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# WEEKLY NEWSLETTER # 37

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***Dear School Community,***

***Thank you to Wendy*** and the team for looking after our students and school in my absence last week. It is lovely to know we have such a great team that continues to operate so smoothly when we have staff away from time to time.

Our first ***2027 Foundation Transition Day took place on Tuesday***, and we welcomed ten of our eleven students and their families to school for a couple of hours. Mrs Sidey was able to spend some time with the group for the first time by themselves in the STEM Lab and we look forward to doing the same thing again in a fortnight on Tuesday 1st December. ***We have six younger siblings amongst this cohort of future students*** and their collective familiarity and comfort at school had a positive effect on the group. We have now sent off uniform items to be embroided with the names of our new students. *We look forward to delivering this to families at our Statewide Transition Day* later this Term.

Our ***Grade 3 and 4 Reedy Swamp Excursion*** also took place on Tuesday, and our students and staff had four hours of learning and fun in the bush. Students participated in learning activities delivered by RiverConnect, the Goulburn Murray Landcare Network, Parks Victoria, and Bohollow EnviroEd. These Environmental Science Days in significant local wetlands have been a highlight of many students years for over a decade now and our students returned to school buzzing about what they had learnt and the local Fauna they were able to handle including lizards and pythons. ***A big thank you to Emily Lange and Ruth Boyd from RiverConnect*** for making this possible.




As part of a recent school recruitment process, I would like to ***announce that we have a new Educational Support (ES) staff member*** as part of our push to have increased classroom support across all classrooms next year. ***Jazz Mackin will be joining us*** after completing a traineeship at St Mel's in 2026. Jazz has recently completed a Certificate III in Education Support with TAFE and aspires to become a teacher. We look forward to welcoming Jazz to our team and introducing her to the school community at some stage this year before she starts in 2027.

***Please continue to return our Funfields Family Fun Day Expression of Interest Forms.*** This will help us make sure we have enough room on the coach and tickets to get in. All tickets need to come through us as this is a ***'Primary School Only Day'*** and is not open to the public. Permission Notices have also been distributed today.

***Thanks for Reading,***
***Adam Cleary, Principal***





## Thought for the Week

"I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious."
**Albert Einstein**

## TERM 4 CALENDAR

### November

**28th** State Election Polling Station

### December

**1st** Foundation Transition Day # 2
**1st** AFL Player Visit (Essendon FC)
**2nd** Funfields Family Excursion
**8th** Statewide Transition Day
**10th** School Concert
**13th** Grade 6 Graduation
**17th** Last day of School
**18th** Pupil Free Day

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

**President**: Lauren Sibio
**Deputy**: Amy Ellis
**Secretary**: Wendy Sidebottom
**Treasurer**: Jill Richardson
**Members**: Adam Cleary, Brad Benton, Sam Prentice, Jaclyn McCarty, Jeremy Lee, Greg Joinbee.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING DATES TERM 4

*Monday 30th November 6:30pm*

## SCHOOL PARENTS & FRIENDS

**President**: Angie Grills
**Secretary/Treasurer**: Jill Richardson
**Members**: Amy Ellis, Lauren Sibio, Jess Benton, Bec Threlfall, Robyn Reynolds, Bernadette O'Toole, Lexi Wright, Georgina Prentice, Emily Krake, Jacinta Allen, Jayde Bannister, Melissa Hudson.

**School Payments - BSB: 063 527, Account: 10145385**



## *We are CURIOUS Awards*

**Ava Prentice** – for your enthusiastic attitude to learning and contributing to class discussions. Well Done Ava!

**Frankie Russell** - for always trying to expand your understanding. Particularly this week in maths, noting the difference of parallel lines with a rectangle and trapezium.

**Jack Corneille** - for approaching every learning opportunity with an open mind and a hunger to learn. Keep asking those great questions and sharing your knowledge! Well done Jack!

**Ashton Hudson** - for an inquisitive mind that never stops turning. Well done!

**Elijah Soliman** - for the wonderful natural curiosity that you show in all that you do, and your willingness and enthusiasm to learn new things! Well done!

## Superstar Awards

**Sasha Newham** - for being so creative and enthusiastic.

## Kiwanis TERRIFIC KID of the Week

**Isaac Pearce** - for continuously striving to expand your mathematical knowledge. You have done a wonderful job recently improving your problem-solving skills through Sudoku and spotting errors when skip counting by 7.

## STEM Award

**Riley Hudson** - for his insightful answers to describing chemical reactions.









# Reedy Swamp Excursion





## P & F CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

The P & F are again organising a Christmas raffle to be drawn at the school concert on the 10th December.

We are asking for families to kindly donate items to go into these hampers. They can be anything from non perishable foods and decorations to giftware suitable for all ages. If you have spare gift bags at home please feel free to donate those too!

If you are able to donate anything big or small, it would be greatly appreciated. All money raised helps to fund valuable educational equipment and experiences for the school.

## Reminder

**Please return Funfields notes and payment**

## NEW STAFF MEMBER FOR 2027



*Welcome Jazz Mackin*