**IMPORTANT SCHOOL DATES/FINANCIAL CALENDAR**

**ABSENCE REPORTING NUMBER 9971 1699**

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<td>Thurs 19th May</td>
<td>Family Maths Night 4.30pm - 6.30pm</td>
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<td>Tues 31st May</td>
<td>Gr 2 Toy Forces Incursion/Prep Tour 10:00am</td>
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<td>Wed 1st June</td>
<td>School Assembly 2:30pm</td>
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<td>Mon 6th June</td>
<td>Bookclub Issue 4 closes</td>
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<td>Mon 13th June</td>
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<td>Thurs 23rd June</td>
<td>Student Led Conferences - no school</td>
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**FAMILY MATHS NIGHT**

The whole school community is looking forward to the Family Maths night tomorrow night. It is sure to be a fun night of sharing fun maths games with your children. We ask that all families enter via the school office to collect their maths passport and have a guess at the 'Guess the Jelly Bean Competition' (as shown below)

![Jelly Beans](image-url)

Doors open at **4:30pm** and close at **6:30pm**.
There will be a free BBQ for all families to enjoy. Drinks, lollies and cupcakes will be available to purchase on the night.

We have 5 x $50 Lowes vouchers as prizes to award to lucky families for participating in our evening. All children must be supervised by an adult at all times.

SCHOOL EARLY ARRIVALS
Whilst it is fantastic that most of our students arrive at school each day on time, we do have an increasing number of students arriving at school too early, some as early as 8:00am. Please note that school yard supervision does not commence until 8:40am. Although teachers are at school before this time they are engaged in their work to prepare for the school day, and are not required to supervise students before their official duties commence.
We are requesting that students do not arrive at school too early for their own safety, in the case of an accident or other unforeseen circumstance.

HYGIENE
As we enter the cold and flu season and the numerous bugs always around in schools, can we please remind students to wash their hands after they have been to the toilet. The current school practice is to wash hands or sanitise hands back in the classroom and we will continue with this practice as it allows for a safe environment in the toilets.

2017 ENROLMENT
We have started our 2017 enrolment process. Can I please ask all existing parents who have a child of school age next year to collect an enrolment pack from our office and complete and return it to the school office as soon as possible. If you know of prospective parents who want to enrol their child at our school in 2017 please encourage them to book for a school tour at their earliest convenience.

BYOD PROGRAM
We are discovering a lot of students who bring their own device to school quite often have not fully charged them or have very little space left on them to save school work. There are also a small number of students forgetting to bring their device daily, which causes interruptions to the learning experiences planned for those students. Can we please ask families to talk with their children about their devices and set up some routines in regards to their own devices and having them ready for school.
VISUAL ART UPDATE

Our Grade five and six students have been very busy this term working on a special project to raise money for underprivileged children in Cambodia. As part of the 'Have a Heart For Cambodia' project, they have been working on individual and collaborative artworks that will be silently auctioned at an exhibition (Our Sunset My World) at Federation Square on 23rd July 2016. These artworks are a gift from the hearts of our students to help make a difference to the lives of children who are much less fortunate. This should be a great event with over 100 Victorian Schools taking part in the exhibition.

Students have been learning a variety of different art skills such as glass tile mosaics, metal embossing, stamping, paper collage and reverse pastel painting. They have been learning about what life is like for some children in Cambodia and have been empowered by the chance to help raise money for this cause.

Mrs Champness & Mrs Ozanne
SCHOOL CLOTHING
During Term 1 & 2 we have handed out a lot of underwear and spare clothing, most of which has not been returned to school. At this stage we can no longer change students who have had accidents, so parents will be called to bring spare clothes up to school for their child.

READING CHALLENGE
A fantastic effort by all the students who are taking part in the reading challenge. All students who have returned their consent forms have now been registered and have received their username and password to start entering their reading on the challenge website. For a list of books your child can read for their age and year level, find the list on the Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge website. There are rules you need to follow to meeting the Challenge. If you are a student in Prep to Year 6 you need to:
1. Register as a Challenger and keep a record of your reading on the Challenge website.
2. Read the following number of books during the Challenge
3. Make sure all your information is completed online by the date set by your school or by 5th September 2016.

To meet the challenge

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<td>Prep - Year 2</td>
<td>30 books</td>
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Reminder:
Mrs Fleming has set up a separate section of the Library where the books from the recommended list can be borrowed. The students participating in the Reading Challenge will be encouraged to borrow these books during their weekly Library session. They can also be borrowed before school from 8:30am until 8:50am every day and after school from 3:05pm until 3:20pm every day except Wednesday. A section in the Melton Library has also been set up and contains a large number of books from the Reading List.
You can also join the reading challenge on Facebook, see: Victorian Premiers' Reading Challenge Facebook

Nafoose Curmi, Karyn Woolley & Lorraine Sternberg
Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge Coordinators.

GRADE 1 INCURSION
Students in grade 1 have been learning about being healthy and active. As part of this learning students attended an incursion called Lazy Town. Students learnt the importance of getting sleep, exercising, healthy eating, limiting digital technology and drinking water. The students greatly enjoyed the incursion and below are some of their comments.
Always sleep till 8 o'clock in the mornings.- Rylan 1R
Eat lots of sports candy (fruit and vegetables). And don't eat lots of sugar- Kieley 1R
I eat sports candy and eat healthy- Achan 1R
Don't watch too much TV and play lots of sports- Shayla 1R
I will not watch too much iPads- Edwin 1R

On the stage we saw Sporticus and Stephanie and we did some moves.- Payton 1R
On Thursday I went to Lazy Town and learnt about sports candy. Hunter 1R
I eat sports candy to be healthy or if you don't you will get fat and you will have diabetes- Mia 1R
We can eat sports candy and do not eat junk food!- Emma 1R
We can eat sports candy like a banana- Luke 1R
I eat sports candy and do not eat sugar and stay active.- Amelia 1R
I will eat apples in snacks and we will have so much fun and will play sports- Lily
It is good to play sport and be active.- Kaiden
Sporticus and Stephanie stay fit by doing lots of active things.- Kade

SECRET GARDEN NEWS
Over the last few weeks the Secret Garden has been hosting a talent show in the gym and over 100 students registered their interest. We had around 60 brave contestants who performed different types of talents in front of hundreds of students. We'd like to thank all the students who participated and the judges that helped us out. The winner will be announced at the next school assembly.

Update on our Local Leader Award
On Wednesday 4th May Mrs. Carly Payne and myself were invited by the Leader Newspaper to attend the award celebrations and have a lovely breakfast at the Langham Hotel. We also had the opportunity to meet Peter Hitchener and Harrison Craig. The Leader Newspaper had 33 awards to hand out to local community groups/schools that have small projects and need financial assistance. Mrs Payne put together a list of items we would like to use with the students in the Secret Garden and lodged an application for an award. Members of Wedge Park (students, teachers, families and community members) had the opportunity to vote for us through the Leaders website. We were very fortunate to be in the top three most voted applicants in the Melton region and got to attend the awards. We were awarded second place. We'd
like to thank all the voters. We have been told there are more grants offered in the near future, so watch this space as we will probably need votes again. Mrs Lucia Storrar

Mandarin Corner

Nihao!
For Mother's Day, our Mandarin students made beautiful Mother's Day cards, they wrote "mum, I love you!" in Mandarin on the card. Here is some of wonderful work from 2C.

Is this your bike?
We have had this bike in the office area for over 2 months. If you are the owner of this bike can you please come and collect it from the office ASAP. If not collected we will be donating it to charity.

Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
On 26th May 2016 we will be participating in Australia's Biggest Morning Tea to raise awareness for Cancer research, prevention and support services.

Students are invited to wear an accessory along with their full school uniform on the day. Some suggestions may be a yellow hairclip, yellow ribbons, yellow shoe laces or yellow wrist bands.