We have had a smooth and busy start to the 2017 school year with new children, new families and even some new staff joining the PLPS team. Our Preps arrived and settled in like they had ‘done school’ many times before and knew how to confidently navigate their day, returning students were keen to touch base with friends and meet teachers, and families making the move visited classes and assisted us in ensuring their children’s transition was smooth too. Miss Henderson had her first full days back as one of our Year 2 classroom teachers and Mr Eastham got to know his morning teaching group plus many other students. Wandering around visiting classrooms it was great to see the smiles as we all re-connected and to hear the “buzz” of learning at work and the holiday stories.

Our 2017 structure is

Early Years team Mrs Mac P1B  Mrs Barry P1A
Mrs Lonergan (Wed,Thu,Fri) / Ms Henderson (Mon,Tue) 2
And Mrs Dennis Mon-Fri am
3-6 team Mr Ahearn 34A  Mrs Vassiliou 34B
Mrs Hill 56A  Ms Fewkes 56B
and Mr Eastham 56 Mon-Fri am
Specialists P.E. TBA (next week)
Spanish TBA (next week)
Creativity Mrs A.

Admin & student support  Mrs Farrell, Mrs O'Driscoll, Mrs Daniels , Mrs Cormack

Student leaders were announced at our final 2016 assembly and these 4 students have the task of shaping a new model of student leadership in 2017. Congratulations again to Tanner Coltish, Elise Franzose, Sabrina Horne and George Limb. They performed their first official duty on Australia Day where they formed part of the flag raising team at the BOQ event. Over the next fortnight we will see elections of House Captains and Junior School Council to round out our student leadership group. We look forward to working with all students to further develop their skills as future community leaders. Opportunities for student involvement are numerous and during February we will have a team attend the 4 day Valid: Have-a-Say conference and another 10 students from years P-6 will participate in student workshops to help shape the new council plan for the BOQ.

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Appreciations

- Zara for day 1 Uniform Shop
- Naomi for library and admin help
- Families who assisted with markets over the summer break
- Lou and Norna and team for keeping the vegies watered
- Parents for ensuring children have returned rested and ready for a new year of learning
- All who brought food and added to the camaraderie of our day 1 morning tea

Congratulations
to Mrs A. and Mary-Lou Gilbert on their joint Citizen of the Year Award from the BOQ.

Calendar Dates

FEBRUARY

Wed 1, 8, 15, 22  Preps not required to attend school
Sun 12  SUNDAY MARKET

MARCH

Wed 1  CURRICULUM DAY
Fri 3  Schools Clean-up Day
Sun 12  SUNDAY MARKET
Mon 13  Labour Day Public Holiday
Wed 15  Divisional Swimming
Tue 14 & 3/4 Camp Sovereign Hill
Wed 15  Thu 17  Ride to School Day
Tue 28  PLPS Cross Country
Fri 31  END Term 1  2.30 Finish

APRIL

Sun 9  SUNDAY MARKET
Fri 14  GOOD FRIDAY
Sat 25  EASTER SATURDAY MARKET
Tue 18  START Term 2

MARKET ROSTER
Sun 12 February

Friday 3.30pm  Set-up
Alexander  Bradley  Brady

Sunday 7am Site Direction & Set up
Britton  Cameron-Johnston  Canning

Sunday 2.30pm Pack Up
Chamberlain  Chapman (Abby)  Chapman (Jake)

Contact before Market Day  0400 083 719

Market Day please meet at school front door
Reminders

- **CSEF - Camps and Excursions Fund.** Are you eligible? If you have a Health Care or Pension Card the answer is Yes! Please collect forms from the office.
- **All students require art smocks**
- **School Council Elections due in March**
- Could all students in grade 3 to 6 please ensure they have charged their computers and bring them to school on **Monday 6th February**
- On **Monday 13th February**, there will also be a meeting for all grade 3 parents and new families to the school who have students in the 3 to 6 area. Staff will discuss our school computer users agreement and other aspects relating to the use of computers at school.
- The newsletter is emailed to families or paper copies are available from the office. Please ensure your email address is current.

Please add to your home calendars:

- **Curriculum Days 2017 ~ students not required at school**
  - Monday 30th January
  - Wednesday 1st March
  - Friday 9th June
- **Report Writing Day** Monday 6th November  
  **Pupil free day**, children not required at school
- **Melbourne Cup Day** Tuesday 7th November  
  **Public Holiday**
- **Cultural Visits**
  - Queenscliff Kids Literary Festival 19th May
  - Opera 29th May
  - “Rock It” 14th November
  - QMF Kids Concert 4th November
- **Camps**
  - 3/4 Sovereign Hill Camp 14 & 15th March
  - 5/6 Melbourne Camp 3, 4 & 5th May
  - Prep Breakfast 24th October
  - Grade 1 Dinner 26th October
  - Grade 2 Sleepover 2nd November
- **Term Dates**
  - Term 1 31st January - 31st March
  - Term 2 18th April - 30th June
  - Term 3 17th July - 22nd September
  - Term 4 9th October - 22nd December
- **Swimming**
  - **Swimming P-6 September 11-21 @ Splashdown**
  *Please note student participation in the school swimming program is a pre-requisite for inclusion in any open water activities during 2017*
- **Sports**
  - PLPS Cross Country 28th March
  - Whole School Sports 8th November
- **NAPLAN Years 3 & 5 May 9-11**