



What's Happening?

February

15th February – P-2 Assembly
3pm

18th February – Parents Club
AGM

22nd February – Parent Helper
Information Session
9am

28th February – Parent/teacher
Interviews
(information coming
home shortly)

March

11th March – Labor Day Public
Holiday

19th March – Curriculum Day –
no school for students

April

5th April – End of Term 2:30
dismissal

New Bell Times:

8:55- School starts

9-11 – Session 1 and 2

11-11:30 – Recess

11:30 - Session 3

12:30 – Lunch inside

12:45 – Lunch

1:15 – Session 4

2:15 – Recess

2:30 – Session 5

3:30 - Home

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a fantastic start to the term. All the children have settled well into the school routine and are now beginning to participate in reading groups and maths groups across the school. Congratulations to everyone for a wonderful start to the year.

The 6s have presented their speeches for Junior School Council positions. Well done to all those who applied. The teachers were very proud of their confidence and the effort they put in to their public speaking.

A little humour this week – there was indeed a cow on the oval on Tuesday night! Fortunately, it went home before Mrs Fuller came to school in the morning. Some children did some investigating and followed the cow's footprints – it looked like it had had fun roaming around our school for a while!

School Council

It's that time of year again for our School Council elections. You would have received a "Call for nominations" letter on Monday. If you are interested in applying for a position on school council, please come and collect a nomination form from the office. The nomination forms are due by 4pm on the 18th February. No nomination forms will be accepted after this time.

School starts at 9:00

I understand that mornings are a big rush and traffic may be heavy. We expect all students to arrive at school between 8:40 and 8:55. If you arrive after the second bell you, the parent/carer, will have to park your car and sign your child in at the office. If you arrive earlier than 8:40 your child will have to attend Before School Care. Please be aware that the gates at the tennis court, and beside the CFA tank are locked at 9am. After this time, you will need to leave or enter from the office gate.

Attendance

It is a legal requirement that all children attend school every day unless they are unwell. Family holidays are not condoned to be taken during school term times. The Department of Education encourages parents to support their children's education by taking their family holidays during school holiday periods. Families will need to have a meeting with the Principal and classroom teacher to arrange work to be completed, to avoid missing elements of the curriculum, and attend a return to school meeting. These meetings need to be arranged with the principal 4 weeks prior to the family holiday.

Sun protection times:

Although the temperature has been a bit up and down, the UV levels have been consistently high reaching extreme levels each day. We will continue to remind students about sun protection. Please ensure your child has sunscreen and their hat at school at all times. We require sun protection **until the end of April** when Victoria's UV levels start to decline again (so not just the end of term one). This means students will need to wear their hats for the first 2 weeks of term 2.



Family Welcome Picnic/BBQ and Home-Learning Evening

Thank you to all of you who attended our welcome BBQ. Congratulations to Eray Ilknur's family for winning the raffle! Parents and friends made a grand total of \$879.65 which will go towards literacy and numeracy resources across the school. \$237.50 from the raffle, \$577.90 from the sausage sales, and \$64.25 from the second hand uniform sales. Thank you, everyone!

Compass 2019

Please come to the office to receive your Compass log in details if you haven't logged in yet. We are using compass for all communications including absences and messages.

Parking

Please can all parents ensure that they are parking at the north end of the school in the mornings. The cones are used to separate the parents who are doing a 'kiss and drop' outside the front of the school, and the left lane is for those parent looking at parking to walk their child to their classroom. I ask all Mickleham Parents to be patient and respectful to each other in the mornings and after school, as per our school values. It does take some time to get used to the parking routine. Please ensure that you are watching for people who may be walking through the car park with their children.

Book Club

Our school is now using Scholastic as our Book Club. In the next week or so you should receive a Book Club magazine suitable for your child's age, and a letter from us explaining the process. A big thank you to Belinda for organising this for us.

Anaphylaxis

We have a number of students in our school who have allergic reactions to nuts. Please ensure you are not sending nuts, peanut butter or Nutella to school with your child. Thank you for your support!

Big Childcare:

We would like to welcome Fadia, the new Big Childcare Manager, to our school community. If you are interested in signing your children in to our before and after school care program, please see Fadia, or collect a form from the office.

School Counselling:

Mrs Fuller has found a new psychologist for our school through 'On-Psych' Services. If you believe your child needs to have some counselling, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Fuller to arrange this.

Canteen:

The canteen is now open on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please ensure you have your child's name and room number on their lunch-order bags.

Staff News:

Kate Alexander's last day is next Thursday. We would like to wish Kate all the best with the final stage of her pregnancy and the upcoming birth of her second child. Good luck, Kate, and we look forward to meeting baby!

Sue Crispe - *Principal*