



### What's Happening?

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May – 24<sup>th</sup>  
NAPLAN testing years 3 and 5

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May –  
Federal Election. Sausage sizzle. Helpers needed. See office

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May –  
Maths Olympiad Test 1 (during school hours)

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – School Council 6:30pm

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Open Day 9:30 – 11:00

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Family Life Information Night

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June – Parents and Friends Meeting 9am

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday Public Holiday – no school

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Family Life Incursion Grade 5/6

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Curriculum Day – no school for students

30<sup>th</sup> June – End of Term 2. 2:30 dismissal

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to thank the parents for their support with the Mother's Day Stall last week. Our school is very lucky to have so many parents who are willing to help with donations, on the day, and with the organising of events. It means that all of our children are able to benefit from the monies raised. This year our Mother's Day Stall raised over \$500. Thank you Parents and Friends. If you are interested in joining our Parents and Friends group, please come to our next meeting on the 6<sup>th</sup> June. If you are unable to join our committee there are other ways you can support our school. We are looking for parents and friends to help with our BBQ this coming Saturday for the Election Day. If you are able to help, please let the office know.

#### **Gum Boots and Slippers:**

With winter approaching, our school grounds can often become quite muddy. If you would like your child to bring gum boots to school, or slippers to wear in the classroom, please send them in their schoolbag. Please make sure that all footwear is named.

#### **Car Park:**

Thank you so much for your feedback on our carpark. Your support and patience is greatly appreciated. You will have noticed that we now have a number of cones forming a line between 'drop off' and the 'drive-through for parking' zones. It is very important that you do not drop your child off in the 'drive-through' zone – they could easily get injured. The cones are there to stop people from trying to overtake the 'drop off' traffic. We appreciate your patience.

Please bear in mind that the carpark is not the responsibility of the school. If you have concerns for the car park please do not hesitate to contact Vic Roads or the police.

**COMPASS:** We would encourage all parents to download the COMPASS app. There are a number of messages which are sent out through this media, some of which are excursion notes. We are trialling Compass with payments now, so please keep your eyes open. If you have lost your details, please come straight to the office where we can help you. Can all parents please encourage other parents to use this app. Thank you.

**NAPLAN:** NAPLAN testing has begun for our year 3 and 5 students. NAPLAN is on-line this year, which is a first in Australia. Please reassure your children, if they are sitting the tests, that NAPLAN is not 'scary' and they do not need to worry. As with any testing your child may do at school, we just ask for the children to put in their best effort. Results should be out late in Term 3.

**Drop-Off Times:** Please remember that our playground is not supervised before 8:40. If you are dropping your children at school before this time we will take them to the Before School Care Program, and you will be charged for this time. We are unable to supervise children before 8:40 as staff are often required in meetings, and are preparing their classrooms in the morning.

**Clubs:** Please be aware that there are a number of lunch-time clubs running through the week. Please talk to your child about these clubs. Clubs include rugby, running, games and puzzles, Maker Space, juggling and percussion music. The posters for the clubs are around the school including the office and the staffroom windows. This provides an extra-curricular opportunity for all children to be involved in according to their interests.

**Scholastic Book Club:**

Please check your child's bag for the Scholastic Book Club magazines. These are released once a term. Orders must be completed on-line and the books will be delivered to school. The next Scholastic book Club will be in term 3.

**CSEF:**

If you hold a current health-care card on the first day of term 2, you may be eligible for CSEF funding. Please contact the office if you have any queries. This money can be used towards excursions, incursions, swimming and camps.

**CHILD SAFE STANDARDS:**

Ministerial Order 870 - Child Safe Standards - Managing the Risk of Child Abuse in Schools provides guidance on how the Standards apply to a school setting. It came into effect on 1 August 2016. To implement the minimum Standards in accordance with the Order, school governing authorities must: take account of the diversity of all children, including (but not limited to) the needs of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children, children from culturally and linguistically diverse backgrounds, children with disabilities, and children who are vulnerable; and make reasonable efforts to accommodate such diversity. Our Child Safe Standards policies are available to view on our school website:

[www.micklehamps.vic.edu.au](http://www.micklehamps.vic.edu.au)

**2018 ANNUAL REPORT:**

The Annual Report provides an opportunity for the school community to celebrate 2018's achievements, reflect on the school's performance, and understand where and how improvement efforts have enhanced student achievement, engagement and wellbeing. This can now be viewed on our website.

**Education Week:**

We will be celebrating Education Week during Week 6 from Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May to the 31<sup>st</sup> May. During this week we will be having an Open Morning on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May from 9:30 – 11:00. During this time parents, families and friends are invited to spend time sharing the wonderful learning with their children and grandchildren in their classrooms.

**Family Holidays:**

Last year we had a large number of absences due to family holidays! This greatly impacts on student learning. Whilst we understand that sometimes families need to go overseas due to family circumstances we ask you to take holidays out of school times. Students get eleven weeks of holidays a year and having additional time can impact on their social and academic learning needs. All family holidays need Principal approval. Please contact the Principal to arrange a meeting before you go.

**Water Monitors:**

Blake and Oscar are doing a fabulous job, checking our water tanks every day. Here they are pointing to the water bobble. This tells us if our tanks are full. Please make sure that your children do not pull or touch the water bobbles. They are very useful to our school. Keep up the great work, boys!

**Enjoy your week!**

**Sue Crispe – Principal and Emma Fuller – Assistant Principal**

