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Principal's Report

What a busy time we are all having at school no matter which year level or specialist area we work in. It is busy!

This week our Foundation students experienced their very first full week of school, student leaders joined other leaders from across Geelong for a day of workshops at GPAC, Circular Circus came to visit, school photos scheduled and we got lots of physical activity with Nippers, Cross Country practice, Phys ed, Kelly Dance and so much more.

The 5/6 students have shared some of their Canberra camp stories including new learnings about government, politics, the electoral system and how Canberra came to be our capital. We drew connections with Point Lonsdale at old Parliament House (Alfred Deakin and the Queenscliff SLSC budgie smugglers, not our Queenscliff it turned out) and at the Gallery where Sidney Nolan's Ned Kelly sequence allowed us to use our local knowledge to talk about footy colours and Nolan holidaying in Point Lonsdale.

We will continue to work on our Civics and Citizenship studies into next term and thank the Commonwealth Government for their support of our camp with a Pacer Grant. This was a subsidy of \$45 per student, total value \$1395. Don't forget to keep asking questions about our Canberra camp adventures.

It is hard to believe that Term 1 is nearing a close—only 3 weeks to go but so much to do.

We were well entertained by Circular Circus today and certainly have some weird mathematical facts to test families with. Who knew maths could be such fun?

Next week our Year 3 & 5 students sit the NAPLAN tests. This is Australia wide testing and important for us all to remember, especially our students, that it is just one piece of information in the assessment/learning cycle.

We aim to create a low stress approach to the tasks and encourage families to do the same.

Next Friday morning (March 15th) we will present leadership badges to our 2024 leaders—we hope this is enough notice to enable parents & friends to attend.

Assembly begins @ 9am in the Learning Common.

It is a long weekend - no school on Monday—so have a happy and safe weekend and be road safe.

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APPRECIATIONS

- * Chris & Andie for assisting with travel to the student leadership conference on Tuesday.
- * Parents who have offered assistance with swimming and cross country next week.
- * Community members and parents who have donated boxes etc for STEM and construction activities

REMINDERS

- PLEASE CHECK THE MARKET ROSTER
- SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 13TH MARCH AT 4:50PM

