

# Creekside News

19 APR 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to term 2. I hope the break afforded you the opportunity to enjoy some rest, recreation and family time.

## Staffing

Rosa Marchionda is currently on Long Service Leave for this term, therefore I will be filling in for her during this time.

We welcome back Alice Ward from family leave as one of our wellbeing officers.

Josh Ellenberg is teaching Art in 7-9 while Meredith Corcoran Jones is on Family Leave and we are still finalising a French teacher to replace Julie Victoire who is also on family leave.

## 2019 Enrolment

Enrolment enquiries for prep and year 7 are now open and school tours are available for prospective parents and students on Thursday 26 April at 10am and Tuesday 1 May at 4.00pm. After 1st May tours will be held at 10.00am on the first Wednesday of every month and 4.00pm on the third Thursday of every month. The College will also be holding a Year 7 information evening on Monday 23 April at 6.30 pm and a Prep Information Evening on Monday 7 May at 6.00pm.

## NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. This year they will take place from Tuesday 15 May to Thursday 17 May. NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas of: reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. We wish all our students well in this assessment. If you have any concerns speak to your child's teacher or sub school Assistant Principal.

## Exams

All Year 7 - 9 students will be taking their mid-year exams in June. The purpose of these exams is not only to gauge their learning over the first semester, but also to provide them with the experience of sitting a formal assessment and the preparatory work that goes with that. These exam results will form part of the student's mid-year report which will be sent home at the end of term 2.

## Dates to remember

**Fri 20 Apr** - Yr 1 Werribee Zoo

**Mon 23 Apr** - Yr 7-9 Athletics Carnival

**Mon 23 April - 2019 Year 7 Information Night**  
**6:30pm**

**Wed 25 Apr - Public Holiday ANZAC Day**

**Fri 27 Apr** - Yr 2 RACV Street Scene

**Fri 27 Apr** - Parent Helper Information Session

**Mon 30 Apr** - Yr 2 Werribee Mansion

**Mon 30 Apr** - Prep Minibeasts Incursion

**Tues 1 May** - Yr 7-9 Cross Country Trials

**Wed 2 May** - Yr 3-6 Athletics Carnival

**Wed 2 May** - Yr 3-6 District Cross Country

**Wed 2 May** - Yr 9 Girls Regional Interschool Sport Softball

**Fri 4 May** - Yr 2 Werribee Mansion

**Fri 4 May** - Yr 5-6 Interschool Sport - Girls AFL

**Mon 7 May - 2019 Prep Information Night 6:00pm**

**Thurs 10 May** - Mother's Day Card Making Afternoon  
3:30pm - 5:00pm

**Thurs 10 May** - 7-9 Division Cross Country

**Fri 11 May** - Mother's Day Stall

**Fri 11 May** - Yr 6 Interschool Sport

## Maintenance

During the holidays we have had some works take place at the school. The gym toilets have been refurbished and look fantastic. The Year 8 building has had some walls erected to allow for optimum learning with minimal distractions. Some new carpet and walls have been installed in some of the portables.

## P-6 Assembly

There will be an assembly on Monday 23 April at 9am in the gym. We will be trialling this new date and time as well as a revised format. Future assembly dates will be communicated via COMPASS.

I look forward to the coming term and encourage you to keep the communication flowing with your child's teacher/teachers in order to build on the opportunities for continued student learning. Strong partnerships are the cornerstone to successful school experiences.

Effie Sultana

Acting Principal

## Kinder-2 Sub School

Welcome back to everyone, I hope you had a fantastic break. I have been very pleased with the way students have settled back into school and made a great start to their work.

### **Incursions and Excursions**

We have another exciting term ahead with incursions and excursions taking place across the college.

This Friday, our Year 1 students will visit the Werribee Zoo as part of their Integrated Studies unit on Habitats.

On Friday 27 April, our Year 2 students have a guest speaker from the RACV Street Scene program visiting to teach students about passenger, pedestrian and bicycle safety. In Week 3, they will spend a day at the Werribee Mansion to support learning in the Past & Present unit, and on Thursday 24th May will have another guest speaker in to talk about recycling and the environment.

Our Prep students have a 'Minibeasts' incursion in Weeks 3 and 4 and an excursion to the Melbourne Aquarium in Week 7 to support their biological sciences unit.

To assist in the college in the organisation of these events please ensure regular monitoring of events on Compass. All permission forms and payments need to be submitted before the due dates through the Compass app. Please be advised that Creekside no longer accepts late forms or payments. If you have any questions about this process please see our administration team.

### **Parent Helpers**

Thank you to the members of our community who have volunteered their time to support our classroom programs as a classroom helper. If you would like to support the college as a classroom helper, you will be required to attend an information session before commencing. An information session has been scheduled for Friday the 27th of April. If you are unable to make this session please see your child's classroom teacher.

### **Prep Information night**

A Prep information evening will be held on Monday the 7th of May for families of our 2019 Prep students. This is an opportunity for families and community members to gain valuable insight into the college and how to transition students smoothly into Prep.

Lastly, I would like to advise that students will not be required at school on Wednesday 25th of April for ANZAC day.

We look forward to another great term at Creekside.

Wes Forke

Acting K-2 Assistant Principal



## **Mother's Day Card Making Afternoon**

**Creekside K-9 College**

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**3:30-5:00pm**

**Janine Blachford Auditorium**

**Hope you can join us.**

## **Mother's Day Stall Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2018**

All gifts \$5.00 each

Limit 2 gifts per student.

If you can assist on the day  
please contact Leonie Cusick

8363 6400



**Do you or a friend not eat breakfast today?  
WHAT? FREE breakfast for everyone  
WHEN? Every Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
8:10am – 8:40am  
Where? The Auditorium Kitchen**

### **3-6 Sub School**

Welcome back to what is going to be a very busy term 2! I hope you all had an enjoyable and relaxing break, whether you ventured away or stayed at home. As I visit classrooms it's great to see that students have returned feeling refreshed and are keen to make the most of all learning opportunities.

#### **Assembly**

Assemblies will be held on a Monday morning at 9:00am on the following weeks and dates this term. I encourage all parents and carers to attend the assembly, as there will be acknowledgements of students displaying high level effort and achievement in their learning.

- Week 2 – 23 April
- Week 5 – 14 May
- Week 8 – 4 June
- Week 11 – 25 June

#### **Term 2 Value - Honesty**

Our college value this term is honesty. Each day students are encouraged to be honest in all dealings with others. Students are encouraged to reflect on the following questions:

- Do you follow the rules?
- Would you return something that wasn't yours?
- Do you always tell the truth, even though you may get in trouble?
- Do you show and share your feelings?
- Do you always do your own work when asked?
- Are you trustworthy?

#### **Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival**

The Year 3-6 Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday, 2nd May at Keilor Park Athletics Track. This will be a great opportunity for students to participate in events against their peers such as the 100m sprint, discus, high jump and long jump. Students have been learning these skills in weekly PE lessons, as well as what it means to be a good sports person. Parents and carers are encouraged to attend and cheer on our athletes. The event will commence around 10:00am and conclude around 2:00pm.

#### **NAPLAN**

The annual National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) testing will take place on Tuesday 15th May to Thursday 17th May (Week 4) of this term. Students in Year 3 and Year 5 will participate in four assessments; Reading, Writing, Language Conventions and Mathematics. The intention of the testing is to gauge the success of the school, rather than individual students, although individual student results are shared with their parents and carers. Students will participate in a range of activities in the lead up to NAPLAN to prepare them for the format of the testing.

#### **Uniform**

A reminder that it is an expectation that students wear

black school shoes every day, apart from days they have PE. Hair ties should be school colours and students are not to wear jewellery apart from a watch and studs or sleepers worn in their ears.

#### **Year 7 2019 Information Night**

Parents and carers of students hoping to enter Year 7 at Creekside in 2019 are encouraged to attend an information night in the Janine Blachford Auditorium on Monday 23rd April between 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

Gerard Lucas

3-6 Assistant Principal

### **7-9 Sub School**

Welcome to Term 2. It has been great walking through the corridors, talking to children and staff, and seeing the enthusiasm of everyone at the start of a new term. Particularly the newly renovated yr 8 building that has new walls in place that I have been naively referring to as cathedral glass walls.

The Dalai Lama says, 'Wonder is the beginning of wisdom'. How wonderful, to be working in a industry that recognises this and the Department (DET) is investing in our programs and staff to explicitly develop the disposition to be curious and nurture a sense of wonder. The key to this are strong relationships. Between staff and children, between staff members and between families. It is not just the domain of schools to develop children's character attributes. Families play a pivotal role. Please do not underestimate the value in sitting around the dinner table or playing games like eye spy in the car to help build relationships and support children to learn how to converse, argue and build empathy.

I am looking forward to seeing the students participate in the upcoming 7-9 Athletics Carnival on Monday 23 April. Please feel free to come down to support your child and say hello.

The other big ticket events happening this term are the yr 7 and yr 9 students participating in NAPLAN testing. The Attitude to School Survey and Semester Exams.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling, grammar and numeracy. It is important to remember that NAPLAN is not about passing or failing, but about assessing learning progress. At the classroom level it is one of a number of important tools used by teachers to measure student progress. It also helps students understand the stamina involved in working for an extended time under test or exam conditions. If you have any questions or concerns around NAPLAN feel free to give me a call.

Also, the Attitudes to School survey that is an annual survey that provides data to support student wellbeing, engagement, school improvement and planning at the school. The survey captures students' attitudes and experiences at school and is aligned with the Department's



Framework for Improving Student Outcomes (FISO). The survey measures are based on the best available evidence about what influences student outcomes. The 2018 survey will be conducted online for all students. Again, if there are any questions or queries around the survey please call.

Semester exams will occur toward the end of the term for all yr 7-9 students. The exams are designed to measure a student's ability to think, reason and solve problems and recall content covered over the semester relying on prior knowledge and learning. These are a great practice experience and allow for your child to learn how to study and prepare for future exams. With VCE and VCAL around the corner, we try to prepare the students as early as we can to give them the best opportunity to succeed in senior secondary and beyond.

Regards  
Paul Young  
Assistant Principal 7-9

### Primary Science News

#### Science Talent Search

Details about this year's Science Talent Search (STS) have been given to interested children. The permission slip is due no later than Friday 27th April. No money is required at this stage. Children who do not return the permission slip will be unable to enter the competition.

For further information about the competition - its rules, conditions and guidelines, please visit:

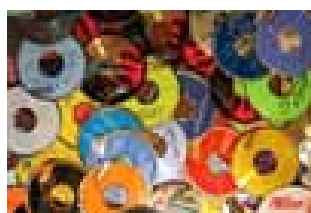
<http://www.sciencevictoria.com.au/sts/documents/STSHandbook2018.web.pdf>

#### ICAS

I encourage all students in Years 2 to 6 to participate in the Science section of this year's International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) which will be conducted on Tuesday 29th May. Interested students can obtain a permission slip from me. The entry fee and permission slip is required to be returned by Friday 27th April.

#### Wanted: 1.25L drink bottles and old CDs

1.25L drink bottles and old CDs are needed for use in Science Club. Could you please send any unwanted CDs and clean bottles to the Primary Science room.



#### Did you know...?

- If allowed to grow for their whole lifetime, the length of someone's hair would be about 725 kilometres!
- There are about 40,000 bacteria in your mouth.

- The human heart pumps 182 million litres of blood during the average lifetime.
- 50,000 cells in your body died and were replaced by new ones while you were reading this sentence.
- Not only human beings, but also koalas have unique finger prints.

#### Quiz

The first student to come to Mrs Fraser with the correct written answers to the following five quiz questions wins a prize:

1. Which is the most common element in the universe?
2. Which planet is furthest from the Sun – Uranus or Neptune?
3. How hot is the centre of the Earth?
4. What gas is produced when baking soda and vinegar are mixed?
5. Which part of the human body produces hydrochloric acid?

#### Try this experiment at home: 'Rubber egg'

What happens when a hard-boiled egg is soaked in vinegar?



<https://www.madaboutscience.com.au/shop/free-experiments/post/rubber-egg/>

Nichole Fraser

F-6 Science Leader

### Sports and achievements

Well done to the 71 students in Year 7 who represented the school in volleyball, cricket, softball and tennis on Monday the 26th of March. From all reports students performed well, putting in a great amount of effort on the day of competition as well as in the training leading up. There were some good displays of teamwork and sportsmanship as well.

Congratulations to the Softball, Cricket and Tennis teams who have all progressed to the Regional level of competition.

Peter Skaftouros

Health & P.E. Year 7-9



## New schools for the Melton/Caroline Springs area!

The Victorian Government recently announced \$236.8 million to buy land for 14 new schools across Melbourne's fastest growing areas. This includes the following new school sites to meet future needs in your area:

- Grasslands Primary School
- Proposed Primary School for Rockbank
- Eynesbury Station Proposed P6 School
- Cobblebank Secondary School

With Victoria's population growing so rapidly, our schools will have to cater for 90,000 more students over the next five years.

The Victorian School Building Authority (VSBA) wants to hear what you consider most important to be included in the school designs. New schools offer opportunities to build and enhance their wider communities. The VSBA are working with local educators and councils to match school designs with local needs, but they also want to hear from you. Your input and feedback will help shape the future of education in your area and ensure the new school best caters for local students and their families.

You can contribute ideas by completing an online survey or attending a community engagement workshop on Thursday 26 April from 6.30 - 8pm at Rockbank Hall, 24 Old Leakes Road, Rockbank. To find out more about the upcoming workshop, sign up for project updates or complete the survey, visit [engage.vic.gov.au/MCSarea](http://engage.vic.gov.au/MCSarea)



## HELP SHAPE EDUCATION IN THE MELTON CAROLINE SPRINGS AREA

### New schools planned for your area

Due to a population boom in your area, we are planning to deliver multiple new schools for your community in the next few years.

The VSBA wants to hear what's most important to you, so we can plan and build the best schools for your neighbourhood.

We will be running community engagement from 28 March to 30 April 2018 in your area.

### Have your say



Visit [www.engage.vic.gov.au/MCSarea](http://www.engage.vic.gov.au/MCSarea) to

- provide feedback and complete the survey
- register to attend the community workshop
- sign up to receive updates



Attend our **community workshop**

**Thursday 26 April**

**6.30pm - 8pm**

Rockbank Hall

24 Old Leakes Road

Rockbank

You can contact us:

**Victorian School Building Authority**



1800 896 950



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For information in your language, please call the Victorian School Building Authority's translation service on 03 9280 0712.



## Absent Note

Students Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

was absent on: \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Due to: (please circle)

Illness

Family Holiday

Medical Appointment

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Dental Appointment

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