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**INTRODUCING OUR 2016 FOUNDATION STUDENTS!**

We would like to send a big welcome to our new Foundation students:

- Ella
- Cody
- Aaron
- Brodi
- Tayton
- Tyler
- Manny
- Charlotte
- Conroy
- Zoe
- Reid

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

This month, as part of our Habits for Harmony we are learning the habit of ‘Being Ready To Learn’. Every classroom will have a lesson on why being ready to learn is important. All children and staff in the school will have a common understanding of what being ready to learn means and how it affects the harmony of our school community.

Every classroom will focus on this habit and celebrate how they have learnt to put this habit into practise at the end of February. Each classroom will decide what their Being Ready to Learn celebration will be and when it will be held.

You can support this program at home by making sure your child is at school by 8.45am each day which allows them time to get organised and be ready to learn by 9.00am.

Having a discussion at home about the importance of being ready to learn will help your child understand how this habit leads to harmony at school, at home and in the community.

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**SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

If you are interested in the overall operation of our school and would like to have some input in to its present and future direction, perhaps you would like to nominate for membership of School Council.

School Council meets once a month with meetings usually lasting for about an hour and a half.

There are five parent vacancies on School Council this year, so please think about nominating for one of these important positions. **Nominations close on Monday 22nd February.**

An information sheet was sent home today outlining the timeline for the Election process and providing you with information regarding the role of a School Councillor. If you would like any further information, please call the Office.

The School Council AGM will be held on **Wednesday 16th March at 5.00pm.** The next meeting for our current School Council will be on **Wednesday 17th February.**

Kind Regards,

**Cindi Bruechert**

bruechert.cindi.l@edumail.vic.gov.au
STUDENT ABSENCES

Please ensure that you contact the school if your child is going to be away from school at any time. All student absences must be explained by a note or a phone call from a parent, as required by the Department of Education and Training.

SUN SMART POLICY

As part of our Sun Smart Policy we require all children to wear wide brimmed hats at school during Terms 1 and 4.

If your child does not have a hat with them at school they will be required to stay under the covered area and they will not be permitted to play outdoors. Hats are available from the office for $10.00 each.

SWIMMING REMINDER

Swimming notes were handed out last week and must be back in the office by TOMMOROW.

Our swimming program starts on Monday 8th February. The cost is $50 per child. If you are eligible for CSEF, this cost will be covered.

Please remember to clearly name all your child’s clothing and swimming gear to save any confusion if items are misplaced when your child is changing. Remember, all students must wear a protective top and sun-screen while participating in their swimming lessons.

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

Congratulations to our Civics and Citizenship Award winners from last week:

Miss O’Neill’s Grade
• Shyanne C
• Blake M

Mrs. Parry’s Grade
• Elise P
• Cody G

Miss Somerville’s Grade
• Willow B
• Erica M

Mr. Clayton’s Grade
• Ty B
• James D

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

If you need to order any of our school uniform items, please complete the green order form and return to the school office ready for our next ordering day which will be mid Term 1.

We may have a few items available in our stock but most will need to be pre-ordered. Just see Kerry or Susy in the office with any enquiries.

LIBRARY NEWS

To borrow books from our library pupils require a cloth bag, preferably with a drawstring top. This bag ensures the safety and cleanliness of our books as they are carried between home and school.

Please remember if you misplace a book to inform the school immediately so we can all begin to search for the "lost" item.

Happy reading!

PANCAKE DAY

We will be having a Pancake Breakfast next Tuesday, 9th February, commencing 8.20am. A small donation would be appreciated which will go towards Uniting Care. Everyone welcome (including parents).

PARENT HELPERS MEETING

If you would like to be involved with helping out at school, have ideas for fundraising or just like to get together with some other parents, please come along to an informal get together NEXT MONDAY (8th February) in the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen at 2.15pm to 3pm. EVERYONE WELCOME.
SCHOOL SPEED ZONES

Parking and Animal Services from the City of Greater Bendigo have contacted our school and requested that the following information be conveyed to our school community:

- Illegal parking of vehicles adjacent to our school poses a safety concern to children, pedestrians and other road users. Parents are reminded that it is essential to comply with parking restrictions when dropping off and collecting children from school.

- Motorists must not stop in no stopping areas, even briefly, with or without the motor running. They must not stop next to a continuous yellow edge line, on resident’s nature strips, too close to school crossings, park over driveways or double park. A number of schools have short term time restricted areas, such as 2 minute pick up drop off. These parking areas are in place to allow for ease of access close to schools and these restrictions must be adhered to. Drivers should also be aware that they cannot perform a U-turn over an unbroken or continuous dividing line.

- With regard to children’s crossings, the law requires that a driver approaching a children’s crossing must drive at a speed at which the driver can, if necessary, stop safely before the crossing. Please slow down and take extra care when driving in school zones.

City of Greater Bendigo Parking Officers and Bendigo Police do conduct random patrols throughout the school year at various locations to ensure that motorists are adhering to the Road Rules.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

As per School Council Policy, any adult who comes into the school to work with students must have a Working with Children Check. The only cost involved with these checks for volunteers is the cost of having the photo taken. Please ask at the office for further details.

CSEF APPLICATIONS

CSEF application forms must be submitted to the school office no later than 26th Feb 2016. Please bring in your Health Care Card for our records.

Happy Birthday to all the students that are having a birthday in February:

11th  Aaron H
14th  Zoe O
14th  Emily M
16th  Conroy M
23rd  Cordell L-C
27th  Damon R-M
Violin Tuition 2016
I will be providing violin tuition in 2016. I will conduct a group session on Monday afternoons from 3:15pm-4:15pm. Sessions will be $20 per student. Each student will require a violin that is appropriate in size for them. Music shops will assist you with this. Taking names now! Please contact me at school should you require further details.

Miss Rebecca Somerville

Heathcote Brownies & Guides

Brownies will resume
Monday, 8th February at 3.30pm
Girls aged 7-10 years
Laraine Leask Ph 5433 3444
Carol Zurek Ph 5433 2675

ACCESS MINISTRIES
We have sent home with the newsletter, a brochure about Access Ministries and the changes to the SRI program.

MEDICATION, ASTHMA AND ALLERGIES
If your child is asthmatic or has any allergies, please forward an up to date asthma plan or allergy plan to the school as soon as possible.

LOTE
The first Indonesian Lesson for the Senior Unit
Why Your Child Can’t Skip Their 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight

James
- Reads 20 minutes per night, 5 times per week

Travis
- Reads only 4 minutes per night...
or not at all

In one week:
- James: 100 minutes of reading
- Travis: 20 minutes of reading

In one month:
- James: 400 minutes of reading
- Travis: 80 minutes of reading

In one school year (9 months):
- James: 3600 minutes of reading
- Travis: 720 minutes of reading

By the end of sixth grade:
- James: 21,600 minutes of reading
- Travis: 4320 minutes of reading

Which student would you expect to read better?
Which student would you expect to know more?
Which student would you expect to write better?
Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary?
Which student would you expect to be more successful in school and life?
How do you think each student will feel about himself as a learner?