Success at last!

I am extremely delighted to tell all our families that our building project to refurbish the administration block has finally been approved by the Melbourne Archdiocese. For the past 5 years we have been applying to upgrade this building to bring it in line with the rest of the school. All the classrooms have been refurbished in the past 6 years and that in itself makes the admin block look very tired.

We also found that the number of staff and families who access this building is such that the building does not meet the need being imposed on it.

Our refurbished block will include our current admin offices (admin office, principal’s office, deputy principals’ office and sick bay), and will also include extra admin space, a parent meeting room, several professional meeting rooms, a resource space for teaching and learning resources, and designated teacher space for preparation. The current uniform shop will be relocated at the front of the building with slightly more space.

The building project has gone out to tender this week and it is expected the school will need to provide vacant access by the end of this term, i.e. 16th December. The school admin will be relocated to the library, the staff room will move to the gym meeting room and the uniform shop will be operating in the MPR. The project could take up to 9 months.

All in all, it is a winner for all concerned.

Feast Days

At this time of year, the Church gives thanks for the people who have gone before us, with the Feast of All Saints and Holy Souls. Let us all take time to reflect on those who have shared a life well-lived and seek to be living witnesses to make a positive difference in another person’s life.

How wonderful we are...

At last Friday’s Mass, Year 5/6K stimulated our thinking about how we use the gifts God has given each one of us.

Humans are amazing animals. We can talk, share, love, invent, create and surprise. We have learned how to harness energy from the sun, how to make machines, how to read and write books, how to heal the sick. We can make rivers stop or flow if we want. We can fly hundreds of people across the sky. We can send astronauts into space to explore other planets. There seems to be no end to the miraculous things we can do when we work together.

But sometimes we find the easiest things difficult. Is it hard to smile? Is it hard to be kind to each other? No. But the same species who invented microscopes, mobile phones and parachutes are capable of being the cruellest of any of the animals.

Thanks you to our 5/6 students for challenging us to see both the brilliance and absurdity of humanity.

Mrs Pat McConvill
Principal

JCMA Friendship Walk

You are invited to join the Jewish Christian Muslim Association Friendship Walk next Sunday 6th November commencing at 2pm. The walk commences at St Peters Eastern Hill Anglican Church, moving to East Melbourne Hebrew Congregation Synagogue, then walking to Carlton Mosque (Albanian Australian Islamic Society). For more information see the attached flyer.
WORKING BEE:
Saturday 5th of November starting at 9am
This is our last working bee of the year.
Please note that Year 1 / 2 families are asked to assist with donations for the morning tea.

We have a few projects and jobs to be completed this week. As part of the Year 5 / 6 Beautification projects, some seats and posts in the Jungle are being painted in Indigenous Art work colours.

Moving Sports Equipment from the PMP cupboard in the MPR to the Sports shed.

Establishing water to the hothouse, any plumbers able to come along would be great

Clean gutters and downpipes around the buildings.

Mulch some of the garden beds where new plants have been planted in the Jungle.

Looking forward to seeing a few faces on the day. If you can spare an hour of your time that will be great.

Remember the children are very welcome to come along and play with friends.

Conveyance Allowance Program (CAP)
The conveyance allowance assists families with the cost of transporting their children to and from school when they meet the eligibility. The conveyance allowance is also available to eligible students whose nearest school is not serviced by a free school bus.

How to Apply: Application forms are available from the school office or school website (refer the instructions at the top of the page). Please use ‘Bing Maps’ to estimate your distance from school: http://www.bing.com/maps

Applications Close:
Term 4: Friday 18th November

Please submit NEW applications to the school office by the due date/s. The applications of existing CAP recipients will be rolled over provided the eligibility criteria are still met.

For further information visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/finance/Pages/conveyancefaq.aspx#link70

DEPUTY REPORT

PLANKS incursion by Green Hat Workshop

On Thursday the 3rd of November, our children from Years 1 to 6 will participate in an incursion from Green Hat Workshop which involves playing with thousands of precisely made miniature Plank construction blocks.

The incursion is a part of our Mathematics program and will promote the following:
  Persistence, critical and creative thinking, intellectual flexibility and a readiness to try something new.
  Resilience, working effectively in teams, handling challenging situations constructively, compromise and the development of leaderships skills.
  Cooperation and the ability to discuss creative ideas, negotiation and affective speaking and listening.
  Pattern, symmetry, shape and angles
  Forces and movement, counter balance and design,
  Fine motor skills, Spatial literacy
  Fun
  …and so much more

We look forward to sharing this event with the children and would encourage any parents who would like to see the children at work to join us at the following times.

Year 1/2 - 9:15am – 10:45am
Year 5/6 - 11:30am – 1:00pm
Year 3/4 – 2:00pm – 3:30pm

You will have the opportunity to construct with your children and other students or to observe the learning taking place.

The incursion will be held in the gym.

Thank you,
Jill Chaplin
Mathematics Leader
STM FUN RUN:
Friday 4th November
On Friday 4th November the students will be walking/running/jogging through an obstacle course with their class to help raise money for our school.
Fun Run Pledge forms and envelope are coming home with each child this week.
Please consider supporting your children during their schools fitness fun running event!
All forms due back no later than Monday 7th November.
The class that raises the most amount of money will receive a prize.
Everyone that donates also goes into a raffle to win a prize!

AVER & LINE FAMILY PHOTO DAY:
Sunday 6th November
Please report to the multi-purpose room 10 minutes before your allocated time.
Aver and Line create beautiful and natural photography of school families in our leafy school grounds. There are great packages available and are an excellent Christmas gift idea.
For a $15 donation to STM you get:
- a 20 minute photo session,
- a 20 minute viewing / selection session,
- an 8” x 12” print, a cute glass bottle frame with a print of your choice,
- complimentary retouching and a choice of packages on offer.
To book go to: www.schoolinterviews.com.au
Enter the code 5uu9q and pay your $15 sitting fee to the school office by Friday 28th October.
We require a minimum of 20 bookings and it is open to family and friends. For more information please contact Helen MacFarlaine 0428 298 915

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END OF YEAR PARENTS FUNCTION:
Friday 2nd December
"Barefoot Bowls” at Mt Eliza Bowls Club
$10.00 per head, bowls and BBQ included
Flyers have been sent home with your children today and information is also attached with this newsletter.
Please return to the school office by Friday 25th November.

Sincerely
Leonie Zammit / Parents Association President
leonieroyall@yahoo.com.au

STM DATES FOR THE DIARY:
Fri 4th Nov - STM Fun Run
Sat 5th Nov - Working Bee
Sun 6th Nov - Aver & Line Family Photos
Fri 2nd Dec - Parents End of Year Function
Barefoot Bowls
Tue 6th Dec - PA Meeting
7:30pm in the staffroom

School Watch: Roster Coordinator and Volunteers
The School Watch program has been successfully operating for 10 years!
However, we are in need of a roster co-ordinator that can organise a roster for the families who are able to assist with school watch. If you are interested please contact the school office.
We also need school families who are able to walk around the school once or twice a month just to check that doors and windows are locked.
If you live near the school and are able to give up one or two evenings a month. The Roster is drawn up on a monthly basis.
Any families who are not able to continue with School Watch in 2017 are also asked to contact the school office.
Thank you for your support - the School Watch program assists in keeping a watch over our school without the high costs of security guards.
**MORNINGTON RACECOURSE MARKET**

**CAR PARK DUTY**

Please advise Daniel Ferlin on 0410 184 494 with your confirmed attendance via text (incl your name) ASAP.

Please find the car parking rosters for the coming markets here. Together, this small contribution of our time is raising approximately $14,000 annually for the continual improvement of our school and the programs provided to our children. **All families will be rostered on an approximate 16 month cycle.**

If you are unavailable for your rostered month, please organise another family to take your place at least a week in advance of the market, and advise Daniel of the change asap.

**All Markets:**
- Arrive at 7:45am (all weather event); exception for Twilight market 1:45pm
- You will be told by the Market Leader when you can leave. This is typically around 12:30pm (6:30pm Twilight) but can alter depending on how busy the market is.
- Enter via the main gates of Racecourse on *Racecourse Road, Mornington.*
- Park in the designated area (Market Staff will be at the gate to assist you)
- Sign in with the Team Leader (for record keeping and Work Cover). **Team Leaders must collect a black folder from the school office the Friday prior to attending the market, and return it the following Monday.**
- Receive your safety vest.
- Market Staff will take you to your location in the car park where you will direct cars accordingly and finish at approximately noon. (On slower days Market Staff will advise if you can leave earlier).

Daniel Ferlin
0410 184 494
daniel_ferlin@hotmail.com
**Please Confirm Attendance ASAP**
**^ ^ Re-rostered due to prior non-attendance**

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