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In Foundation, they are learning about the tens and teens numbers in Maths. In Literacy Rotations they are still focusing on using different reading strategies. In DIPL the letter of the week is ‘Aa’.

Finally in PE they are practising kicking using different balls.

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The Year 3/4 students are learning about subtraction this week in maths. Also in English they are doing literature circles. In inquiry they are ‘Digging for discovery’. In sport they are practicing their kicking skills. In Writing they are doing information reports. This week they have gone to the NGV to discuss philosophy and art due to it being Education Week.

The Year 5/6 students topic in Writing is about information reports. Meanwhile in maths they are learning about long division into decimals. Their Inquiry topic is about Space and planets. The sport they are learning is Touch Rugby.

In Visual Arts the 5/6s have been designing their own Brillo boxes and painting them. The Year 3/4 students have been finishing off their animal prints. The 1/2s have been doing pop art printing and Foundations have been learning how to mix colours.

In Library the 5/6s have been presenting plays in groups. The 3/4s have been defining terms from ‘One Small Island’. The 1/2 students have been continuing the Dewy Decimal system. The Foundations have been learning about the importance of trees in the community.

In Performing Arts the 5/6 students are doing space drama. Year 3/4 students are dramatic movement through cops and robbers. Year 1/2 students are doing Pinocchio related stories. Foundations have a pirate-inspired day. They are doing pirate songs and dances.

In Kitchen Garden the 3/4 students are learning about nightshades this week. They have used their intuition with their Gnocchi instead of a recipe. In the garden they have identified foes.

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**Principal’s Report**

**MATHS EVENING WITH MIKE YMER**

Last Thursday 21st July many parents and teachers listened to and interacted with Michael Ymer who is a specialist mathematics consultant from Melbourne. Over the last few years Michael has conducted Professional Development with our staff at SKiPPS. Parents were entertained and enlightened to many Maths activities and strategies that will help them understand the focus of mathematics in schools today and ways to help support their young mathematicians. Thank you Chantel Jose, Maths Leader for organising such a worthwhile evening.

**CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS**

‘A Hero’s Journey’ will be a visual and auditory spectacular held on Thursday 27th October from 5.00pm. Parents will have the opportunity to see all year levels perform in the Assembly Area and around the school grounds whilst enjoying something to eat and drink. Chantel and Stephen have been planning with staff to envisage what artwork, script, songs and performances will be presented on the night. Going by what Chantel and Stephen have planned and the scope that our students have to write the production, this will once again be an event that defines just how wonderfully talented our school is.

**2016 PARENT OPINION SURVEY**

Each year the school conducts an opinion survey of 15 per cent of the school community. Parents are randomly selected to participate and we use the information to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement. The survey is designed to take no more than 20 minutes to complete. Feedback and opinions play an important role in making our school the best it can possibly be. Responses are completely confidential. The survey is conducted anonymously and it is important to us that parents complete the survey as honestly as possible. Comments in the final, open-ended question will be scanned and provided back to the school. The returned, sealed envelope will not be opened by the school but will be sent to an independent organisation for collation and reporting. The results will be shared with parents via the School Council later in the year. All families who have returned their survey will go in a raffle. A family will be drawn out from a list of returned surveys on Friday 5th August. Completed surveys to our school by Friday, 29th July 2016.

**STAFFING FOR 2016**

Over the next few weeks I will be talking with our teachers to get an indication of the areas they would like to teach, time fraction and whether they are thinking about long term leave. Then I can begin to plan staffing for 2016. Consideration for those returning full time or part time, contract staff, expertise and provision of subjects will be worked through to provide the best educational program for students that match the expertise of our teachers and the programs we offer.

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**Inside:**
- Clean our Performing Arts Cupboards
- Tidy Art Store Room

I look forward to a great Trivia Evening on Saturday night. Thanks to SKiPPA for organising this fun event for our school.

*Jen McCrabb, Principal*
Ciao tutti,

Italian Day is on **Thursday the 4th of August**. Students will enjoy **pizza and gelato** and a range of fun activities associated with Italy.

Please bear in mind that the pizza and gelato is a snack only and children will also need their normal lunch. Italian Day is also a **dress up day**, so it would be great to see children coming to school dressed in Italian theme!

If any parents are available to help with serving gelato from 12.00 for an hour or so please let me know. Your help would be greatly appreciated!

Email: sliskovic.dearne.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

A presto! Dee, Italian Specialist
SKiPPS students were treated to some early **Book Week** fun last Friday the 22**nd** July. Meerkat Productions brought to life two of the CBCA (The Children’s Book Council of Australia) **shortlisted books for 2016**,'Mr Huff' and 'Run, Pip, Run', in musical productions that included original songs and puppetry. 'Mr Huff' explored the themes of anxiety and positive psychology whilst 'Run, Pip, Run' investigated resilience and determination.

**Book Week will run from August 22**nd**- August 26**th**. There will be more about special activities at a later date but don’t forget the **Book Week Parade on Thursday 25**th** August**, where students dress up as their favourite book character.

HELP!
We have lots of new and second-hand books being catalogued so come into the library and read then borrow a book or two!

HELP! Please email or come and see me if you are available to help out in the library. I will also be asking for some book covering help soon.

robbins.prudence.m@edumail.vic.gov.au

I will update the timetable shortly.

The **Premiers’ Reading Challenge** officially closes on the 9th September 2016, however students will need to finish by the 2**nd** September. Please make sure you keep reading and logging all your books.

Thank you,

*Prue Robbins, Library Specialist Teacher*
On Sunday 24th July students from the SKiPPS Choir and Orchestra took part in a performance at South Melbourne Town Hall alongside students from Middle Park Primary School and Port Melbourne Primary School. The concert was the first of what will hopefully become an annual event celebrating the fantastic music happening in schools around the bay area. The SKiPPS Choir and Orchestra performed ‘Waka Nini Yana’ - a song in the Yorta Yorta language originally performed during Reconciliation Week – as well as ‘When the Saints Go Marching In’ and ‘Advance Australia Fair’ alongside students from the other schools. A big thanks to all of the students who performed so well; the parents who came along and helped with equipment; and to Rosanne Hunt, who set up and conducted the Orchestra.

Stephen – Performing Arts

Celebration of the Arts

Celebration of the Arts this year will be held on Thursday 27th October 2016. The theme this year is ‘The Hero’s Journey’. Throughout this term in both Visual and Performing Arts students will be exploring ideas around heroes and the challenges they face. This work will link to other areas of the curriculum that will also be explored in their contact groups. As always we appreciate any support our parent community can offer. If you are interested in being involved please email Chantel and Stephen. jose.chantel.l@edumail.vic.gov.au and stanisic.stephen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au
SKiPPS Challenge Running Club

There has been a great turn out for the first two SKiPPS Challenge Running Club sessions. We now have over 30 students running, 10 parents and 1 Principal. Don’t fear if you missed out because every Tuesday from 8.00am till 8.30am we will be holding the running club on the oval.

Students will be able to work towards achieving the following certificates.

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Come down on Tuesday to collect a permission slip or grab one from the front office.

We also have an exciting opportunity to enter the Sandy Point Half Marathon. Read the information below and if you are interested log on to the solemotive website.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the next SKiPPS Challenge Running Club.

Matt Cook
1/2 Teacher & Physical Education Coordinator

Sandy Point Half Marathon 2016 (Event includes 3km Kids Run, 5km and 10km)

Sole Motive has invited SKiPPS to compete at the Sandy Point Half Marathon on Sunday 21st August 2016 at Green Point Reserve in Brighton. You can enter one of the shorter distance challenges— they have a timed 3km kids run available, 5km run/walk or 10km.

For further information or to register visit www.solemotive.com
Programma Orto e Cucina

With the cold weather (and soil) students have been learning some theory about what a kitchen garden needs to be healthy and for the plants to smile. We have been learning and experiencing what makes a happy compost (greens and browns!). Parents please leave the compost for school use. We need to manage it thoughtfully for it to work. In the next few weeks we will explore the garden in the context of what foods we grow that fuel our bodies – after all we may have future Olympians in our midst!

In the kitchen this week (and next) we are embracing Italy. Paul and Marco from Fitzrovia gave us a simple yet delicious recipe for Ricciarel-lì – a Tuscan biscuit – and we we also lucky enough to have been given bread from Baker D. Chirico to mop up our winter Minestrone. Thank you so much friendly neighbours!

We will have a winter harvest market stall on Italian Day, 4th August at assembly that will allow us to prepare the beds ready to sow our seedlings that have sprouted in the greenhouse so we can have some spring produce. You can see us in the photos planting our harvested seeds.

In the photos you will see Peggy Muntz. We say addio to this wonderful helper who moves with her family to Berlin next week. We loved having Peggy’s graceful presence and infinite knowledge help us in the first two terms. Thank you Peggy, we will miss you so very much and wish you well in this next exciting chapter of your life.

We will be at the market stall next Thursday and in the garden next Saturday at the working bee. Hope to see you there.

Buon appetito!
Nikki and Larissa
MINESTRONE

Recipe from Stephanie Alexander

From the garden: cabbage, carrots, bay leaf, spring onions

200g can Borlotti Beans
2 onions
3 cloves garlic
2 large carrots
2 sticks celery
¼ cup olive oil plus extra to serve and 1 tbsp butter
1 x 400g tin tomatoes
2 litres stock
1 bay leaf
4 cabbage leaves
150g green beans
2 zucchini
a couple of handfuls of pasta
salt
black pepper
160g parmesan
1. Drain the Borlotti beans in a colander.
2. Set out the chopping boards and knives.
3. Peel and dice the onions and place them in a medium sized bowl
4. Peel and finely chop the garlic and add to the onion
5. Peel and dice the carrots then place them in a different bowl
6. Slice the celery and add to the carrot
7. Put all the veggie scraps in the compost bucket
8. Heat the oil and butter in the stockpot over a medium-high heat and when the butter foams, tip in the onion and garlic
9. Stir with a wooden spoon for 2 minutes then add the carrot and celery and stir well
10. Add the drained beans, chopped tomatoes, stock and bay leaf, cover with the lid and bring to the boil
11. Reduce the heat and simmer for 30 mins
12. Meanwhile cut away the central stalks from the cabbage then shred the leaves and place in the previously used large bowl
13. Trim the ends of the green beans then chop the beans into 2 cm pieces and add to the cabbage
14. Cut the zucchini into 1cm dice and add to the cabbage
15. Place all other vegetable scraps into the compost bucket
16. Lift the lid of the stockpot and tip in the cabbage, beans and zucchini and pasta
17. Give the soup a good stir then replace the lid and cook for another 10 minutes
18. Taste the soup and add salt and pepper
19. Shave the parmesan (we have grated this already) and place in the small serving bowl
20. To serve ladle the soup into the serving bowls top each with a bit of parmesan and drizzle with olive oil
Ricciarelli (makes about 25)

Recipe from Paul Jewson, Fitzrovia

Ingredients

3 large eggs (120g)
2 drops almond essence
250g Caster sugar
300g Ground almonds
Fine zest of 1 orange
50g Icing Sugar plus extra for dusting
Little butter to prime the baking tray
**Method**

Separate the eggs and beat the whites till stiff.

Fold in all the ingredients to make a thick paste.

To shape the Ricciarelli, put some extra icing sugar on a board and drop heaped tablespoons of the dough onto the sugar and with sugared hands, form into a lozenge shape and press down slightly in the middle to flatten them.

Arrange them on baking trays leaving a little space between them and sift a generous amount of extra icing sugar thick enough that look completely white.

Bake at 170' for 15-20 mins or until the surface cracks. Cool on a cake rack.

And here is a youtube in Italian that describes how to make them (method slightly different from the one we’re going to cook!)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8quzs-sULz8
Youth Services presents

Strength Based Parenting

with Marie McLeod

40% of Australian children describe themselves as “being worried too much”. Fortunately parents can have a positive influence on their children’s stress levels. This workshop will introduce a framework for parents to identify and cultivate positive qualities and processes in their children.

Marie McLeod is the Director of Practical Positive Psychology and a mother of three children.

This session will support your ability to:

- Learn tested strategies to manage stress and anxiety
- Understand how the brain functions at various ages
- Identify and utilise strengths in yourselves and your children
- Harness the power of positive emotions
- Unlock the magic of mindsets for building self esteem

When: Wednesday 17 August, 2016
Time: Arrive at 6pm, session 6.30 - 8pm
Where: South Melbourne Town Hall, 208 - 220 Bank St, South Melbourne
Bookings: 9209 6250 or fyccparentinfosessions@portphillip.vic.gov.au