving your children on their way to Sovereign Hill or Melbourne.

This week we begin the first of many community involvement activities with Charlotte H. Charlotte, O, Oscar and Tom representing us at the VALID Have-a-Say Conference in Geelong where they will be kept busy as wait people and activity supporters. On Friday Year 6 students will begin the regular Friday afternoon visits to Arcare.

This week too we have begun interviewing to fill in short term staffing vacancies and are excited to announce that Mrs Nikita Giel has been appointed to the P.E. position and will be working this week too. It was great to see so many drop in for a chat and cuppa

Specialist Teaching
Miss Fewkes 02A  Mrs Lonergan P1A  Mrs McCormack P1B
Mrs Hill 56A  Mrs Barry 56B  Mr Ahearn 34A  Mrs Vassiliou 34B

Reading Recovery
Mrs Campbell
Creativity/Culture/Community
Mrs Agterhuis
Physical Education
Mrs Giel

Admin & Student Support
Mrs Farrell, Mrs O’Driscoll, Mrs Stephens
Fay Agterhuis

Today, onions...

- Thank you to Michelle, Felicity and team for organising a welcome to PLPS morning tea last week. It was great to see so many drop in for a chat and cuppa
- Thank you to all parents for your assistance with labelling clothing, lunch boxes and bottles, being on time for assembly and supporting your child in their successful start to the 2015 school year
- Freya, Max and Oscar for their representation of PLPS at the BOQ Australia Day event
- Parents and family members for assistance with Market duties over the holidays

Remember hats on for outside play ~ no hat no play ~

Dates/Reminders

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 4, 11, 18 & 25th
no attendance required for Prep students
Fri 6  Assembly in Hall 3pm
Sun 8  MARKET
Tue 24  School Council 3.40pm
School/BCH Dental
Take 3 Environment Day initiative
Thu 26  SCHOOL PHOTOS
Fri 27  Clean Up Australia Day

MARCH

Tue 4  School Cross Country
Sun 8  MARKET

Mon 9  LABOUR DAY Public Holiday
Tue 10  Gr 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Wed 11  Gr 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Fri 21  2014 Fees due

Labour Day

Mon 20  Gr 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Wed 25- Fri 27  Spirit of Polynesia cultural visit
Wed 25- Fri 27  Gr 5/6 Camp Melbourne
Fri 27  LAST DAY of TERM 1
Final Assembly 1.15pm in Hall
2.30 finish

APRIL

Fri 3  Good Friday
Sun 5  Daylight Saving ends

Mon 13  TERM 2 STARTS

MARKET ROSTER

Sun 9 February

Set-up Friday 3.30
Adam Ahearn Allbutt
Sunday 7am Site Direction & Set up
Anderson Aston Audrins
Sunday 2.30pm Pack Up
Baker (Will) Barton

Contact before Market Day 0400 083 719

Market Day please meet at school front door

Uniform Shop Open
8:30am - 9:30am
each Tuesday
Reminders

• 2015 Fees: pay by March 21st

• The school newsletter, along with all school dates, calendars and news is available on the school website, at www.ptlonsdaleps.vic.edu.au, please check it regularly. As part of our paper free focus we would love that you read it on the website, alternatively you can have it emailed to you if you supply your email address as per attached form. This first newsletter ONLY is distrib- ed to all students.

• No lunch orders from the shop on Fridays as an optional sushi lunch available. Sushi orders must be in 9am sharp Thursday mornings

• If you wish to purchase books from the Scholastic Bookclub please return you order and payment to the office by next Tuesday 11th February so the order can be placed. The school gains points which are used to buy more library books

• Did you receive an account before the holidays for outstanding 2014 fees? Please ensure that these are paid promptly in order that we may continue to resource and provide the range of educational activities that you and your children expect

• Parents it is essential that we have up to date Asthma and Anaphylaxis Plans for your child. Please ensure that these are handed in to class teachers ASAP

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YOUR URGENT ASSISTANCE is required to ensure the safety of your children on the roads near our school and beyond.

How you can help us make the roads safer for your children:

• Be aware of and adhere to the road laws and common sense rules ie NO U TURNS, travel at 40kph, DO NOT PARK IN THE NO STANDING ZONES, use school crossings, walk on the paths or grassed areas, exit children from cars directly onto the paths or grassed areas.

• Encourage and assist your children to walk or cycle to school as often as possible.

• It is a legal requirement that cyclists wear helmets, so please ensure that both your children and yourselves wear correctly fitted helmets at all times. Children without helmets will be required to either leave their bikes at school and walk home or their parents will be contacted to bring the helmet to school.

• You will have noticed Walk Zone painted in the foot path outside the school. This has been done to enable safe walking for all at peak exit and entry times. Please encourage your children to support this initiative and wheel their bikes in this area.

• Support your children to get to school at around 8.40 – 8.45am to avoid the last minute rush. Getting to school a little earlier also has significant social and educational benefits.

• Park at alternative sites and walk a short way eg Royal Park Oval and Springs Beach. Please do not park at the end of the school oval.

• Always use the School Crossings - your children are taught to do this and they need reinforcement of this from you.

• Please note that during school hours we have a designated disabled parking area at the student entrance for use only by those with the relevant sticker.