Principal's Report

The days and weeks already seem to be racing away from us with Preps to soon begin full school weeks, and senior classes off to camps.

Information sheets will have arrived home this week and Year 3 parents are invited to attend an information session on Tuesday morning 24th February from 8.30 - 9.30am. Your child will also be bringing home a social/emotional development form this week; we appreciate the time parents take in completing these and returning to class teachers as the information is invaluable in assisting us to know your child better.

All classes have been teaching agreements as part of our Tribes process and “building” the 4 Rooms which are part of our social/emotional learning platform. We are certain that your children can tell you what an attentive listener does.

A big focus for all of us is mutual respect, which in simplest terms is about accepting and celebrating diversity in all its forms, be it style of dress, cultural background, family structure, talents or interests. It is also about speaking kindly to and about each other and not being judgemental.

Tribes is for everyone in our school community, it’s not just some process that your children experience. It is critical that we, the adults, also model these agreements. Mrs Hill and I have been training a group of teachers from Geelong schools in how to use Tribes over past weeks and they certainly notice the benefits of everyone being on the same page because they see it in action. We would appreciate all parents making the effort to support their children in this learning too….. so if you see a new face in the school say hello and make them welcome in our school community.

Staffing Update

This week we were able to welcome Mrs Nikita Giel to the teaching team. Students were excited to have P.E. up and running and look forward to weekly timetabled sessions. Mrs Cathy Daniels has been appointed to fill the integration aide position. Mrs Mac remains on leave due to her broken ankle and we thank Mrs Dennis for her willingness to continue working with the Early Years team until Mrs Mac returns to duty.

Road Safety

Please remind your children about riding safely both to and from school and to use the crossings. We have had some disturbing reports lately, including children on bikes riding through people’s gardens in the Peterho Blvd vicinity.

Headlice

Headlice are back again - warm weather, shiny, clean hair and a long weekend looming seem to be all the triggers for an outbreak. Please make a regular head check part of your weekend ritual, and if you do discover some nits or live lice please let us know, after treating them, of course.

CONGRATULATIONS to newly elected House Captains

Glaneuse (Green) Connor Lothian, Anna Trewhella
Corsair (Red) Tom Barry, Charlotte Olsen
Sacramento (Yellow) Belle D’ArCY, Charlotte Hayden
Columbine (Blue) Josie Horne, Lucy Naylor, Oscar McDonald
and Junior School Councillors

34A Tarshie Audrins, Jack Barton
34B Michael Ahearn, Bella Gleeson
56A Livia Mantelli, Jhye Clark
56B Max Adam, Eliza Ahearn
and Year 2 students who will share the role on a rostered basis in 2015 as part of growing their leadership skills.

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Appreciations

- All our newly trained parent helpers and Ms Campbell for her organisation and delivery of the program
- Families who have already paid accounts for 2015 school fees and those who paid fees in arrears from previous years
- COGG for allowing us to be part of the Tim Silverwood Take 3 environmental workshops. Tim will be working with P.L.P.S. and Q.P.S. students on 24th February from 9.00 to 11pm, providing the Take 3 - leave the beach clean message and further developing our students stewardship of their environment
- BCH for once again organising free dental health checks for students

Reminders

- 2015 Fees due by 21st March
- Library bags and art smocks need to be brought to school now
- Wanted: small boxes and containers for use in creativity projects
- 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

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- Watch noticeboards for information about secondary school open days

Community Notices

Surfside Netball Association looking for Jnr Teams and players. Contact Kerry Gorski for details 0404 011 635

Holy Trinity Parish Sacramental Program
Enrolment Day
Tuesday 24th March at 4pm,
Star of the Sea Church, John Dory Drive, Ocean Grove for children in grades 3/4
A copy of baptismal certificate must be supplied on the day.
Enquiries Lyne Horner 5251 5819

gpac Family Magic Show Sat 7th march 12pm & 2.30pm, bookings: 5225 1200 or gpac.org.au

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