Stonnington Snippet

From the Principal Term 4: Wk4

Community
A reminder to all families, that next Monday is a Pupil Free Day. Teachers will be working on their own learning with a focus on instructional and pedagogical methods along with curriculum planning.

The school is currently planning for 2016. If you are aware your child will not be attending Stonnington PS in 2016, please advise the Administration Office as soon as possible.

Stonnington Primary School mobile phone policy requires students to leave their phones at the office where they are locked away for the day. This provides a safe storage system away from potential damage or loss and removes the temptation for students to access internet websites at break times. It has been brought to my attention that there has been considerable breach of this policy with inappropriate websites being accessed by students on their phones. We request that this matter is discussed with your children and in particular, websites that are not for children.

Students
During the past week, Chloe in Year 5 participated in the State Athletics competition. It was a very close competition and Chloe managed a highly exciting fourth. Congratulations Chloe on your outstanding achievement!

Term 4 is the time we begin the process of Student Leadership selection for 2016. In the next couple of weeks, students in Years 4 and 5 will be briefed on the process, the expectations and roles for 2016. Many students can feel somewhat overwhelmed with the notion of leadership. We encourage you to talk with your child/ren about the possibility of nominating for a role along with the characteristics that they identify as a necessity for strong leadership.

The Staff vs Students annual soccer match was held today. It is a terrific event played in such wonderful spirits with a carnival atmosphere, offering opportunities for students to connect with peers and staff. Sam FitzGerald ensures there is high level involvement from all 5/6 students either through playing or taking on a responsibility. While the morning was somewhat dampened by complaints from neighbours about the music the lively involvement from all members of the school continued.

Respect Responsibility Inclusivity Valour Passion

Stonnington Primary enjoys great partnerships with: Ardoch Youth Foundation, Windsor Community Bank and City of Stonnington
Staff

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, the school is involved with a resilience project coordinated by Andrew Fuller, Clinical Psychologist. The study has resulted in some interesting findings which I share with you below;

"The information collected is used across Australia by schools and communities to prioritise resilience interventions that build upon the strengths of young people as well as addressing areas of risk and vulnerability.

The strengths of Australian young people

40% of young people have excellent or good levels of resilience.

Girls have higher levels of resilient than boys.

The areas of strength for young Australians are boundaries and expectations and a sense of connectedness to the adults in their lives including parents and teachers. A sense of feeling empowered enough to right wrongs and injustice is also a relative strength.

We know that the most powerful antidote to suicide, violence and drug abuse is the sense of belonging people have in their lives. Girls and boys have good levels of belonging to their families. Girls also have good levels of belonging to their school and friendship group while boys score in the fair range in these two areas.

83% report being highly engaged at school and 79% value success for themselves.

67% report that they are very hopeful about the future. 64% of young people are feel they are doing pretty well most or all of the time. Persistence is also an area of strength with 58% reporting that they can find ways to solve problems when others would give up trying.

62% of young people do not see violence as a way of solving interpersonal problems. 75% are not at risk of alcohol problems and 91.5% are not at risk of illegal drug problems. 86% do not gamble.

In essence we have a large group of capable young people who are well linked to their families, engaged in school and are positive about their future. They do not see violence and bullying as appropriate and are not inclined to experiment overly with alcohol or illegal drugs.”

Andrew Fuller

As the characteristics of resilience become developed in young people an increased likelihood of the following key predictors becomes evident.

- Increased school completion
- Enrolment in higher education
- Higher academic results
- Improved attendance
- Increased protective factors
- Less alcohol problems
- Less teen pregnancy
- Reduced drug use
- Fewer behavioural problems
The collated surveys show that in primary school aged children, resilience peaks for females in Year 5 and for males in Year 6. Year 4 is more of a problematic area.

The information gained from Andrew Fuller is currently being aligned with SPS practices.

Extra-Curricula

Congratulations to Kathrine Gratz and her team who conducted a terrific sleepover for Prep to Year 2 students last Friday evening. It is wonderful that staff are so willing to relinquish their own family time to offer these extra-curricula activities. Many thanks to all the parents who assisted with special mention to Alana for the amazing food!

Regards
Anne McPhee
Principal

Maths Talent Quest Award Ceremony 2015

On Thursday 22nd October, Tom, Flynn, Isabella, Emily, Elinor, Eleni, Prisha, Buddy, Andrew, Sophia and Rita attended the Maths Talent Quest awards ceremony at Latrobe University, Bundoora to receive certificates for their outstanding achievements in their Maths Talent Quest projects. They also received a $50.00 voucher from Educational Experience which they spent on educational Maths games. Our school community is very proud of their academic achievements and would like to encourage all students to participate in such worthwhile learning challenges.
On Thursday 28th of October the Grade 5/6 students played the Staff in a ‘friendly’ Soccer match. The cheering from the students and staff on the sidelines created a brilliant atmosphere, while the players provided an entertaining and enjoyable morning for all involved. 5/6 students rotated on and off the field throughout the 50 minute match. The match was of a very high standard with many great passes, tackles, and goals! Well done to all staff who participated in the match - who I think had just as much fun as the students! Thank you to Steph P for time keeping and Erin K and Eren S for umpiring. A huge thank you must go to Stavrina & Kylie from Stonnington Youth and Adventure Playground Services for providing a delicious healthy morning tea for all students at the completion of the match.
P-2 Sleepover Recounts

On Friday after school I packed my bag to go to the Sleepover. When I got to the Sleepover I went to the disco and Mr Mac was the DJ. We played musical statues. Then I went to the dinner room to eat dinner, then we made some sparkling glasses. After that we played the chocolate game, then we got in our PJ’s and brushed our teeth. We had a cat walk in our PJ’s. After that we watched a movie and went to sleep. The next morning we had a nice breakfast and the girls got dressed and packed up. We played outside until the parents came.

Lily H

On Friday 23rd October the Prep to Two had a Sleepover at the ELC at 6:00pm. My group (Waratah) went to the disco with DJ Mac then we went to have some raps and yum fried rice for dinner. Then we went to the photo booth and made some accessories. Later we went to the chocolate game and got loads of chocolate and lastly we had a cat walk with loads of cool PJ’s.

Flynn K

First we did a fun activity it was a chocolate games then we had a disco as well. We ate as well and made moustaches for the photo booth.

James O

A very big thank you…..

The ELC staff want to say a very big thank you to Alana Murfett, Lucy Pring, Andrew Robinson, Katie Hodge, Alison Rogerson, Susie Flynn and Bronwyn Kenworthy for their outstanding work feeding 80 students and staff for the P-2 Sleepover. We had rice paper wraps, chicken, tuna, tofu, salad vegies, fried rice, fruit and yoghurt. The children and staff enjoyed it immensely. Thank you all for taking so much of your time to shop, prepare and serve us to make sure we had a delicious and healthy meal. Without parents helping, events like this would not happen, so thank you, thank you, thank you!

Kathrine Gratz
**Term 4 events**

Term 4 BBQ & Casual Clothes Day, Fri Dec 11, Hosted by Grade 3/4 parents

**Buy a Grill’d burger and help raise money for Library Books**
During November, Grill'd burgers at 157 Chapel Street Windsor (corner St John Street) is helping our school raise money for library books. Customers who buy a burger receive a token to put into one of 3 jars to ‘vote’ for local not for profit organizations, including our school. The jar with the most votes at the end of the month receives $300 and the two runner-ups receive $100. So, if you feel like treating the family to a healthy gourmet burger or salad this month, head to Grill'd, tell the staff you're from Stonnington Primary and vote for our school.

**Epic School Disco**
There was a great turnout for the recent school disco and lovely to see our kids having so much fun – check out the photos below. A huge thanks goes out to Epic Dance and Gymnastics (301 High Street) who ran the disco totally free of charge for our children and to Natalie Staggard (Mum of Macallum) for setting up our relationship with Epic. A big thank you also to Bron Kenworthy (Mum of Flynn and Erin) for organizing the event, to Paul & Emma Cartwright (parents of Eve) who organized sound equipment and stayed back very late to lock the school and to all the parents who donated money and food and helped serve and pack up. A total of $169 was raised which will go towards school and classroom furniture.

**Term 4 BBQ Helpers required – Grade 3/4 parents**
The last student BBQ and Casual Clothes Day for the year will be held at lunchtime on Friday December 11, the second last week of term. Freda (Stephie’s Mum) has kindly agreed to coordinate the BBQ on behalf of the Grade 3/4 parents and she needs the assistance of another 4-5 helpers on the day. Please contact Freda on 0419 975 722 if it’s your turn to help.

Bron (Mum of Flynn, Gr 2, & Erin, Gr 6) 0403 837 102 or darrenandbron@linet.net.au
Cathy (Mum of Tom, Grade 5) 0409 009 425 or cathyroberts@optusnet.com.au
Nicky (Mum of Amelie, Gr 3 & Wil, Gr 5) 0438 012 260 or nmbryant@live.com.au
COMMUNITYNotices

TOORAK PRAHRAN CRICKET CLUB INC

Kickstart – soccer programs for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years

Our community sports program supports Kickstart Soccer which runs soccer programs for boys and girls aged 5 to 12 years. Please visit their website http://www.kickstartsoccer.com.au/ to see what they offer

Futsal (indoor soccer) for boys and girls aged 7 to 12 years

We play futsal all year round for junior futsal program every Friday from 5pm to 7pm at Orrong Romanis Recreational Centre, Molesworth Street Prahran.

There is no need to form teams - you can play casually and pay as you play - the first game is for free.

Enquiries: Nino 0434875771

TOORAK PRAHRAN Cricket Club  2015/16 season registration open – places remain available for girls and boys 5 to 10 year olds

TPCC has places open for in same age group for the following programs in 2015/16:

a) Milo – 5 to 7 – starts early November – unlimited places available
b) T20 Blast – 8 to 10 – starts early November – unlimited places available
c) U10s intraclub - starts early November – limited places available
d) All girls cricket

The club is located on Armadale Road and plays on various grounds within Stonnington.

All registrations through the following link:
TPCC cricket registrations - 2015/16 season

SINGLE PARENTS ACTIVE KIDS PROUDLY PRESENTS:

FREE FAMILY FUN DAY
Elwood Park, St. Kilda St Brighton, 67c5
SUNDAY 22nd of November.
STARTING 12 Noon.
FREE BBQ, ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS:
MEMBERSHIP SPECIALS/RENEWALS AND MORE.

Even if you can’t attend there are plenty more opportunities, here is a link to our very active website http://www.singleparentsactivekids.org/

Like minded single parents to chat with, active kids wanting to play with your active kids, win win!

“Single does not mean alone”

Please RSVP to info@singleparentsactivekids.org or call Moush on 0430 504 119.
SCHOOL FOR PRAHRAN - PICNIC PHOTO SHOOT

We want to get together and take a photo, to show our current government who the future students and families of Prahran Secondary School will be.

The photo will be used for our press release to newspapers expressing our concerns and the need for positive action.

Feel free to pack some snacks and make a morning of it with friends and family. Or just come down for the photos at 11am.

Date: Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} of November – 11am
Location: Victoria Gardens High Street
Time: 10:30-11am

Please RSVP by 9\textsuperscript{th} of November to: schoolforprahran@gmail.com
Playball Basketball Training @ MSAC Term 1 2016
Friday Years 1-4

Basketball Training
Playball is now taking registrations from current Prep to Year 3 Boys & Girls to commence training in Term 1 at MSAC. Albert Park. 40 minute weekly training by Playball Coaches prepares children for Friday competition from Term 2.

Register for Term 1 2016
Register a training team at www.playballbasketball.com under ‘Registrations’ Tab. Teams guaranteed commencement.

Term 1 Times & Dates
Years 1-4 Friday 4:00-7:00pm 5 Feb - 22 Apr 2016
Term 2 TBA

Term Cost
Approx $85 per child. Based on 1 team of 8. Team numbers flexible.

Coaches Workshop
By Melbourne Junior Tigers. Term 2.

Contact
Ph: 9585 6123 info@playballbasketball.com
Playball is an affiliated association of Basketball Victoria

Playball Basketball 9585-6123

Brighton Little Athletics
Bendy Park, Been Drive, Brighton East

Get your kids on track at BLAC

Saturday mornings 8:00 till 10:30 through to March. Friday highlights on long weekends & a break over Christmas holidays

Hammerclass MAC Coaching
Free Kids Coaching with Professional Athletes

Club Events
Cup and medal club competitions across the season

Challenge Results
Watch your child improve throughout the season

Although the season has already commenced there is still plenty of time to join.
For more info www.brightonlittleathletics.com or email brightonlittleathletics.com.au
Mark Darling - BLAC Secretary: 0434 146 613

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