

## CALENDAR

<b>Mon 11 Sept</b>	Woodlands Division Athletics Carnival
<b>Tues 12 Sept</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Fri 15 Sept</b>	Gr. 5/6 Trade Fair
<b>Fri 22 Sept</b>	End of Term - 2.30 Dismissal
<b>Mon 9 Oct</b>	Term Four Commences
<b>Thurs 12 Oct</b>	Walk to School (see article)
<b>Tues 17 Oct</b>	School Council Meeting
<b>Thurs 19 Oct</b>	Walk to School (see article)
<b>Mon 23 Oct</b>	Grade 3/4 Camp
<b>Tues 24 Oct</b>	Grade 3/4 Camp
<b>Wed 25 Oct</b>	Grade 3/4 Camp
<b>Thurs 26 Oct</b>	Walk to School (see article)
<b>Mon 6 Nov</b>	Curriculum Day
<b>Tues 7 Nov</b>	Melbourne Cup Holiday

## Free Fruit



Michael Mawal, one of our School Councillors, suggested that we investigate the opportunities provided by SecondBite. As a result, we will be receiving over 400 pieces of fruit for students each week. It was terrific to see so many students enjoying their apples last week.

SecondBite is an organisation committed to making a difference to people by identifying sources of surplus fresh food and providing this to the community. Food can be provided for families going through difficult times and contact can be made through Hilary on 9338 1898.

I would like to thank Ange Cetin for organising our weekly fruit delivery. Ange is passionate about improving students' health and always willing to be involved in initiatives to promote healthy living.

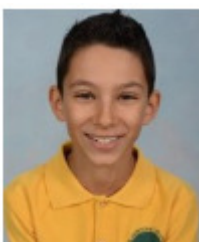
## Healthy Classroom Snacks and Water

Our work with Andrew Fuller, has re-ignited discussions regarding healthy snacks for students during class time. Over the next few weeks, teachers will be experimenting with the best way to manage this at each year level and information will be sent home to inform you of the arrangements by team coordinators.



We encourage students to bring along a bottle of water each day for drinking during class time. This water must be room temperature – chilled water requires the body to warm the water to body temperature, which in summer actually makes the body hotter. In any weather, chilled water results in wet tables and books and is therefore not allowed on student tables.

## Junior Principal for a Day



Jayden has been selected as our Junior Principal for a Day and will be working in the office on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September. Jayden wrote on his application that he 'will respect everyone and make sure everyone is happy and make sure there is no bullying.'

Jayden will have a number of important tasks to complete on the day he is 'in-charge'.

## All Things SunSmart



Although it's still cold, it's time to locate the green hats and send them along to school. Sun protection is recommended when UV levels are 3 or above. In Victoria, this tends to be between September and April. Please name all hats!



Sunglasses are optional and may be worn outside at school on the understanding that if these are lost or broken the school takes no responsibility.



Due to the number of students with allergies to different substances, parents are asked to supply sunscreen for their child at school. This can be kept in children's bags and accessed as needed. A clip-on sunscreen container that can hang from your child's bag is worth considering.



Some exposure to the sun is important to maintain healthy vitamin D levels. A few minutes mid-morning and mid-afternoon to arms and hands on most days of the week is considered sufficient.

## Walk to School



Walk to school is a fantastic initiative that encourages students to walk to school. School staff meet students at various locations and escort them to school in the

hope that families can make connections with others who live nearby and continue the walking with adults sharing supervision.

We will be walking with the students on the following dates;

△ Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October

△ Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

△ Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> October

Meeting points are;

△ The milk bar on the corner of Carrick Drive and Clarke Drive.

△ The milk bar on the corner of Carrick Drive and Trentham Drive.

△ The corner of Wolverton Drive and Adrian Court near Gladstone Park Secondary College.

Teachers will be at each meeting point by 8.20am and each 'walking bus' will depart at 8.30am. There is no need to register, no cost involved and no special equipment required – organize for your child to be at one of the meeting points and they can join in the fun. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles are all welcome to walk with us.



The VicHealth website has a number of walking-themed competitions for children during October. For more information visit the website. <http://www.walktoschool.vic.gov.au/student/register>

## Chocolate Drive

Thank you to everyone who has returned chocolate fundraising money. Money raised from the drive will be used to purchase more books. If you still have any unsold chocolates or money please return these to the office this week.



## Year 1 and 2 Day at the Museum

Excursions are a wonderful addition to the school curriculum, providing students with experience beyond the classroom. Students in years one and two were most excited to set off to the museum this week.



A considerable amount of planning and organisation is required for these activities and we are fortunate to have staff, willing to do all the extra work required to provide these experiences. I'm sure from your own family outings you can understand how important it is for parent helpers to attend excursions.

With so many young, excited and enthusiastic people out and about the extra eyes, ears and hands are most welcome. Thank you to all our wonderful parents who volunteer their time to help.

The students learnt lots of new things, here we have just a few;

*I learnt that Phar Lap won 35 horse races. (Mason M.)*

*I learnt that in the past kids army soldiers were made of lead and this was very dangerous for children. (Nathan F.)*

*I learnt that in the olden days people made handmade toys like dolls. (Sienna N.)*

*I learnt that in they played with a ball made out of possum fur. It was called a Marngrook. (Zoe H)*

*I learnt that they watched silent black and white movies in the olden days. (Ryan P.)*

*I learnt that they used to use typewriters because they did not have computers. (Zoe. H)*



## Heaters

No doubt you are aware that the heating system in the main building broke down last week. This has not really bothered the children in any way, with many continuing to only wear shorts and a t-shirt each day. For the 'older' school attendees it has meant coats, gloves and beanies have become part of the daily attire.



Industrial heaters have been hired to keep us all warm while repairs are undertaken.

It's almost funny that the heating isn't working during this extremely cold snap with an air mass coming direct from Antarctica! Resilience is the key and we are all getting on with the job.

If necessary, students are permitted to wear extra layers that are not school uniform, however these layers should not replace uniform items. A long sleeved top under a school jumper or a coat over a school jumper are more than acceptable.

## Staff Car Park

A reminder to all families that the staff car park is for staff only from 8.15am to 4.00pm. The main reasons for this are;

- 1 We can have over 40 staff members on any given day which means all the spaces are generally required.
- 2 The car park is not designed as a drop off or pick up zone making it unsafe for children to be walking in this area.

Access to the car park is permitted for those using Out of Hours Care before 8.15am and after 4.00pm as we require less staff spaces at these times.

A number of reminders have been put in the newsletter this term, however, we have not managed to get the message to everyone.

Over the next few weeks, the car park gate will be closed once staff have arrived and kept closed during the day. No doubt there will be times the gate is left open after deliveries. Please continue to observe the 'rules' even if the gate is open.



## Responsible Pet Program



On Thursday the Junior School participated in a Responsible Pet Incursion. We were lucky enough to be visited by Spike who is a Pekingese (a rare breed found in Australia). The students learnt how to be cautious and responsible around dogs and how to approach dogs in a safe way.

Here are some student thoughts:

*"I liked how I got to meet the dog and dog was so cute. I liked how Danielle taught us how to be safe with dogs" (Jordan K.)*

*"My favourite thing was when Spike licked my hand" (Isaac P.)*

## Canteen News



New to the menu - Freshly baked mini-muffins \$1

Raspberry, coconut with white choc chip

Pear and cinnamon crumble

Blueberry

## Notices & Payments Due

- **Grade 3 & 4 Camp Arrabri Notice**
- **Woodlands District Athletics (selected students)**

