From Daniel’s desk

To School Community,

I hope this edition of the newsletter finds all students and their families to be well!

My gratitude is extended to the staff who have by now met with most families in an initial parent teacher meeting. I would also like to congratulate the families for their attendance at the meetings, your input about your child is invaluable and the information you share with the teachers most important. We have received very positive feedback about the meetings but welcome any suggestions that would assist in making the experience even better. Please email your thoughts directly to me at vella.daniel.c@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Karen from the Commonwealth Bank set up shop during the interview times and has signed up more than 30 new bankers. This is a testament to the families at our school who see the value in teaching their children the value of saving from an early age. Every account opened through Karen raises $5 for the school with the bank donating the equivalent of 5% of all deposits made by HBPS students. All of these funds will contribute to the Improvement of our school grounds.

Yesterday we had a follow up visit from Sue Godfrey from Jeavons Architecture to continue to develop our grounds master plan. The School Council are most excited about the work so far and look forward to unveiling the plan to the community to prioritise the projects.

I would like to again encourage parents to consider nominations for School Council before COB this Friday. You should have received a note yesterday, the form has also been posted on Facebook.

Good luck to the year 5/6 students and teachers at Sovereign Hill for the next three days. I am looking forward to attending the camp along with them, hopefully striking gold, and enjoying the experience of school in the 1850s. I would like to thank the 5/6 team from their exemplary organisation. Mrs Duan will be in charge while I am at camp.

I would like to thank Mrs Duan for the many things she does at our school, we are very fortunate to have such a hard working, experienced and knowledgeable person as part of our school community.

Finally a thanks to Mr McSpedden who is ending his tenure on School Council after 4 years. We must also congratulate him on his recent engagement! All the best for the future!

Enjoy the rest of the week!

Daniel Vella

BOOK CLUB DUE THIS MONDAY

Add us on Facebook

EVENTS

CALENDAR

FEB

19/20 Year 6/5 Camp
23 Book club due
24 HBPS Cross Country

MAR

2-6 Year 1-4 Swimming
9 Labour Day Holiday
10-14 Year 1-4 Swimming
16 Special lunch orders
17 AGM & School Council
20 Lightning Prem Grade 6/5
26 School photo’s
27 Last Day Term 1 2.30pm

APR

13 Term 2 begins

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SCHOOL NEWS

Twilight Netball
All games on Thursday, February 19th are at 4.15pm. The grade 6/5’s are at camp. As we only have one round it is essential that all players make sure they play and come on time as there won’t be players to fill in from another round.
Remember a sports bottle of water and $3 game fee.

Training
Training will be Wednesdays, from 3.20 to 4 pm. Players, particularly those new to the game, are encouraged to attend training but it isn’t compulsory.

In 4/3S, we have been working on the strategy of **Estimating** in Maths. We know that when we estimate we should think of an answer in a range. In daily life, people estimate in a range all the time. For example, when someone is at the supermarket they estimate how much their shopping will cost in a range rather than guessing the exact cost of their items. After lots of estimating practise in the classroom, a 43S student brought a special surprise to school and we thought it was a great opportunity to **ESTIMATE**! The surprise was a Grow a Sponge Bob toy that when added to water would grow. We measured Sponge Bob’s length and found he was 7 cm long. We estimated he would grow between 10-15cm. We put Sponge Bob in a large vase and waited. After four days, we took Sponge Bob out and measured him again. He now measured 12 cm in length. Our estimate was in the range! (We think Sponge Bob ate lots of Krabby Patties when we weren’t looking!)

Grade 6/5 News
Grade 6/5 students, Mr. Vella, Mr. Maultby, Mr. Urquhart, Mrs. Gillespie, Mrs. O’Halloran, Mrs. Kelly, Ms. Willis and Mrs. Davidson are going to have a golden three days at Sovereign Hill Camp. Stay tuned to hear about it next week.

School Development
Our School Development meeting on Friday focused on initial planning for the term 4 Twilight Fair. Later in the term we will be having a Bertie Beetle chocolate drive. These are very easily sold as they are a reasonable cost. A note will be going home so that families who don’t want a box can let us know. We ask that families support the wonderful grounds development planned by helping us raise funds in this way.

LIBRARY
Please note: A few changes to the library timetable. Please make sure your child has a library bag so they can borrow each week. Class Timetable below:

**MONDAY:** All 6/5’s & 43S & 43C
**WEDNESDAY:** 4/3D, 4/3M,1W,4/3J & Prep U
**FRIDAY:** Prep R, 2D, Prep F.

Also the Library will be open MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY & FRIDAY mornings between 8.30 & 8.50 for students to return and borrow books.
BELL PARK SPORTS & RECREATION CLUB
JUNIOR FOOTBALL & NETBALL
REGISTRATION DAY
FRIDAY FEBRUARY 27TH 5pm

Welcome to the 2015 Junior Football/Netball/Auskick season. We invite all past, present and new players to the club. Junior Clinics, BBQ and Activities will be held on the night. It promises to be another fantastic year at the Dragons.

Registrations are now open for the following:
Junior Football U9, U10, U11, U12, U14 & U16’s.
Junior Girls Football U13’s and Youth.
Junior Netball: vacancies for U15’s and U17’s.
U11’s Netball begin training on 24th February at 4pm.
Auskick Program – Online Registrations only.
*The 16 week Auskick Program will begin Sunday 19th April at 10.30am.

For further information please contact:
Junior Football Coordinator: Jared Stanley 0407 505 726
Junior Netball Coordinator: Carmen Williams 0408 294 415
Auskick: John Bright (President) 0408 801 868

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STAR OF THE WEEK

Grade 1B: Makiah T
For digging deep and writing imaginative sentences and her overall positive attitude to learning.

Grade 1D: Christian L
For showing great confidence with his writing. Keep it up mate.

Grade 1W: Madison R
For having a positive attitude to learning and being a kind class member.

Grade 2D: Bonnie C
For always staying on task and being respectful in the classroom.

Grade 2L: Emily P
For her great letter to her friend and always keeping her writing neat.

Grade 2M: Katyia R
For having a go at editing her writing.

Grade 43C: Ella J
For always trying her best with a smile!

Grade 43D: Ruby M
For being a superb role model towards other children. Well done!

Grade 43J: Trinity M
For great visualisation of characters in her reading. Well done.

Grade 43M: Molly W
For being a great leader in 4/3M.

Mathematician of the Week: Kai C
For being able to use mathematical strategies when estimating and being able to explain these strategies extremely well.

After School Care: Seb W
For being very persistent when making his sock puppet this week. Good to see you learning new skills.

Before School Care: Ella J
She has been a wonderful role model and buddy to the new prep children, assisting them whenever needed. Thank you so much for your help Ella.

Legend Award of the Month: Ilija S 43D
The most outstanding piano practice and improvement for the month goes to Ilija. Congratulations Ilija!
Hello Everybody!
I hope you have had a wonderful week. At Before School Care we had some fun making valentines pictures using our painted handprints to create flamingos and we also made some cool paper chains in the shape of love hearts.

This week we have started using old sponges cut into shapes to stamp pictures onto fabric that the children can turn into art, cushions or whatever they imagine. This activity, based on techniques used in Africa, was the first of the activities chosen by the children and booked into our calendar. I am looking forward to seeing what other activities the children come up with.

I have been approached by some parents regarding the service and enrolling their children, if you have some questions, feel free to pop in and have a chat, grab some brochures or just jump online to www.campaustralia.com.au.

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Enjoy the rest of your week! Jess (BSC Coordinator)

Hi everyone,
Now that we have settled in really well I would like to formally welcome all the new and returning families to this new year. I have been excited to meet all the new children that have started the program this year. It has been great getting to know you and I look forward to continuing this throughout the year.

This week we are beginning our planned activities. We will be making sock puppets, as well as completing a science experiment and cooking some yummy food. These activities will be rotated through the weeks to ensure that each child has the opportunity to participate in at least one cooking, art and craft activity and science experiment.

Don't forget that all children need to be registered before they attend the program. This is to ensure I have all the important information that is required, like emergency contacts and allergy information. You can register by visiting www.campaustralia.com.au and filling out the form. You can also manage your child's bookings here as well.

I like to allow the children to cool themselves down of a night if it is hot. We do this by either wetting our head or having a water fight. We only have a water fight if the temperature is 30 degrees. So if you think we will have a water fight send along a change of clothes and a pair of shoes you are happy to get wet.

Our star of the week this week is Seb W for being very persistent when making his sock puppet this week. Good to see you learning new skills.

Thanks for your time,
Mel and Karen