



Mac News

Friday 1st February

DATES TO REMEMBER

Tuesday 5th February	Fundraising Meeting 9:10am All welcome
Thursday 7th February	School photos
Thursday 7th February	Canteen starts
Tuesday 12th February	School Council meeting 4pm
Wednesday 13th February	Book Club orders due
Friday 15th March	School Sports Day

BREAKFAST CLUB

Each Friday morning
in the Art Room
8.15am—8.45am



Dear Parents and School Community,

Welcome to 2019

Welcome to the 2019 School Year. I was so proud this week to walk through our new grade groups to see well-organised and welcoming learning environments with calm and focussed students working diligently and cooperatively. Complementing these exemplary classroom scenes were our dedicated staff: on the front foot, prepared and all geared up for the new year.

With the start of a new year, one of the major highlights is to welcome Prep students to, not only our great school, but also to the start of their school journeys. Yesterday we welcomed our 2019 Preps: Estela, Carrera, Charli, Minnie, Lilith, Leon, Ajan, Makayla, Noraleigh, Oscar, Abi, Jayke and Arlo. At our welcoming assembly I reiterated our school's ethos of having a collective responsibility for our new students as well as everyone in the school. It was also great this week to welcome students into other grade levels: Andes and Gabriella (grade 1), William (grade 3), Nishan and Kito (grade 4). In welcoming our new students we also extend warm salutations to their families.

I am pleased to welcome two new members of staff. Kim Willowwhite will be our Literacy Support teacher replacing Carolyn Rylie who is on leave. Georgia Harraway-Jones will be supporting our Writing and Spelling programs across the school and will also do some work to further enhance our student engagement and well-being programs.

School Photos

Next Thursday February 7 the 2019 school photos will be taken. Please ensure your children are looking their best for this important event. School photo envelopes are being sent home with every child today. Families wanting to have a sibling portrait taken are asked to collect an envelope from the office.

Have a relaxing weekend.

With kind regards,

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.

JSC News

Thank you for your great support last year. The Junior School Council is getting ready to get going and we need applicants from the Years 4, 5 and 6 students. The students were asked to consider becoming a JSC member at the end of last year and are now being asked to apply. Even before we have this year's JSC members in place, we are starting our first project. Quelch Fruit Stick Ice Blocks will be for sale after Assembly each week for \$1 (starting in Week 2). The money raised will be used to buy toiletry bags to donate to charities who support the homeless. We will also be asking the school community to donate items to go into the bags (more information will be coming about this). We look forward to another great year with the JSC leaders in our community.

Mrs Osman



Students of the week—Week 10 Term 4 2018

Upholding the school's Guiding Values - Jed Hazell, Ipsita Sen, Maddie Couzens, Patrick McCann.

Principals Award — Blake Heffernan



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

HOW TO APPLY

New applicants should contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

If you applied for the CSEF at your child's school in 2018, you do not need to complete an application form in 2019 unless there has been a change in your family circumstances.

You only need to complete an application form if any of the following changes have occurred:

- **new student enrolments;** your child has started or changed schools in 2019 or you did not apply in 2018.
- **changed family circumstances;** such as a change of custody, change of name, concession card number, or new siblings commencing at the school in 2019.

Check with the school office if you are unsure.

