TERM DATES 2012

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**Principal's Report**

Thank you to Anne Tammesild who has nominated for School Council. We have now filled the three parent positions.

Last Thursday night the Parents’ Association held their Annual General Meeting. Rachael Luke stood down as President. Rachael has done an outstanding job during her years as President of the Parents’ Association and I thank her for her generosity of spirit and hard work. Rachael has not left the school and will continue to contribute to the school in her role as a School Councillor. Thank you to all the other members of the executive of the Parents’ Association who did so much to make our school a better place to be. This year’s Parents’ Association will be led by Bronte Sutcliffe who worked so closely with Rachael. Bronte is a tireless worker for the school. We really appreciate her nominating for the position. Thank you to everyone else who took on positions on the executive.

Congratulations to the Year 6 students who were elected House Captains and Vice House Captains. It was pleasing to see that there were a number of students who were prepared to put themselves forward for the positions and make a speech. I congratulate them on being prepared to have a go. It is not an easy thing to do. The Captains and Vice Captains will be presented with their badges at assembly on Wednesday, March 7.

| Thomas Bennett | Flinders House Captain |
| Parker Stroh | Flinders Vice House Captain |
| Sonia Clements | Flinders House Captain |
| Maya Croome | Flinders Vice House Captain |
| Lucy Bowman | Cook House Captain |
| Jorja Mack | Cook Vice House Captain |
| Cameron Lewis | Cook House Captain |
| Sebastian Reek | Cook Vice House Captain |
| Molly Burke | Dampier House Captain |
| Natasha Fisher | Dampier Vice House Captain |
| Nicholas Phillips | Dampier House Captain |
| Declan Jeffrey | Dampier Vice House Captain |
| Lucy Callahan | Mitchell House Captain |
| Sally Walker | Mitchell Vice House Captain |
| Kai Weight | Mitchell House Captain |
| Jesse Tammesild | Mitchell Vice House Captain |

**LATE**

It is a Department requirement to ensure that we have a complete log of your child’s whereabouts throughout the school day. So if your child is late please ensure that you sign in at the office and collect a late pass before going to class.

**Tues**

Student Banking Day
Gear Shop 8.45 - 9.15am

**Wed**

Assembly 9 am

**Thurs**

Gear Shop 3.15 – 3.45pm
Rubbish Free Lunch

**Canteen**

Monday - Friday

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Curriculum Day

The first day of Term 2, Monday April 16 is the last of our pupil free Curriculum Days. The focus for the day is student engagement and wellbeing. We are fortunate to be able to engage Dr Daryl Greaves, an expert in Dyslexia and other learning difficulties to work with us in the morning.

Thank you to the parents from years 5 and 6 who contributed to the Working Bee on Sunday. They did a great job of pruning, weeding, sweeping and general tidying up. Fortunately there was no rain. It was the first Working Bee for the year and there was plenty to do.

Our community Bush Dance, sausage sizzle and picnic is on Friday, March 16. It is always a nice night so please put the date in your diary.

We will have a Walker Learning information session for the parents of students from Years 3 to 6, at 7pm, on Thursday March 22.

Reminder: CURRICULUM DAY START TERM 2
Margaret Hird, Principal.

Parents Association

Report for 2011

Thank you to all of the parents that attended the AGM last Tuesday night. It was a highly successful evening. Most office bearer role were filled, some by new parents which is terrific.

The new office bearers are:
- President – Bronte Sutcliffe
- Vice President – Rhonda Fitzgerald
- Class Rep Co-ordinator – Julie Wyss
- Secretary – Julie Hyde
- Share Program – Julie Beynon and Margret Fitzherbert
- Environment Committee – Heather Wardlaw, Rhonda Fitzgerald and Marit Von Zonneveld
- Mother and Father’s Day Stall – Lisa White and Fiona McCall
- Treasurer – Alex Brown

Activities in 2011 included

The BER Refurbishment of the school continued in Term 1 and once completed transformed our school into flexible learning spaces ready to meet the challenges that our students will face in the 21st century. We had a wonderful team of parents who volunteered their time and energy packing up and moving resources around the school. This was done with the minimum of disruption to the students program as possible and was greatly appreciated by the teaching staff.

The PA also provided the funds to kit out the Prep/Year 4 and Year 5 kitchens.

Unfortunately the annual Bush Dance had to be cancelled due to the lack of visibility of play areas and student safety.

Mothers and Fathers Day Stalls were again well organised by Marie Painter and Lisa White. They did an amazing job with very thoughtful gifts and was helped again by a lot of PA helpers.

The Teachers Thankyou Lunch was as popular as ever. Thankyou to the parents for the delicious contributions and assistance on the day especially Jo Britton, Julie Wyss and Bronte Sutcliffe. Catherine Lancaster always comes up with a great theme and this year transformed the staffroom into a glorious a cherry blossomed, oriental teahouse.

The PA also provided morning teas for the Prep parents and at the Special Persons Day which was most appreciated by visiting family members. It never ceases to amaze me how popular the homemade cakes generously baked by our parents are.

The PA Social this year was taken on by the Fundraising team with huge enthusiasm. Held at Sandy by the Bay with a black and white cocktail them, it was a hugely successful night. I was delighted to see so many parents from the PA helping out. It was a great example how harmoniously the 2 committees can work together in the future. I am looking forward to August 3rd already!

Of course I could not have achieved any of this with out the help of so many. I especially would like to thank these people for making my job much easier and the PA so successful.

Julie Wyss, Class Parent Coordinator for persisting in getting help from Class Parents and writing endless emails.

Jo Britton, Bev Schindler and Margaret Fitzherbert for Share Program.

Paul Zurlo, Treasurer for keeping things on the straight and narrow.

But most of all Bronte Sutcliffe (Vice Pres) for being there at all times for me day or night. In fact this year it has been more of a joint President role between the 2 of us! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with her. Her project management of the BER moves has been once again outstanding.

I lastly would like to thank Margaret Hird and Sheryl Skewes once again for their unfailing support and advice over the year, as well as Wendy Sheppard and Lou Thompson for making me feel welcome in the office at all times.

I am constantly asked at this time of year as to whether I am going to put my hand up again to be President of the PA. The last 5 years I have said “YES” but after much consideration, new work commitments and a son completing Year 12, I feel that my time has come to hand over the reigns to someone with fresh enthusiasm and energy. For 12 years I have loved every minute of my time being involved in this amazing school and community. I look back and remember 2 school concerts at Hamer Hall, Art Shows, Teachers Lunches, Bush Dances, Canteen & parking changes, building refurbishments, socials and feel a sense of pride. What I will remember most of all however will be the friendships, laughter and some tears.

Thank you,
Rachael Luke
PA President.
GRADE 2 PIZZA NIGHT

Bring the kids and let’s get together for a pizza night at Bay Crust in Hampton. The shop has a large area for the kids out the back.

Where: Bay Crust, 569 Hampton St, Hampton
When: Thursday 8 Mar from 5.30 pm
Cost: Cost is $10/adult and $5/kid for pizza. Soft drinks will be a $1/glass. Wine and beer available.

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Grade 2E

OVAL STATUS – 6 Mar 2012

Oval Condition

- Evergreen Turf have advised that our kikuyu is growing well.

Planned activity

- Evergreen Turf have provided a forward plan for the next few months which includes a light top dressing in wheel marked areas and another fertiliser application. We may also returf at the eastern end of the portables.

Oval Usage

- Activities on oval to be restricted. To be reviewed on a regular basis

PLAYGROUND STATUS – 6 Mar 2012

Playground issues

- There are a few play components in the big wooden playground that are supported by chain links. One of these has failed recently while other links are close to failure. Fixing these links may require the replacement of some supporting poles since some of these poles are badly split. This may not be an easy activity.

- The large wooden playground is ageing and will require significant maintenance over the next few years.

Planned activity

- The tyre drop in the big wooden playground will be removed shortly.

Scott Henson – Grounds Committee

WORKING BEE - YEAR 5 AND 6

Thank you to the following families who attended Sunday’s working bee: Paul & Tara Gowers, Dean & Georgia Berry, Anne & Andrew Cole, Richard & Jackson Law, Sally & Mark Walker, Alan McGuinness, Phil & Nathan Harbutt, Mike & Thomas Lennie, Chloe Evans, Kate Finemore, Pam Bernau, Beryl Tardrew, Sheryl Skewes, Margaret Hird, Ari & Ruby Athanas, Jean Morrell, the Armitage Family, the Robbins Family, Alison & Karina Horton, Biffy Walker, Andreas & Andrena Lambrou, Jane Evans, Duncan Graham and Martin Evans.

The list of jobs completed were:

- weed mulched garden below main office windows,
- rake up surplus leaves around grass area at front entrance and distribute our garden beds below camellias,
- weed, sweep and tidy in music garden/courtyard, rake up all leaf litter along Bamfield Street boundary,
- weed and tidy fenced garden area opposite entrance to the hall,
- sweep mats at entrance to portables,
- rake mulch off grass and path, back onto large playground, return timber at end of portable, to internal courtyard,
- put large tree off cuts onto nature strip in Francis Street, some near sandpit, for nature strip too.
- Rake, mulch on path near metal playground and return to below play equipment,
- General pick up of all small branches, due to strong wind, into dumpster (all playgrounds)
- General sweep below verandas, return lost property to internal courtyard,
- Sweep below trees in prep area and around sandpit
- General tidy up.

Once again, thanks to everyone for a great job!

Italian Assembly Performance

On Wednesday 7th March the students in Grade 2 will be performing an Italian song during the assembly.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION

The first meeting for 2012 will be held on Friday 9th March in the Staffroom at 9:05am.

Everyone is welcome! Including toddlers.

We would also love to see the Class Parent Reps.
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CALENDAR 2012

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ADVERTISING / COMMUNITY NEWS

Please send used postage stamps and corks to school. Stamps are donated to Vision Australia for fundraising. Corks are donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Association of Victoria who raise funds to purchase wheelchairs.

Commercial Partnerships

Your business can help our school – we have established partnerships with some great companies who will donate a proportion of sales to the school! We will be highlighting a business each week as they range from real estate sales through to craft supplies but details of all commercial partnerships can be found at any time on the school website!

Thank you for your support in helping our school to grow!

Please note

Items submitted for the newsletter must be emailed by Friday 4:00pm for inclusion in the following week. Items must be sent as an attachment in Word or Publisher 2003-2007 compatible or as a PDF. Items sent in files not compatible with DEECD applications cannot be included.

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