Thursday 16th February, 2017

DIARY DATES

17th & 24th February
No Prep classes – Prep Assessment

23rd February
Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport home game

2nd March
Fundraising Meeting
9am in the Staffroom
Whole School Mindfulness Program begins
I Sea I Care Excursion at Rickett's Point
Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport at Mt Hira

NOTICES SENT HOME

Grade P-6 - Student Medical Information Update
Grade 5/6 - Interschool Sport Permission Note

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

LEARN TO LEARN
We are off to a great start this year with the Learn to Learn program. The focus for the first two weeks has been on student wellbeing and providing activities for students’ to build their resilience and to reinforce the YCDI foundations of Confidence, Organisation, Persistence and Getting Along. The students have been enjoying a range of games and activities from the “Play is the Way” program-and getting to know each other which will help to develop learning confidence for all students.

OFFICE CHANGES
The office renovations have made provision for extra staff to work in the office. Chris Kenney will be working at the front counter, Margot continues to work on the accounts, Emergency Management and OH&S and Nicole Henderson, the canteen manager and Christina Goodwin, the First Aid Officer both share the other space in the office when required. They are both receiving some training in Cases 21 so they can help in the office when needed.

STRATEGIC PLAN AND 2017 AIP
The completed Annual Implementation Plan takes into account the 4th and last year of the 2014-2017 Strategic Plan. The final plan was tabled for Council approval at the February 14 meeting this week and is available for parents on request. During the year, the school will participate in a self-evaluation which will inform the writing of a new 4 year Strategic Plan.

STAFF CAR PARK
A reminder that parents are not to park in the staff car park or try and turn around in the narrow street leading to the school entrance. It is very unsafe with children walking to school. At the end of Term 1 the staff car park will be closed, and cordoned off as part of the building site. There will be no access to the school via Locharn Crescent.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS
The school is seeking parent representatives for the School Council, There are 2 one year parent vacancies and 2 two year vacancies. Forms are available from the office or please ring Naomi Reed or Nicole Matsoukas for more information.
Finally, the building plans have been completed and they will be going out to tender process next week.
NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

3/4 ASSEMBLY

We got ready for assembly and rehearsed a lot so it had to be a great performance! Sophea read the pages and introduced everyone in our class to the other grade 3/4s. Then we performed and no one messed up in our class. Mr Kay was proud of us for doing well and doing our best at assembly. We did pretty well but when we got up to do the chant... Mr Kay was the only one who actually messed up! At the end we all just practised our school chant. By Zakk

CHANDLER PARK LEARN AND PLAY
CHANDLER PARK STRONG AND SMART
CHANDLER PARK FRIENDLY AND FUN
CHANDLER PARK SMILE AND GREET
CHANDLER PARK GO! GO! GO!

It was the first assembly. I was scared for my life. I could have had a heart attack. So it was me and Edward, we were the last ones. When I came up I tried my best. When I made a mistake Edward helped me. I was so relieved when the audience clapped. When Mr Kay did the chant he messed up. He said, “He will try again next time.” By Ketan

3/4 B MUSIC

The schools’ new music teacher is Mr. Kant. This term grade 3/4s and 5/6s get to learn music. We liked playing music! We played “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” with the glockenspiel. We learnt that forte means loud and that piano means soft. We think music rocks!
NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

3/4 GARDENING

“Eew, what’s that smell”? Everyone held their noses as we walked to the shed. It was the compost in the soil. It smelt so bad we could taste it! 3/4A was going to be the first class to do some gardening with Mrs McCrimmon on Monday, 6th February. We were going to go around the school and plant flowers to make it look beautiful. We would also be planting food for Oscar, the bearded dragon.

We had to turn the soil over to that the compost was mixed into the soil and also to make sure the soil was aerated. When we were finished turning the soil, Mrs McCrimmon gave each group member a petunia to plant. Afterwards we went to the vegetable gardens outside the prep area and did some weeding. We planted dwarf lettuce, chillies, capsicum, kale and parsley. Some of the children weeded the area around the fruit trees and found really, really long weeds. Sinclaire and Jazmine even found one of the tree roots!

It was an enjoyable 45 minutes and even though everyone was exhausted from the work, we all felt incredibly cheerful and proud of what we had done. We can’t wait to go back and do some more gardening and to see how the flowers and vegetables we planted grow and thrive!
Grades 3/4D and 3/4E have been learning about the Bully Blockers Club to make sure there are no bullies in our school. The Bully blockers club is a group that help those who are being bullied. There are no bullies allowed in the club. People in the club support each other and are not ‘bystanders’, because Bystanders are just as bad as bullies. The club reports bullies to a teacher or adult. They help people stand up for themselves. Please join the Bully Blockers club so you can help others feel safe as school too!  

By Grade 3/4E

3/4S DO COSMIC YOGA

In the last two weeks the 3/4s have started learning about Yoga. All the 3/4s went to the gym last Friday to have a go at doing some Yoga moves. It was to help us to be calm and mindful. We used a YouTube program called Cosmic Kids. There was a Star Wars and Harry Potter theme. The Cosmic Kids lady told a story using Yoga moves about each theme. It was like an adventure. It was exciting and energetic because it was the first time doing Yoga with all the 3/4s. Everyone had fun and felt satisfied. We look forward to more Yoga adventures!  

By Grade 3/4E
NEWS FROM THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

YOU CAN DO IT! By 3/4D

The 3/4s have been learning about the YOU CAN DO IT Keys in Learning to Learn Week. We talked about Organisation, Confidence, Persistence, Resilience and Getting Along. These Keys help us to be successful and happy. -Remzi, Faruk, Tej & Lily

Organisation

Organisation is all about being prepared. We organised our books with labels, put our equipment in our pencil cases, set up our reading boxes and made class monitors. We have also been using our diaries to write important events. -Katrina, Breanna & Leilah

Confidence

In the first two weeks of school we have been learning about confidence. Having confidence is all about trying new things and sharing your talents with others. We made super heroes and wrote about things we are super at. -Hanisa, Revival, Vincent & Timothy

Getting Along

In grade 3/4 we have been learning about getting along. Getting Along is all about making friends and respecting others. We made friendship ships and wrote about what makes a good friend. Our best friends are Ken, Jay, Jonah and Remzi. -Oliver, Angelo, Raimon & Thanu

Persistence

Persistence means if you make a mistake you try again. We made origami fish based on Dori’s saying, Just keep swimming! It turns out some people made their fish fast but others had trouble. We all had a go though. Barleen, Jess, Rayshia & Salvie

Resilience

Resilience is all about bouncing back from disappointment. We talked about different kinds of worries and made worry monster containers to put our worries into. -Ken, Elijah, Hayden & Jay

We hope you practise the 5 You Can Do It keys at home! You could clean your bedroom to be organised, get along with your siblings and show persistence by practising writing tricky words. -Joanna & Carla
MEET THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Music – Richard Kant

Hi my name is Richard Kant, I am most excited about teaching students at Chandler Park Primary School and I am an advocate for authentic music education. Although I am new to the Chandler Park Primary School this year I have over twenty years of experience, this includes tuition in piano and theory of music examination preparation, VCE Music (Units 1-4), and instrumental music teacher training. I am enthusiastic, highly motivated and organized and I have several other interests including, travel, interior design, music composition, and flying (private pilot’s licence). My specialties in music include: aural training, harmony/counterpoint, sight reading, music craft, theory of music, and music technology. I have also had experience composing promotional music and had an article published on student ‘voice’ in Professional Educator magazine.

Physical Education – Alex Klusik

Reach for the stars. The only limits are those that you impose on yourself. Remember anything is possible if you always try your best’.
MEET THE SPECIALIST TEAM

**LOTE – Angela Jia**

Hi, I am Mrs Jia, your Mandarin teacher. Although I feel still quite young, this is actually my tenth year of teaching. I joined Chandler Park PS in 2011. I was off last year to have my son Jai, who is now 18 months. Coming from Jinan, China, I moved to Melbourne in 2002, first as an international student, then I fell in love with this beautiful city and now here I am. I enjoy travelling, cooking, reading and sports.

**Science – Julie McCrimmon**

I have been lucky enough to be at this school for the last 16 years. I love science because it involves finding out about the world around us and what makes things work. I enjoy working with the students because they are always so curious and love learning. In my spare time I enjoy travelling, building Lego, sports and photography. I am looking forward to the science programs this year like the Mad About Science Incursion (August), the ‘Little Scientist, Big Science’ program, robotics, gardening, and of course, looking after Oscar.
MEET THE SPECIALIST TEAM

Art – Jean Copland

I am so lucky because I get to work within an area that I am absolutely passionate about. I love visual art and the enthusiasm of children. I am inspired by colour, shapes and patterns that surround us. I love to share how I see the world in my art classes. Therefore I look forward to our art journey as we focus on using Mindfulness to help us visualise and focus on our present goals.

STUDENT ATTENDENCE

A reminder to all families that although we absolutely encourage your children’s regular attendance at school, we also understand that sometimes children are unwell and need to stay at home. However, when your child is absent it is important to notify the office as soon as possible with the reason for absence, if you do not provide the office with a reason for your child’s absence it will be marked on our system as unauthorized. Also if you have planned a family holiday within the term period please notify the office prior to the absence. It is a rarity for children to manage 100% attendance, but this is always our goal for each child at our school. Doing the best you can do, is always a fantastic choice!!
SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

School council currently has 4 vacancies available. Two of these positions are for a twelve month term in office, whilst the other two positions are for two year. School council is an excellent opportunity for parents to be involved in your child’s school. If you are interested in joining school council please feel free to come in and pick up a nomination form.

FUNDRAISING

Chandler Park Primary School is keen to introduce two Parent Class Representatives (PCRs) in each class across all levels of the school. Being a Class Representative is a great way of getting to know your child’s school community and offering support to teachers and parents alike.

The role is mainly to be a point of contact for the class families and to help the school community function at its best by providing support, such as:-

- assisting families to ensure class notices and forms are understood and actioned
- assisting in the general communication of school information
- organising social gatherings to promote friendships
- encouraging parent involvement in school educational/informative/social events
- encouraging parent participation in school Fundraising events

PCRs are welcome to attend Fundraising meetings which are held monthly (as are all parents/guardians), but this is not compulsory, our next meeting will be Thursday 2nd March at 9am in the staffroom.

We would like to encourage you to consider volunteering for these roles by completing the details below and returning this notice to the office by Friday 24th February.

Kind Regards,

Nicole Matsoukas

Parent/carer Name: ____________________________________________
Contact Phone No.: _____________________________________________
Email Address: _______________________________________________
Child’s Name/s: _______________________________________________ 
Class: _______________________________________________________

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO VOLUNTEER TO MENTOR A YOUNG MUM IN YOUR COMMUNITY?

The Raise Foundation runs a wonderful program called Bump and we need your help! Our Bump mentoring program is for young pregnant and parenting girls aged between 13 and 23, and it is a fun way for the girls to meet other young mums, as well as have some much needed “me” time. Bump includes fortnightly mentoring with an experienced mum as a mentor, and fortnightly workshops. Bump graduates receive a TAFE Certificate I in Access to Work and Training once they complete the program.

If this sounds like something you are interested in, we are looking for volunteers in Noble Park and would love to hear from you. For further information please email sarah.doyle@raise.org.au or phone us on 0426 972 473 or visit raise.org.au
Applications are now being taken for Year 7 2018

Forms are available at the School Office or online at www.killester.vic.edu.au

School Tours are available on each Monday till February 27th, 2017 from 9.00 a.m. to 2.30 p.m. Thereafter school tours will be available on the first Monday of each month in term time from 9.00 to 10.15 a.m.

Applications close on Friday 17th February, 2017

Enrol now for 2017

Car-Dee Dance Studio

Enrol now for 2017
Come and join Car-Dee Dance Studio, an established local dance school where everyone is made to feel welcome.
www.cardeedancestudio.com.au
Telephone: Carole 0409 429 889
Email: cardee1986@gmail.com

Keysborough Location - First lesson FREE

Respect - Collaborate - Resilience - Innovate Learning
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Chandler Park Primary School
Pride in Excellence

FIREWORKS LIGHT UP THE SKY
Saturday night at 9.20pm

2017 SUMMER COMMUNITY FESTIVAL
Friday, 17th - Sunday, 19th February
at BURDEN PARK, Cnr Springvale & Heatherton Roads, Springvale South

ENJOY A RANGE OF STAGE PERFORMANCES OVER THE 3 DAYS
Saturday night, MC JUNIOR PROJECT, the reunion
Music to suit all tastes!

Residents are asked to secure their pets during the fireworks to ensure they come to no harm!

FOOD FROM MANY DIFFERENT CULTURES

Amusements & Rides
FREE ENTRY
COMMUNITY STALLS

Friday features Vietnamese singers, Cambodian dancers, Party Rock (coverband)
Saturday includes Bollydazzlers, Cook Island Dancers, African Drummers and Hip Hop Crews bounce the stage

Fun packed Sunday of entertainment: see overleaf

SUNDAY, 19th February
FAMILY DAY

SPECIAL FAMILY SHOW!
Bethany Fisher: 2.00pm

STAGE PROGRAM
11.30am – 4.00pm

ANDREA MAR SINGING SCHOOL
Showing upcoming talent
Future stars?

FACE PAINTING

FOOD FROM MANY CULTURES
GENERAL STALLS
with many surprises!

CHILDREN’S RIDES

PAINT POT PEOPLE
Free painting for littlies!

FESTIVAL RAFFLE
4 fantastic prizes

STUDIO OF DANCE
Dance! Dance! Dance!

ATHOL ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIRS

COME ALONG AND SPEND A RELAXING DAY OF STAGE ENTERTAINMENT
Bring a chair, enjoy the FREE entertainment and multicultural food (or bring a picnic)!

RESPECT - COLLABORATE - RESILIENCE - INNOVATE LEARNING