2016 CALENDAR DATES

AUGUST

Fri 12th  Student Progress Reports
   Gr 2 Sports
Mon 15th  School Council 7.00pm
   School Concert tickets on sale 10am - www.trybooking.com.au/MMCS
Tue 16th  Parents Association meeting
Thu 18th  Lightning Prem - V/Ball & B/ball
Mon 22nd  Book Fair opens
Wed 24th  Debating @ FPPS
Thur 25th  Debating @ Lara
   Prep Mums Night in Rio
Sun 28th  Tournament of Minds – Deakin Uni
Wed 31st  School Review Day #1

SEPTEMBER

Thur 1st  Public Speaking Final
Fri 2nd  Fathers Day Stall
Wed 7th  Gr 1 Vegie Olympics close
   Special Food Day
   Debating @ Bellbrae
Thu 8th  Debating @ Fyans Park
   School Concert
Fri 9th  Sleep in!
Tue 13th  Division Athletics
Wed 14th  Gr 2 Healthy Restaurant
   Gr 5/6 footy finals
   Gr 3/4 Sphero Olympics
Thu 15th  International dots day
   Gr Prep - Grandma's healthy lunch
Fri 16th  Last day term - dismiss 2.30pm
Mon 3rd  Term 4 starts

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

- Bank Books
- Receipts
- School Concert rehearsal excursion note

COMMUNITY SURVEY – THANKYOU FOR YOUR FEEDBACK

Thank you to all those families that took time to complete our recent community survey. Apologies for the initial glitch in the system (caused by international hackers) which did not deter the 140 responses we received. Well done!

Feedback related to the mission/vision and values will be combined with feedback from staff and students to produce a composite that hopefully supports a consensus view going forward for the next 4 years. What we have learned already is that our mission and vision needs to be better articulated to our community and embedded into our practice like our values are.

Specialist program ratings showed significant support for Phys. Ed. and Science whilst over 89% of responses supported the continuation of our BYOD iPad program in Gr 3-6. We also understand the importance of embracing technology, having access for all and not using technology to exclude important concepts such as handwriting and work done by hand.

Support for the student reporting system in 5 weekly progress reports received 65% support and the preferred reporting scale showed 70% favoured the working at, below and above level compared to the current A-E scale.

All this feedback will help us to map out a direction for improvement over the next 4 years. In our upcoming review we will look at data related to student achievement and find what we have done well and analyse why, what we could have done better and why and also what are the priorities and challenges for our school over the next 4 years. All adding up to systematically moving to improve our school and its effectiveness.

We will continue to inform you about the review and its findings as well as developing a new strategic plan for 2017-2020.

SCHOOL COUNCIL AUGUST MEETING

A reminder for school councillors that the next meeting is Monday 15th August at 7.00pm. The finance Committee meeting will precede this at 6.30pm
Half way!

Half way through the term, means half way till Clementine is due to be finished. I would say we are right on track. Each member of the Cow Club has contributed to the ideas, the design, the painting and now we have been working on a song. That’s right – a song!

On Tuesday 4th October, we will be going to Ballarat for the presentation day of the 10 cows from the schools around the Ballarat and Geelong region. As part of the presentation day, we are required to present an ‘overview’ about the dairy industry and what we have learned about cows. The Cow Club has decided on writing a rap.

At last week’s assembly, we asked for a donation of a cow bell for Clementine. If you have one that she can wear, can you please send it to the art room.

On to more arty news, students in Grade 2 have been busy drawing portraits of a Geelong identity for the Who’s Who portrait competition held at the Geelong Art Gallery in the September school holidays. They have enjoyed learning about the proportions of a face.

Thanks!

Mrs Thomson

School concert news

Tickets will go on sale on Monday 15th August at 10.00am. Cost is $15/seat. Go to: www.trybooking.com/MMCS to book and print your ticket/s.

DVD purchase envelopes went home last Thursday. Cost is $25 each. If you would like a copy, please return your envelope with payment to the Office.

We are still needing parent co-ordinators for Grades 5/6S, 5/6O, 5/6N and 3/4B. Please, if you can help, contact the class teacher.

Students will be requested to bring their costumes to school either this week or next week so we can co-ordinate costumes.

Thank you to those parents who have offered props. We also need 3 lanterns (battery powered) for Snow White and a Snow White costume to fit a Grade 1 child if you can help.
Fyans Park Community Project – Supporting Geelong Mums

This year as part of our Book Week celebrations, we are supporting Geelong Mums with donations of pre-loved children’s books in excellent condition. If you have any books suitable for children aged birth to 12 years old, please send your donations to the 3/4 Department. The 3/4 Department will sort the books for the Geelong Mums volunteers at school into age categories. Donations welcome from now up until Friday August 26th. Please see Miss Castelow in the 3/4 Department if you have any questions. Thank you in advance for your support!
Fyans Park Book Fair

Twice daily - Monday 22nd - Friday 26th August

The selection of books at our Book Fair will include a wide range of quality books from the best Australian and overseas authors and illustrators. All these books have been placed on the school’s Skoolbag App for you to peruse. The Book Fair will be held in the Early Learning Centre (ELC). Our Book Fair selling times will be:

8:30am – 8:55am & 3:15pm – 3:45pm from Monday 22nd to Friday 28th August

All books are discounted. When you or your child buys a book, our school benefits by receiving a commission of up to 35%. This will be used to purchase Big Books which will enhance our Early Years Literacy Programs.

Cash and Credit Card facilities are available.

FYANS PARK PARENTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

Everyone is WELCOME to come along to our next PA meeting on

TUESDAY 16th August 9am
IN THE STAFFROOM.

Hope to see you there.

Fyans Park Parents Association

SPECIAL FOOD DAY

Thank you to everyone who provided treats for Special Food Day yesterday.

Please remember to pick up your containers from the Multi Purpose Room.

We have very little storage room so it would be really appreciated if they could be collected as soon as possible.

Students are welcome to come and collect them on your behalf.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Challenge: Who in your family can use the least amount of disposable plastic over the course of one month?
Term 3 Week 5, 11th of August 2016

Term 3 tCAF Fundraiser for the Smith Family

Hi Families,

Throughout this term, as previously mentioned, the children have been busy making a variety of craft objects for our stall, we have bookmarks, placemats, original art and friendship bands, items will range from .50c to $5, we are looking forward to seeing how much we can raise to help the Smith Family.

This term we will be also working on Father's Day presents and Olympic crafts & games, the children have been playing a variety of games in OSHC including red knee, octopus and knock off. We have also been enjoying recipe's from the new Healthy Eating Cook Book that has been developed with Nutrition Australia to ensure all recipe's are low in sugar and salt, last week the children tested the Singapore style noodles, this was not a favourite of many of the children, this week we tried the cheese naan bread which many of the children enjoyed, if you would like a copy of any of the recipe's we have please feel free to come and speak to me about it.

We endeavour to ensure that all the information that you have provided us with in your enrolment is true and correct, if there have been any changes, address, contact phone numbers or people that you allow to pick up your children, it would be great if you could let us know ASAP. These are crucial details that we need to ensure that your child/ren's emergency contact details are up to date, if any of these changes have occurred recently, please jump online and amend the details and please also let me know so that the details I have are correct as well.

If you know that your child will NOT be attending a session they have been booked into PLEASE ensure you give me a call to let me know, so that I am not chasing up children that are safely with their caregiver.

I encourage you all to enrol your child/ren with us in case of emergencies that are beyond your control to ensure that I have access to your child’s details if needed. To enrol your child/ren go to www.campaustralia.com.au.

We have vacancies every morning and afternoon in O.S.H.C. Don’t hesitate to book your child/ren in today!

Cheers & Keep Smiling

Jodie, Jess & Maddie