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MELBOURNE ZOO - THIS FRIDAY - GRADE 5/6 CAMP NEXT MONDAY

To students, parents and friends,
Welcome to week 5 of Term 4.

T20 Cricket Competition

On Monday 2 teams of Grade 5/6 students participated in the Milo T20 cricket competition. They had a fabulous day with the girls' team winning four games and playing off in the final although they lost but they put in a wonderful effort. The boys' team had a number of wins with the group playing a wonderful team game throughout the day. Thank you to Mr Broadbent, Rhiannon and a group of parents for supporting the teams on the day.

Classes for 2018

In 2018 the school will be growing in size by one class so instead of the 13 classes that we have operated with over the past several years we will be increasing to 14 classes for 2018. At this stage we have 60 Prep students enrolled but expect 65 by the start of the 2018 school year. A couple of years ago the school purchased a school building and it will finally be transported to the school site and completely refurbished over the next few weeks. The new classroom will be positioned at the front of the junior buildings facing Inglewood St. Next year a Grade 1/2 class will be accommodated in this building.

If you know that you may be leaving the school at the end of the year can you please let me know ASAP so that we can finalise class numbers.

Requests for 2018

If any parents have a specific request for your child in relation to class groupings for next year can you please put it in writing, address it to me and post it in the school mail-box at the office please. The requests need to be based on friendship and educational grounds and will be considered for groupings for next year. Teachers will take all requests into consideration. If you have made a request in the past and would still like this request to be in operation you will need to re request each year. All requests need to be received by me by Wednesday 15th November. Any questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

2018 Prep Transition Day 2

The next Transition Day for the 2018 preps is on Tuesday 14th November from 9.00 to 10.00. Parents will need to come to the Multi Purpose Room again for this next transition morning.

Zoo Excursion

On Friday the junior department will be heading off to the zoo in Melbourne. The bus will leave at 8.00am sharp so all students should arrive at school by 7.45 and go straight to their rooms. Each child will need to be wearing school uniform, their hats and have two separate disposable packed bags of food with their names on it, along with two disposable drinks. Every child should take their school jacket in case the weather is cooler in Melbourne.

Grade 5/6 Camp

The 5/6 campers will be heading off to the beach for their three day camp on Monday until Wednesday. Let's hope the weather is fine for some fabulous moments on the beach and fun adventure activities.

Report Writing Day

A reminder that Friday 24th November is a **pupil free day** for Report Writing. The Out of School Hours Care will be in operation from 8.00am to 6.00pm on the day. Bookings are essential.

If you have any queries please don't hesitate to contact me on: 54 435353

Di Craig, Principal

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MON & FRI**

PLEASE ORDER VIA
QKR
Cash orders are accepted



SENTRAL
EDUCATION

**HAVE YOU
LOGGED INTO
SENTRAL?**

**NOTES TO RETURN
MELB ZOO
SWIMMING
WIZARD OF OZ**

**WALKING
SCHOOL BUS
THURSDAYS
8:30AM**



**BREAKFAST
PROGRAM 8:00AM
WEDNESDAYS**



**SPECI HILL
PLAYGROUP
THURSDAY S
9:00 - 11:00 AM
MULTI PURPOSE
ROOM
@ SPECI HILL
COST = \$1:00 PER CHILD
Please bring along a healthy
snack and hat for your child**

CLASS NEWS

SENIOR CLASSES

Greetings and welcome to week 5 of term 4!

We have been very busy in the Senior department with lots of fun new learning happening.

Students have been practicing their mapping skills during Numeracy and enjoyed a scavenger hunt type activity which involved finding clues around the school.

In Literacy we are working on the skills of visualising and analysing, the students have demonstrated a solid understanding of these so far. Integrated studies has been super interesting lately with a couple of very hands on and fun activities, including one where students got to make 'Earth' using plasticine. These look fabulous when they've been cut in half and you can see all the different layers of the Earth.

A reminder that Grade 5/6 camp is THIS Monday. Students need to arrive at school at 7:30am, no earlier, and we will be departing at 7:45am. Please meet at the front car park, you will see your student's teacher out there. If you have not yet returned your medication list please do so to Mr. Tanner as soon as possible. Students will be having a camp meeting in the last hour on Thursday (tomorrow) to go over the details of camp again. Reminder notes will be handed out during this time, along with extra equipment notes for anyone who may have misplaced theirs. We are all looking forward to camp and can't wait to see you all at 7:30 Monday morning!

Adam Tanner, Rebecca Kinsman, Scott Pysing & Sophie Williams

MIDDLE CLASSES

This Friday will be our final gym session for the year. Well done to all the students for their participation and behaviour. Students will only have a short break though, before they commence their swimming lessons at the Golden Square Swimming Pool. Both the note and the payment of \$50 will need to be returned to school by no later than Monday the 20th of November. The program itself will begin on November the 27th and run Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday the first week. Then again on the following Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the second week, concluding on December the 8th. All students will need to bring appropriate swimming gear, sunscreen, a towel and a bag for their wet belongings.

Also, just a quick acknowledgement to the Gr 3/4 students who have been busy practising their spelling words. This term the staff have introduced a slight change to the spelling program but it's been great to see so many students doing a terrific job and adapting well to this change. Well done to those students who have always worked hard on their spelling, but also to those who have made some wonderful new progress. Keep it up!

Hayden Polglase, Julian Regan, Bridey Welton

JUNIOR CLASSES

Students have enjoyed our integrated topic of animals this term with our literacy work this week focussing on students searching for rich questions in texts, relating to our zoo trip this Friday.

The Junior Melbourne Zoo excursion is THIS Friday (10th of November), all notes need to be returned to the office ASAP. A second information note regarding the trip's details will be sent home prior to Friday.

Please remember to return your child's Learning Journal ASAP, so term 4's work can be added in as it is completed ready for the end of year. We still have a large number not returned.

The school Swimming Program will begin on November 27th and conclude on December 8th. Please return notes to the office ASAP.

All children **must** have a hat this term as we are a sun smart school. They should also bring a drink bottle of water to have at their table each day to assist with hydration, and a piece of brain food that can be eaten during a designated class time; promoting their learning during the day. Congratulations to all those students and families who participated in the Walk to School campaign this month. This was a fantastic initiative to promote exercise on the way to school – something that could be encouraged for the remainder of the year, allowing students to build healthy habits for life.

Please don't forget to read with your child every night and fill in their reading journal for teachers to see each day, students enjoy hearing their name when they achieve a reading award at assembly.

Students should be completing 5-10 minutes of spelling homework each night during the week. New words will be sent home with each student early in the week..

Joe Hartney, Kim Manley, Kate Ward & Felicity Burman & Judy Garwood

PREP CLASSES

This week we are focusing on the features of non-fiction texts and recalling facts we have read. In writing we are writing down all our wonderings and questions that we might have about animals. This way they will be fresh in our minds for the Zoo this Friday. Hopefully we can answer some of the wonderings we have had!

Zoo - The Zoo is this coming Friday so please if you haven't already returned your child's note do it asap. Remember every student is required to be in school uniform with a hat. Please ensure they have lunch and recess in disposable containers with their name on the bag.

Swimming Program - The swimming program commences in week 8. Can we please ask families to encourage their children to dress and undress themselves in preparation for the swimming program so that they can do this swiftly before and after their lessons.

We are still waiting on many permission forms for swimming to be returned. If you know you haven't returned your children note, please do asap.

Hats - Its Term 4 and hats need to be worn at lunch and recess. If your child does not yet have a hat at school, please send one along with them. If you need to purchase a new hat, this can be done at the school office.

Home Reading Routine - Well done to everyone for maintaining a great home reading routine over the school holidays, we are impressed! We have a lot of students who have already read over 200 nights this year, I wonder how many nights we can read to by the end of the year!

Uniform - Please ensure your child's uniform is labelled and if your child accidentally comes home with another students' uniform, please return to the teacher so it can be passed on to its owner.

Drink Bottles - It is getting warmer! Please send a labelled drink bottle along with your child for in the classroom. We will designate a spot so that the students can grab a drink whenever they need one without disrupting their learning.

Have a wonderful Week!

Felicity Burman, Zoe Light and Courtney Lawrence

**GRADE 3/4 CAMP 2018
SECOND PAYMENT
NOW DUE**

**RECYCLED UNIFORMS STALL
NOV 28TH**

Recycled Uniform Stall will be conducted on Tues Nov 28th during a Prep transition morning. If you know of new families to the school that this may assist, please advise them to attend the stall to obtain some free items. There will be limits on the number of items allocated to each family as we need to share them around.



| STARS OF THE WEEK AWARDS 6 Nov 2017 | | |
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| | Star | Value |
| Room 1 | Josh P. | Zac B. Hannah C. |
| Room 2 | | |
| Room 3 | Joanna J. | Kaylee B. |
| Room 4 | Lacie A. Lucas | Harry W. |
| Room 5 | Addison T.F | Addison P. Kaelan A. |
| Room 6 | Charlie R. | Ashton H. Olivia R. |
| Room 7 | Deborah C. | Sebastian C. |
| Room 8 | | |
| Room 9 | Harrison C. | Koby M. |
| Room 10 | Mackenzie C. Tahlia K. | |
| Room 11 | | |
| Room 12 | Sophie W. | |
| Room 13 | | |
| Nude Food | Wk 3 – 1/2 H | |

GRADE 6 2018 POLO ORDERS



New Cotton/Micro-fibre
Polos Shirt



Senior Students have requested a lighter style shirt.

- Superfine Microfibre / Cotton

Orders close Mon 20th Nov

Our children's future in the very best of hands.....

MENS & KIDS NIGHT

THURS 23 NOV

6:00 - 7:30PM

At Speci Hill PS

LIGHT SNACKS PROVIDED
GAMES & ACTIVITIES FOR ALL TO ENJOY
Held in the Multi-purpose Room.
Enjoy some special time with the kids,
just for you and them – with a few friends.

GUEST PRESENTER

STARTING AT 6PM SHARP!

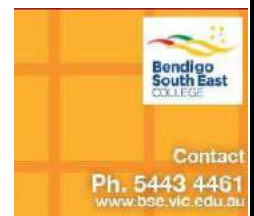
This is our special night for fun & games at school

*Hi my name is Haylee J.
On Sunday 29 October, I competed in the BMX Victoria Gold Rush Open meeting held at Eaglehawk.
I had a fantastic result winning all four races I competed in and had the pleasure of having my photo taken with Champion BMX rider, Bodie Turner. Bodie is currently ranked 6th in the world in BMX competition!
Bodie also competed for Australia in the Rio Olympic games.*



LANGUAGE INFORMATION NIGHT AT BSE COLLEGE

Thursday 9th November
6:00pm in Block B
Block B is behind
the Ellis Street
Car Park



| 2017 | EVENTS CALENDAR |
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| See <i>SENTRAL</i> for the <i>FULL SCHOOL CALENDAR</i> | |
| Nov 13 | <i>Grade 5/6 Camp</i> |
| Nov 14 | <i>Preps 2018—Transition Day 9:00am</i> |
| Nov 22 | <i>Community Breakfast Eggs & Bacon 7:45am</i> |
| Nov 23 | <i>Mens & Kids Night 6:00pm start</i> |
| Nov 28 | <i>Preps 2018—Transition Day 9:00am</i> |

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

BOOKING ARE ESSENTIAL SOME DAYS ARE FULL IN After School Care

A REMINDER THAT PICK UP IS BEFORE 6:00PM


ABSENCES NOT NOTIFIED PRIOR TO 2:00PM ON THE DAY OF THE BOOKING WILL BE CHARGED FOR THE SESSION.

PLEASE MAKE REGULAR PAYMENTS
PREFERRED METHOD IS VIA QKR PAYMENT APP
(Download to your phone/ipad)

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL FOR REPORT WRITING DAY

ALL DAY CARE WILL BE AVAILABLE ON **FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER**
WHICH IS A REPORT WRITING DAY FOR STAFF
NO SCHOOL ON THIS DAY

BSC - Karen - 0438 062 561 ASC - Leah - 0447 788 636



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4th Annual Toy Dash

Prattys Patch

Sunday 3rd December

Meet at Ravenswood Servo at 10:00

For a 10:30 Departure to Prattys Patch
Monsants Rd Maiden Gully

Each car is asked to bring a toy for donation to The Salvation Army
(Toys collected at Prattys)



\$10

THE SPECI RECIPE BOOK



GOLD COIN DONATION ENTRY SHOW & SHINE

ALL MONIES RAISED BEING DONATED TO JEMIMAS GIFT

TONY LEDDIN PLAYING LIVE

LUCKY DOOR PRIZES

CRUISE JUST COZ  **Prattys Patch** 
BAR & FINE DINING

For more information find **CRUISE JUST COZ**, **JEMIMAS GIFT INC.** or **PRATTYS PATCH** on Facebook

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