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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- November 26th** Grade 5/6 Swimming Program commences
- December 6th** Family Carols Night
- December 7th** Grade 2 Sleepover
- December 7th** Foundation Breakfast
- December 11th** Year 7 Transition Day
- December 12th** Grade 6 Big Day Out
- December 18th** Grade 6 Graduation
- December 21st** Last day term 2018

Principal's Column

My dad was a great role model as a reader—he always seemed to be reading something, whether it be the paper, the form guide or a book. And I caught the reading bug too.

When I was in about Grade 4 my parents gave me a set of simple encyclopedia. And I loved to read them! I learned a heap of useless facts which sometimes comes in handy at Trivia Nights etc. (but are of very little value anywhere else).

And even though I have a shocking memory, I can recall many useless facts. Things like Bloemfontaine is the capital of the Orange Free State in South Africa and decimal currency was introduced to Australia on the 14th February 1966. This sometimes gives me a degree of credibility among friends and colleagues—knowledge of facts can sometimes make people think you're smart. But as we tell kids there are many different kinds of smart. (Howard Gardner has taught us the theory of 'Multiple Intelligences')

I use the example of a friend of mine. He didn't do particularly well at school, dropped out at a young age and got into a fair bit of trouble growing up. But he is one of the smartest people I know. He can fix anything, build anything and I would give my right arm to be able to do some of things he can do. Funny thing ishe thinks *I'm* smart!

How dumb is that?

Uniform Award

This weeks
Uniform Wearers of the Week Award
goes to



COOPER SAYERS FH

Congratulations Cooper for setting such a terrific example to the rest of the school!



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BOOK CLUB

The last Book Club catalogue for the year has been distributed to students.

The catalogue is filled with awesome books for all ages and with Christmas just around the corner it is the perfect opportunity to purchase a gift or two.

If you are purchasing books for under the tree and would like them held for collection, this can be arranged.

Come and see me in the Library or email me to let me know –

watson.michelle.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

I will contact you via email when your order is ready for collection from the Library.

Orders need to be submitted
by **Monday 26th November.**

Thank you for your continued
support.



Attendance

Over the next few weeks we are having a big focus on our attendance data. Currently we have a huge number of unexplained absences on Compass. This means that when a student has been away, the parent has not explained the reason for them missing school.

Over the next week, we would like parents to log into compass and check to see if they have any 'Attendance Notes' to explain. After this period, we will be sending paper notes home and parents will be required to fill them in and send them back to school.

If you are having any issues accessing Compass, please contact the office.

Calling All Crafters

In preparation of the Family Carols night on Thursday 6 December, the craft club will be meeting 4 times prior, in order to make Christmas cards to sell at the carols night. Materials will be supplied. Everyone is welcome to attend these sessions which will be held in the library after school.

Sessions are: Tuesday 20 November
Thursday 29 November & Tuesday 4 December



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Grade 5/6 Camp

The Grade 5/6 students went to camp for five days at Phillip Island last week. The students made the most of each opportunity and made many new memories.

They participated in a huge range of fun activities, including the Penguin Parade, archery, a ropes course, giant swing, flying fox, mini golf and the drop slide at Amaze'n'Things

A big thank you to our parent volunteers who helped for the whole week – Andrew, Greg, Matthew and Hatice. Their help made such a big difference and we are so grateful for everything that they contributed.

From the 5/6 Team





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Students and Gastro

There have been a number of students falling sick with gastroenteritis recently. We would request that if your child is unwell, please keep them at home.

Unfortunately with tummy bugs like gastro, sending your child to school in the hope they will improve, is not the best option, as gastro spreads extremely fast.

Department of Health states: People who are ill with norovirus or suspected viral gastroenteritis should be excluded from child-care, school or work for a minimum of 48 hours after diarrhoea or vomiting stops.

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Interesting Happenings

We often see interesting things happening around the school, often for no reason at all. We felt pretty lucky to catch this little act..... Students arrived at Bryan's office and started serenading him. Little did they know Bryan had his own musical instrument, and it didn't take long for him to join in!



SUSTAINABILITY

Starting this week a group of Year 4 students will be going down to the Moonee Ponds Creek on a weekly basis to take part in the Frog Census. This is a citizen science project where the community contributes data to help scientists understand more about the habitat, range of populations of our frogs. As 5/6G found out earlier in the year, we have an endangered frog on our doorstep (the growling grass frog) and with any luck we will hear or spot one down at the creek over the next month.



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If you would like to get involved, download the Frog Census app, or you can try FrogIDWeek also (<https://www.frogid.net.au>). They both have apps for essentially the same purpose. Good luck!

If you really love frogs you may wish to have a look at this website also: <https://frogs.org.au/frogs/index.html>. You can navigate to the different types of frogs using maps etc. and can even hear recordings of their calls to help you identify your local frogs – good fun!



A little nature gum play

Open your child to the wonder and learning local nature provides, with a program for **two to five year-olds** (carer or parent must attend). Older children are also welcome. Merri Creek Management Committee's environmental educators will provide a setting and materials for your children to thrive in nature play. There will be nature items to feel, explore and make crafty creatures with. We will listen to frog calls and meet a local frog. We will play and listen to stories about the animals that live in the Yarra River and in the local Gum trees.



Next Nature Play event:
Friday 23 November 10-11am

Location: Hall Reserve, Clifton Hill (near the Rotunda), close to no. 30 the Esplanade where parking is available (mel ref 44 H1) Bookings essential by registering online www.mcmc.org.au. Any questions to JuliaCirillo@mcmc.org.au or 0413 080 385.



This event is proudly funded by the
City of Yarra



Frog Census App
Get involved in the Frog Census, a community frog monitoring program



This event is proudly supported by Melbourne Water

2018 Merri Edgars wetland Frog Census

Friday, November 23 at 7-9pm

Meeting point: Carpark, Coburg Basketball stadium, Outlook Rd, Coburg North

Join Merri Creek Management Committee Waterwatch Co-ordinator for a night of frog discovery. Learn to recognise different frog calls and help collect important citizen science data for the frog census including using the Melbourne Frog Census app. There will be a presentation and a walk along the Edgars Creek and Merri Edgars wetland looking for frogs.

This is a fun, free, family friendly event.

Bookings essential via our registration event www.mcmc.org.au

This event involves walking, at times in the rain, so please wear weather appropriate clothing for the event. (Frogs love rain so don't be put off by a rainy evening, this event will still go ahead.)





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Frog Census Enrichment

A group of ten students from our grade 4 cohort last week ventured to Moonee Ponds Creek to take part in the Frog Census. This is a citizen science project where scientists collate information shared by community members to find out about the habitats, range and populations of frogs. Our bunch were very keen and we were very lucky to hear and record the common froglet. We are hoping to come in contact with the endangered growling grass frog, and we know that the eastern banjo frog has also been recorded in the area. We will continue with this project for three more weeks and will update you. Meanwhile, if you want to learn more about our local frogs, check out this website: <http://frogs.org.au/frogs/index.html> You can see photos, check out local species and even hear the sounds they make.

A big thank you to Kirti Crute and Jenni Moffatt for accompanying us on our adventures!

Guerrilla Gardeners

Thank you to our mysterious guerrilla gardener/s for planting a few capsicum and tomato plants in some of our veggie gardens. They have discovered and will be cared for.

If you wonder why we plant particular things in particular gardens beds, it is because we are trying to institute a crop rotation system, which

theoretically encourages better growth (there is a science behind it!). We try to follow a basic cycle of root vegetables (carrots, potatoes etc.), then fruiting plants (tomatoes, cucumbers, melons etc.), followed by leaf crops (lettuce, silverbeet, spinach etc.) then legumes (peas, beans etc.) before returning to root vegetables. We also try to apply seasonal planting to maximise our crops. Our best results seem to come from putting in the compost we make here at school. The spinach and corn beds were recently treated with our compost and they are growing magnificently! We do not use any herbicides or pesticides here at school as we are keen to grow our food organically. Remember that we sell some of our produce each week on Friday afternoon, outside the Multi Purpose/Aftercare room. Some of our very responsible grade 5/6's, led by Sienna Giddings, help run the stall. Come and see what they have to offer. This week we are likely to have free range eggs, spinach, silverbeet, carrots, beetroot and chives.

Hoop Time

I have some fantastic news coming out of Mill Park with the Boy and Girls All-Star Hoop Timers making it all the way to the finals!

Unfortunately, our teams were matched against some very strong opposition and couldn't come away with the chocolates in the end. But I am so proud nonetheless.

Some highlights of the day:



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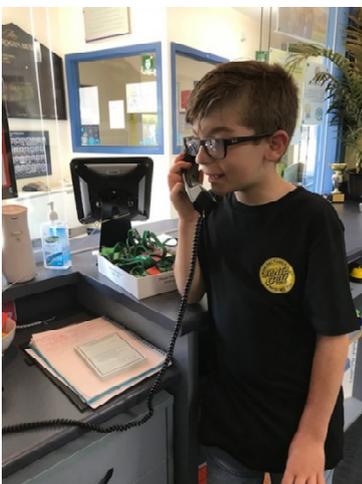
- Rylee saving the game in our first match up against Banyule with some incredible disciplined defence.
- Aimee who took the team under her wing and scoring a massive 10 consecutive points and leading a comeback from a deficit of 2-8 to ice game 2.

But the highlight of the day was Zane. Let's paint the picture: 2 points down, 4 seconds to go, game in his hands. He pulls up from the 3 point line and splashes a three to win the game as the buzzer sounds. Incredible stuff.

Overall, these students have demonstrated a huge performance and we should all be very proud of their achievements. I certainly know I am.

Liam Sutuwan

Principal for a Day



Family Carols Night!

Pack your family a picnic dinner and catch up with other families to celebrate the end of school.

The music will be playing (thanks DJ Jo!), the students will be singing, the sun will be shining (hopefully!) and Santa may just make an appearance!

When- Thursday 6th December (it's a school night so it's a shorter program this year)

See you there!





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Feel the snow fall in our spectacular Snowland

All new live Christmas Show

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WOW AWARDS

Class	Name	Awarded for
FH	Scarlett Pleban Kyle Reichardt	For showing amazing resilience and determination after injuring your wrist. Thank you for setting such a wonderful example for others in our class to follow For always being so kind to everyone in our classroom
FP	Liam Cachuela Keira Branagan	FPs WOW Award is for showing great resilience and determination in everything you do! Keep up the fantastic work! For taking on teacher feedback about your work, and working hard to improve it. Well done
1/2C	Gabrielle Brown Roman Gigliotti	For the great improvement in your work and showing resilience. Well done Gabby For showing great maturity in class, being respectful of other childrens learning and challenging yourself in lessons
1M	Santiago Acosta Clark	For blowing me away with your knowledge of quick number facts
1H		
2D	Nathaniel Pereira	For designing and creating an imaginative guitar in CBL. You showed great persistence and problem solving skills. Well done
2M	Madison Carpinteri & Rahni Basil Isla Roolker & Riley Bishop	For dealing with friendship issues in a mature and respectful way. I'm very proud of how far you have come For setting a fantastic example on the carpet and showing excellent active listening
3P	Tom Dinh	For showing that you are dedicated to improving your work and having fun in the classroom!
4A	Beren Uysal Aydin Gazi	For completing home reading each week



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4JW	Jacob Ali Sabrina Guler	For an excellent effort when writing a persuasive writing piece For being a helpful student and using your manners.
5/6LD	Tadanaishe Harawa Zac Lardner	For making excellent progress in Mathematics this year For displaying a positive attitude towards his learning, and persisting with challenging tasks
Japanese	Savannah Byrne 5/6L Zeynap Kurtoglou 3P	For always being a respectful, considerate and helpful class member. I appreciate all the assistance you have provided throughout the year. For always being an active participant in Japanese Class and extending your learning. Well done, keep it up

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