Monday 1st February, 2016

Newsletter No. 1

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Welcome back to the new school year. A special welcome goes out to our Prep children and their families and any new students and their families. We are looking forward to working with you all. We would like to welcome the following staff members to our school:

Monique In der Maur – 1/2 Teacher. Monique will be team teaching with Penny Solomon
Jessica Sroczynski- 4th year pre-service teacher from Federation University working in 3/4 Lucky.
Patrick McGarth and Glenn Bone – Education Traineeships. Patrick and Glenn will be working each day at school. They will support students in the yard at recess and lunch times to ensure co-operative and successful play. They will also work across each Learning Hub.
Susan Northover - Administration Support. Susan will be working on Wednesdays and Fridays.
Please make them welcome and get to know them as they settle in.

MATHS AND SCIENCE SPECIALISTS
On the last week of Term 4, 2015 Commercial Road Primary School was advised of their success in receiving funding to have a Mathematics and Science Specialist working within the school.
Penny Solomon has been appointed as the Science Specialist and Cathy Hardy will continue in the role of Teaching and Learning Coach and add Mathematics Specialist to her current role.
Penny will work across the school each Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and in the 1/2 classroom on Thursdays and Fridays. Monique In der Maur will be working in the 1/2 classroom on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Monique comes to us with a wealth of teaching experience and will be a valuable addition to our staff.

PREP ATTENDANCE
Parents of Preps are reminded that Prep students do not attend school on Wednesdays during February, so they will not be required at school on Wednesday 3rd, 10th, 17th and 24th of February 2015. This helps with their transition to school and-eases them into full time attendance. During these Wednesdays off your child will need to attend an assessment session with their teacher. Please check with your teacher what time your interview has been scheduled for.

THREATENING CALL
On Friday morning Morwell Park Primary School received a threatening call. They immediately notified the Police and enacted their Emergency Management Plan. We now know that a number of schools in Australian and other countries received similar calls.
Like all schools, Commercial Road Primary School have an Emergency Management Plan in place for a variety of emergency situations and we practice these throughout the year.
The safety and welling being of our students is always our top priority and please be assured that we are ready and trained for such emergencies.
During emergency situations information will be communicated via our online reporting and communication system uEducateUs, so it is important you have downloaded the app to your smart phone. All new prep parents will be added to the system this week and provided with log on details. An information sheet about uEducateUs has been included with newsletter. If you have forgotten your log on details please see Julie in the office.

ICT AND INTERNET STUDENT AND PARENT AGREEMENT
On Thursday we will be sending home our ICT and Internet Policies. Included with these policies is a student and parent agreement form. Before any student can use the internet at school these forms will need to be signed by both a parent and the student and returned to school.

SCHOOL HATS
In Term 1, ALL STUDENTS must wear a wide brim hat while outside. Any students not wearing this type of hat will have to sit in the undercover areas during recess and lunch playtimes. Students are not permitted to wear caps as they do not protect their ears from the sun. If your child does not have a wide brim hat we have few available for purchase from the office for $14.00.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)
The Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is available again this year. This fund is available to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school and will be held in credit against your account to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities. The application form is available from the office and must be returned to the office ASAP.
BREAKFAST CLUB

Breakfast Club will resume again next Tuesday, 9th February from 8.00am. Come along for a fantastic breakfast, all for just 50 cents.

TERM 1 SWIMMING

Term 1 swimming will commence on Tuesday 9th February. Please make sure all money and forms are returned before this date or your child will be unable to attend until this is done.

Swimming is full for this term and if your child did not receive a permission form then they will be on the list to go next term.

VALUE= SUPPORT

PLAYGROUP

Playgroup will resume again this Thursday, 4th February in the Chapel from 1.30pm until 3.00pm. Please bring a piece of fruit to share. Hope to see you there.

SCARF MARKET TICKETS

At CRPS we engage in STOP THINK DO learning. This involves fortnightly STOP THINK DO sessions which are based on read alouds and which are matched with the fortnights scarf value.

For example the value for the next 3 weeks is Support. The book that will be read in the grades regarding Support will be:

- How full is your bucket!

As part of STOP THINK DO – students can earn tickets, either a single ticket or a golden ticket (this is any value given by the teacher)

Every grade has gone through a process of My Job, Your Job, Our Job and based on students doing their job they will be able to earn tickets.

These tickets are then able to be spent every Wednesday at scarf market. If parents are interested in knowing what students can spend these tickets on a catalogue of items are hanging up on the notice boards between the students toilets.

CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION FORMS

Confidential Information forms will be coming home with today’s Newsletter. The green form is for everyday access to information if we need to contact you in emergencies and the white form is the medical form that goes with your child when they attend excursions and school camps. THESE FORMS NEED TO BE FILLED IN AND RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 5TH FEBRUARY. Please make sure all information is filled in on the back and front of forms. It is really important that we receive your updated information by the above date. If your information changes at all during the term, please notify the office immediately. If your child suffers from Asthma and does not have a current up to date Asthma plan, one must be supplied to the office as soon as possible.
Shin Bu Kai Karate

Time: 6pm - 7:30 pm

Day: Monday

Place: Morwell Park Primary School Gym

All beginners welcome! New comers have first two sessions free. Primary age to adult.
Classes are also running at Newborough Town Hall Tuesdays and Thursdays. Same time.

Call Christian: 0402352286