Dear School Community,

The state-wide Transition Day here at school was terrific yesterday and it really was fantastic to see all of our future students arriving with big smiles on their faces! The transition process this year has been very beneficial for our new students and they all look very smart with their new uniforms and bags that were handed out yesterday.

Students of all ages spent time in their 2017 classrooms yesterday and although this is subject to change depending on enrolments between now and then, our plan for next year at this moment in time looks like this:

- **Foundation & Grade 1:** Mrs Wendy Sidebottom in the current F/1 classroom,
- **Grades 2 & 3:** Mrs Sarah Scott next to Mrs Sidebottom in the current 4/5/6 classroom, and
- **Grades 4, 5 & 6:** Mr Clark Pettigrew in the current 2/3 classroom.

We look forward to another successful year next year whereby we embed a new Social & Emotional Learning Skills (SELS) Program that is based on our newly formed School Community values; ‘We are Kind, We are Brave, We are Curious’. The school will also have a new STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) specialist, Robyn Woolley, who will work on Mondays in a new STEM Lab. STEM will be supported using a new class set of iPads and Lego ‘Mindstorm’ EV3 Robotics. There will be a focus on ‘Digital Technologies’ for Term 1 with grade-specific Coding and Problem-solving programs being used.

Our School Pride funding announcement was obviously met with much enthusiasm when it was made earlier in the year and it is fair to say that I am a little frustrated to report that no construction works will take place in 2016. What I can say however, is that tenders have now been put out to local building companies and we will hopefully have some ‘movement at the station’ early next year. Stay tuned for announcements regarding this in our first newsletter for 2017.

I know that our whole school community is looking forward to Fun Fields on Friday! It should be a fantastic day in Whittlesea for our teachers, students and their families and carers. Please be at school by 7:45am for an 8am departure and be sure to bring a towel, bathers, a change of underwear, a plastic bag, a broad-brimmed hat and a water bottle. Teachers will be carrying insect repellent, sunscreen and first aid kits and will be roaming the ‘Fields’. Attending parents and carers are expected to oversee their children on the day in small groups while teachers supervise all. We expect to be back by approximately 5pm.

Please ensure student booklists are in by tomorrow if you would like to place an order with Lovell’s Newsagents for student supplies in 2017. Welcome back to our six Grade 5/6 students who have been attending Somers Camp for the last ten days and are due back at school tomorrow. This should coincide with a visit from our Federal MP and former Congupna local Damian Drum tomorrow afternoon. I also look forward to Transition events for Grade 6 students next week including a Graduation Dinner on Monday night at the GV Hotel and a Cluster Transition Day next Wednesday.

Thanks for Reading, Adam Cleary - Principal.
Virtual Working Bee
Jobs List

- Clearing the Bus Shelter gutters out the front,
- Pruning the gardens including the sensory garden,
- Repairing the ‘dripper lines’ in our front gardens,
- Using the remaining mulch on our gardens,
- Sanding and oiling our many wooden picnic tables.

Congratulations to our School Banking savers!
**School Banking Term 4 Competition**

The Term 4 Banking Competition is still on!

To be in the draw all you need to do is: Make at least 3 deposits into your account.
The following students are currently in the draw:

* Maddelyn Fletcher, Alina Ismet, Darcy Jackson*
* Tayla Jackson, Emilia Roe*

The winner will be drawn at the last school assembly!!
Remember, School Banking day is every **Tuesday**.

Good Luck!!
TERM 4 CALENDAR 2016

December

8th Return 2017 booklists by today
9th Funfields Excursion!
12th Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
13th Big Write - Letter
14th Grade 6 Cluster Transition Day
15th School Concert
16th School Reports sent home
19th Last Day of Term 4 for Students
     (12:30 BBQ, 1.30 Assembly, 2.00 Dismissal)

Please return Booklists for 2017 to school by tomorrow

Thursday 8th December!

CURRENT SCHOOL COUNCIL MEMBERS

President – Geoff Jacobson, Secretary - Wendy Sidebottom (Teacher Representative) Members - Adam Cleary (Principal), Narkea Rogers, Damien Scott, Jarrod Osborne, Andrew Miles & Tracy Gauci (Parents & Friends Representative)

2017 SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES - NEW!

TERM 1
1. 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th February 2017
2. 6:30pm on Tuesday 14th March 2017

TERM 2
1. 6:30pm on Tuesday 2nd May 2017
2. 6:30pm on Tuesday 13th June 2017

TERM 3
1. 6:30pm on Tuesday 1st August 2017
2. 6:30pm on Tuesday 5th September 2017

TERM 4
1. 6:30pm on Tuesday 24th October 2017
2. 6:30pm on Tuesday 5th December 2017
Students of the Week
(02/12/16)

Grade F/1
Chelsea Osborne - Confidence Award
For showing great resilience by learning to overcome any problems. Well done.

Grade 2/3
Rylie Pryde - Persistence Award
For persistence with reading Gold Medal in Reading eggs.

Grade 4/5/6
Jack Scott - Resilience Award
For showing resilience with his numeracy!

Terrific Kid
Tayla Jackson
For trying really hard to do her best and improve her work.
Tallygaroopna & Congupna Community Christmas Break-up

Sat. 17th Dec. 2016
Tallygaroopna Recreation Reserve
From 6:30pm till late

All are invited to join in the festivities of this great event.
Plenty of entertainment for children.
This promises to be a great evening out for the whole family.

Fully catered with a BBQ Dinner and salads
Drinks at bar prices
(Strictly no BYO)

Visit From Santa!
Face Painting!
Show Bags!
Miniature Train Rides!
Jumping Castle!
Free Entry!
Plus Major Raffle!

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