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From the Principal’s desk…..

Welcome
This week we have welcomed Michelle Carson to our staff team who’s going to be working as additional support in our 3/4 Learning Community. Welcome to EPS Michelle!

Cross Country
This Friday is our Cross Country carnival (weather permitting!) which is being held at South Colac Recreation Reserve between 11:30 and 1:30pm. All students will be involved with the Prep to Year 2s having a modified program. Student are encouraged to wear house colours for the day, but please ensure clothing and footwear are appropriate for the activities on the day.
Families are most welcome to come along and cheer on our kids on the day! Canteen will run as normal.

NAPLAN
The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy) testing period is on NEXT WEEK—Tuesday May 12th to Thursday May 14th. This involves all students in Years 3 and 5. Parent information was sent home this week. If you have any questions or concerns regarding this testing for your child, please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s classroom teacher.

Active After School/Sporting Schools
As you may be aware the Active After School Program ceased to exist on December 31st last year. It has now been replaced by Sporting Schools Australia. This program will run in a very similar format to Active After School. We were fortunate enough to secure ‘transitional funding’ for Term 2 this year before the program officially starts in Term 3 and as such are running Tennis on Mondays and Netball on Wednesdays this term. Both sessions will run from 3:45pm until 4:45pm with Tennis being conducted at the Indoor Sports Centre and netball here at school. Permission forms are available at the office with both programs commencing NEXT WEEK!

‘Bravehearts’ Incursion
Also next week our Prep to Year 2 students are lucky enough to have Bravehearts coming into our school to run a 40 minute presentation about personal safety. This program works towards encouraging children to speak to someone they trust when they feel unsafe or unsure. Information was sent home to parents last week.

Parking at drop off and pick up time
Just a reminder to all parents that parking or waiting in the oval double gate area on Slater Street is not permitted as this is an emergency exit/entry point, and collecting/dropping off children in this non-designated area poses a safety issue for other students.

Policies
Our Enrolment policy draft is now ready for school community feedback. A copy is available at the office, or on our website and app for your perusal. Any feedback on this policy is welcome prior to May 14th.

National Collection of Disability Data
All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year. The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621.

Angela Hall
Principal
Student Awards!

Prep S  Sascha H for displaying persistence when working on her independent tasks. Top effort Sascha.
P/1H  Jake D for using excellent ‘5L’s’ in the classroom.
1T  Richie G for having a ‘red hot go’ at his super challenge spelling words.
2G  Zali N for being a caring and compassionate team member who thinks of others before herself.
3/4R  Tyler M for using his class time wisely and for making an outstanding improvement in his reading and spelling.
3/4T  Brady H for always doing his personal best in all areas of the curriculum. Well done Brady!
5H  Danny H for high order listening skills, class participation and excellent manners.
6H  Lucas M for being a great role model for his peers on how to be honest with yourself as well as with others. Angus Z for having the courage to try things that were out of his ‘comfort zone’ whilst on Melbourne Camp.
Science  Chloe B for always having a positive attitude in Science and doing her personal best.
Art  Tamika F for displaying all our four core school values—Personal Best, Respect, Responsibility and Honesty.

Attendance Award — This week goes to 1T for excellent attendance in Week 3 of Term 2! Congratulations!

Principal’s Award

This weeks Principal’s Award goes to Max H-H.

Max has a very caring nature and excellent getting along skills. He is a valued member of our school community who treats everyone with care and respect. We look forward to seeing your smiling face each day at school Max! Well done!
Canteen
Friday 8th May, 2015

Morning Supervisor:
Renee Hall
9:00am: Amanda Mott, Sara Furney, Rebecca Graham

Afternoon Supervisor:
Hayley Dewar
12:30pm: Marlene Farnes, Donna O’Reilly

YEAR 5/6 CAMP PHOTO’S

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Any donation for our Mother’s Day stall must be at the office by Thursday morning (tomorrow), all baked items must be labelled with ingredients.
If you have a couple of spare hours to help with the Mother’s Day Stall on Friday morning please feel free to come along and help, we would be very grateful. The stall starts at 9.00am in the EPEE, as the saying goes ‘many hands make light work’.
Items on sale will be between 50cents and $4.00.
Please remember to bring along a shopping bag to put your shopping in.

Kerrin Irvine—President
President

“PITCH PERFECT 2”
OCR FM presents
A Mothers Day screening
May 10th at 1.30pm
Tickets $15 @ Colac Cinemas
Join OCR FM for afternoon tea
After screening

EPS Skoolbag App
In case you’re not already aware, EPS has an app that helps to keep our school community up to date with all the ‘goings on’ in our school.
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