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Birthdays

Ruby B  5/ES  11/12
Timothy M  1/2B  12/12
Max K  1/2L  12/12
Dylann H  3/4K  12/12
Jett A  Foundation T  13/12
Aidan V  3/4K  15/12
Harry L  1/2L  17/12
Vaishali R  1/2L  17/12
Ziggy TW  1/2D  18/12
Sophie H  1/2M  18/12
Hamish B  Foundation T  19/12
Jasper G  3/4K  20/12
Tansy S  3/4K  20/12
Evie L  5/6J  20/12
Alina F  Foundation E  22/12
Xavia TS  Foundation T  22/12
Tristan C  3/4J  22/12
Tyron D  5/6J  22/12
Avanthi S  3/4C  27/12
Soraya B  3/4J  28/12
Liv Lewis  3/4L  28/12
Dakota R  3/4L  29/12
Dante H  3/4C  30/12
Findlay P  1/2L  31/12
Shylic A  5/6T  31/12
Aston D  Foundation T  03/01
Jessica J  5/6T  04/01
Marshall T  3/4C  06/01
Isabella LJ  1/2A  07/01
Ryder Z  3/4K  08/01
Erin Y  Foundation E  13/01
Jacob FF  Foundation E  13/01
Isaac QJ  1/2L  13/01
Justin TW  1/2M  14/01
Spenser K  1/2A  17/01
James G  1/2A  17/01
Erian G  1/2A  17/01
Charlie D  1/2M  17/01
Charli WR  5/6T  18/01
Katerina V  1/2A  20/01

Assembly Performances

Friday 4th December
Tristan C 34J played on the drums for us.
Maeev FE—played a Piano Solo
Eva McC & Sofia MM 1/2L & D Sang ‘Yellow Submarine’
Loli, Lauren, Ava T, Sophie T - Sang ‘Here Comes the Sun’
Maria 3/4J—played the Violin (with Mum on piano)
Zara W- 3/4L played a Piano Solo

Notes Home
03/12 Yr 3/4 Bounce Excursion
11/12 Semester 2—School Reports

Important Dates
14th December  Yr 3/4 Bounce Excursion
15th December  Yr 6 Graduation
St Kilda Town Hall from 5pm
18th December  End of Term 4—Early Finish 1:30pm
1st February  Term 1 Starts
22-26th February  Yr 5/6 Camp—Canberra
5th March  SKIPPS FETE 11am-6pm
Year Six Performances

Friday 11th December

- Esther E 56S & Chloe B 56S - to dance for us to the song ‘Hello’
- Max C 56T - played ‘Marlborough Street Rag’ on Piano
- Tom B 56T played ‘Stairway to Heaven’ on the guitar
- Milla M, Milla C, Zara T, Tilda L 56T - played guitar and sing ‘Stitches’
- Lucy G 56J, Sofia H 56J, Jemma C 56J, Tilda L 56T, Milla M 56T and Milla C 56S – danced for us a ‘Mash up’
- Sofia H 56J played ‘Happy Farmer Returning from Work’ on the piano
- Andy B 56J played ‘Cherubinos’ on the piano
- Joel R 56T played ‘Let it go’ on the guitar
- Nicholas K 56S – played ‘Ragtime on the typewriter’ on the piano
- Ella B 56J — Painted a mural for the Quadrangle outside the Art room. It looks fantastic!

Year Six ICT Leadership Team

Hi we are the ICT leadership Team. This year we have accomplished things from saving gorillas to participating in the sustainability festival, to launching the SKIPPS radio.

In Term 1 we used our leadership skills during our EcoCentre activities in which we learnt how to sustain the earth and also learnt about nature and animals. Towards the end of the term we started to build the frog bog.

In Term 2 we continued building the frog bog until our project was complete. Then the 5/6s took an excursion to Werribee Open Range Zoo where we came up with the idea to start a gorilla phone campaign. The idea of the campaign was to collect old phones or devices from around the school which use Coltain that is mined in the heart of the gorilla habitat. This was successful as our first activity of the year.

Term 3 was the term of the sustainability festival. We spent a lot of time planning our workshop and making sure we had everything we needed for the day. We taught students from schools in our region how to make sustainable automatic plant waterers.

The launch of the radio was this term, Term 4. It took a few weeks to fix the radio as it was broken but we eventually got it done. The launch was successful and we put a lot of hours into making it the best we could. We have already played two podcasts and have many more ready to play.

Joel R 56T, Freddie B 56S, Charlie C 56J, Abel H 56J and Lewis L 56T
The end of the 2015 school year is fast approaching. When I reflect on this year I am so inspired to see how our students have grown academically and in confidence. This week I was privileged to meet individually with each teacher and recap on student achievement, a continued focus on the outstanding programs run across the school and all the exciting events that make our school an outstanding environment to come to every day. We truly have passionate and professional staff that go to great lengths to ensure every child reaches their full potential.

For me this year has been a return to personal health which has renewed my zest for life. I have the best job in the world. It's busy, at times challenging, however the reward of students who are engaged in their learning and happy to come to school each day fills me with enthusiasm and pride. We belong to a very special school community that is exceptional, innovative and at the forefront in the pursuit of best practice in teaching and learning.

Next year four of our teachers are involved in the Maths Association of Victoria – ‘Schools Future Ready Program’. Chantel Jose, Katie Gilchrist, Joe Gardiner and Tom McKenzie have already attended sessions on a Sunday focussing on best practise by assessing our current practice, matching with research based models and seeing if there are opportunities to improve our Maths Curriculum delivery.

Our Leadership Team will participate in a yearlong Bastow course titled Creating a High Performance Learning Culture. Creating a High Performance Learning Culture focuses on explicitly improving the achievement of all students. The yearlong course provides a diverse range of opportunities for deep professional conversations about quality learning and teaching.

We will gain an understanding of how to develop and sustain the cultural conditions, structures and processes that support a high performance learning culture. Together we will learn to use school data as a basis to assess the impact of learning and teaching strategies on student achievement and examine the importance of emotional intelligence in building trust and creating a positive learning environment for both students and teachers. Each team member will also build their individual leadership strengths through reflection and personalised feedback to assist in growing the capacity of others.

This is aligned with our School’s Strategic Plan – Achievement Key Improvement Strategy of Improve learning outcomes in Mathematics (Number) and English (Writing) by:

- Building teacher and student capacity to effectively use assessment data to inform differentiated instruction.
- Building teacher knowledge to gain a deeper understanding of curriculum continuums and how teams of teachers can look at Maths (Number) and English (Writing) data sets to inform planning to ensure students are taught at ‘point of need’.
- Building teacher capacity to improve instructional practice through the implementation of the school’s pedagogical framework.

This is also aligned with our School's Strategic Plan – Engagement where we are striving for excellence, high expectations and self-efficacy of both our staff and students. The Implementation of a new School Strategic Plan provides us with a clear pathway ahead, focussing on predominantly on student achievement and wellbeing.

Increase student ownership of personalised learning and development of personal goals with the following suggested key improvement strategies:

- Building teacher capacity to develop and implement personalised learning programs.
- Building teacher capacity to provide challenge to extend students at all levels.
- Building intrinsic motivation in students to take ownership of their own learning outcomes.
In the last newsletter I announced our leaving staff and said we were in the process of employing new teachers for next year. I’m thrilled to announce the following teachers and have asked them to provide me with a brief introduction and photo.

My name is Catherine Sullivan and I am currently working at Elwood Primary School. I previously working at St Kilda park primary before going on extended family leave during which time I lived and worked in England. My interests include sustainability, art and literature and I enjoy incorporating these into my teaching practice. I am really looking forward to re-joining the SKIPPS team.

Luke Jones—Hello everyone at SKiPPS! I am excited and optimistic about the 2016 school year where I will be a year 3/4 teacher. I have really enjoyed teaching at SKiPPS this year in place of Taylor and Con and look forward to being part of the school community. I grew up in Essex, England and moved to the USA to play basketball at university. After graduating in 2010, I taught at a secondary school there for three years as a health and physical education teacher. I left this position to travel the world and ended up in Melbourne! This next chapter of my life couldn’t have come at a better time or a better school! I am very fortunate to have this opportunity and will bring much enthusiasm, energy and dedication to the school. See you next year!

Hayley Dicker - Hello! I’m very excited to be meeting everyone at SKiPPS. I studied to be a teacher at Monash University, Peninsula Campus and I have been teaching Year 5 at Mentone Park Primary School for the past 3 years. I live in St Kilda and on the weekends I love to go hiking and explore new places outdoors like forests and mountains. I also like to spend time relaxing in the park when the sun is out. See you in 2016!

Hi, my name is Sharayah Lansdown and I’m excited to be joining SKIPPS next year and becoming a member of the school community. I have been teaching in the Northern Territory for the past 2 years which has been an amazing and worthwhile experience. Before this, I lived and studied in Victoria. I enjoy teaching in Early Childhood and love watching the children develop and grow into independent learners. Building positive relationships with my students is really important to me and I’m so excited to meet my new class. I have high expectations of children’s abilities and believe it’s essential to create a challenging and supportive classroom, where learning experiences are memorable. In my spare time I enjoy keeping fit and healthy and spending time with friends and family. I hope you have a wonderful Christmas and I will see you in the New Year!
Hello St Kilda Park Primary School! My name is Stephanie Coles and I graduated from Monash University at the end of last year, where I studied Education, Linguistics and French. I have spent Term 3 and Term 4 of 2015 living and teaching in South East Arnhem Land at a remote community called Numbulwar. I am an avid skier and traveller, and I also love reading, knitting, learning about languages and relaxing at the beach in my spare time. I can’t wait to meet everybody at SKIPPS and I hope we will have lots of fun together next year.

Tom McKenzie—It is with great excitement that I am taking on the role as Year 5/6 classroom teacher for 2016. Over the past 5 years I have taught Year 5/6 students in the small country town of Cobden, situated near Warrnambool. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Cobden Primary and now looking forward to a new experience here at SKIPPS. I have a background in Graphic Design and I’m looking forward to incorporating these skills in the classroom. Outside of the classroom I enjoy playing a variety of sports, including football, cricket, indoor soccer and running. Other interests include photography, design, art, fishing and diving for crayfish. I can’t wait to meet everyone in 2016. Enjoy your holidays and stay safe!

Right now teachers are still really busy working with their students and this will continue right up until the last day. Virtually all the forward planning for 2016 is complete with supplies ordered, classes established and new staff selected to accommodate our leaving teachers. I'm sure our new staff will have a valuable impact on student learning across the school. Each with a new set of experience and knowledge to enrich our existing staff profile.

On the final day of transition students were given their classes and teachers for next year. We are in the final stages of employing one more Classroom Teacher and an Assistant Principal. There is a great deal of time and effort to ensure we have the perfect match for our school. I can attest that with our existing staff we have employed exceptional Teachers and Assistant Principals in the past, and I will ensure this continues to be the case.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS
This year is coming to an end and once again I reflect on the many achievements we have made. Foremost our school has provided an excellent education to each and every student. Our Leadership Team (Andrew Schneider, Taylor Irish, Chantel Jose and myself) have focussed on what is important through thorough research, analysis and rigorous discussion. Our teachers and educational support staff not only have a great passion for the children they are entrusted with, they show professionalism and pride in their work.
Our teachers are constantly researching best practice and reflecting on their own instruction so they continually improve. Their time spent planning is full of rich discussions round pedagogy and catering for the individual student. We truly have dedicated teams of teachers who have risen to the challenge of flexible learning spaces in such an engaging way. I’m excited to see this continue in 2016.

We have seen some positive changes and growth in the culture of St Kilda Park Primary School. Data indicates that we have progressed in many areas. Teachers now have much better understanding of how to use data to drive teaching and learning outcome improvements. The change in agreed mathematics teaching has already shown a significant improvement in our teachers’ ability and understanding and this is reflected in the increase in the number of students achieving 6 to 12 months above the expected level. Teachers have reflected a more confidence through a focussed approach. A variety of modern teaching approaches and resources, including ICT has been applied to increase student engagement, with a major focus on ensuring students achieve a level of success. Teachers are developing a high level of expertise around curriculum delivery and can clearly articulate the programs and policies of the school.

The local community is very supportive of the school. This is an area we are continuing to develop with more community members assisting in programs and to provide funding for resources and fund raising. We work in partnership with many local organisations. The school is reliant on grants to fund some programs and we hope to be successful Inclusive Schools Fund grant of $200,000. We have raised almost enough money, to not only resurface our basketball court in an acrylic surfacing, but to lay turf in the quadrangle and four square areas as well.

School Council and its Subcommittees have been very productive this year. Thanks to Mette Aitken-Petersen we have explored options to ensure the right decisions are focussed on all students to reach their full potential. Our School Councillors have ensured our school is rich in expertise and physical resources. Our school policies reflect the learning culture of the school and we are financially secure to provide one of the most excellent learning environments a government primary school can provide. St Kilda Park Primary School is seen as a ‘leader school’ that others aspire to. We have hosted a number of schools who come and look at our programs and facilities.

I must thank the dedicated work of our School Councillors and SKiPPA. All subcommittees have operated in such a way that has resulted in council’s work being easier and our processes completed on time. Special thanks go to our convenors of sub committees for their leadership:

- **Andrew Schneider** – Education and Policy
- **Jen McCrabb** – Buildings and Grounds
- **Arie Moses** – Finance
- **SKiPPA - Fundraising**
Principal’s Report cont.

Andrew has valued the rigorous discussions that have taken place at staff meetings and Education and Policy Sub-committee meetings. I know he values everyone’s input, even the robust conversations, that have made our policies relevant and not just a piece of paper to be ticked off every three years. Thanks to Meg McCutcheon, Andrew Schneider, Bonnie Leighton, Dee Sliskovic, Linda Sastradipradja, Anthony Richardson and Mette Aiken-Petersen for your reflections, expertise and support. I must also make a special mention to all our teachers who have put so much input into our curriculum policies this year. We continue to build on our ‘Instructional Practice Manual’ to assist our teachers to improve student outcomes across all areas of the curriculum. We have refined our Assessment Schedule which has definitely improved student academic achievement by teaching at ‘point of need’ and have celebrated success with purposeful Teacher Performance and Development Plans.

Thank you to Allison Shanahan, Tim Rahilly, Alan Donaldson, Nick Lewis, Rosy Hunt, David Saunders and Andrew Schneider for your involvement on our Buildings and Grounds Subcommitte. We have engaged Richard Bellemo Landscapes to draft up a Master Plan to enhance our outdoor play spaces and to lecturer Tim Wilson (Michael’s brother) for suggesting a possible partnership with apprentices at Melbourne Polytechnic (former NMIT). Exciting times ahead.

Once again, all the books have balance, expenditure is in check and future planning is allocated both in HR and financially to meet the needs of our students thanks to Jenny King and Nova Whitehead. Arie Moses, Mette Aitken-Petersen, Michael Wilson, Alan Donaldson and Andrew Schneider have contributed sound reasoning and rich conversations around school fee allocations, program budgets and support through the monitoring of expenditure throughout the whole school.

Our SKipPA parents, Cathy McMahon, Catherine Sharples, Kirstin Donaldson, Sally Thornton and Samantha Hutchinson have been so productive both with SKiPPA and Fundraising Subcommittee. I couldn’t imagine our school without them. They bring together our community in such a supportive and dynamic way.

With so many projects and programs on the go, we have relied heavily on our parent community to help in so many ways: parent helpers in the learning areas, on excursions, camps, through fundraising, working parties and working bees. This has seen our children having more individualised attention the classroom, a wonderful kitchen garden program, school representation Regional and State and National level in sport such as athletics, swimming, basketball, snowboarding, snow skiing and equestrian just to name a few.

Of course we wouldn’t be the fantastic school we are without the amazing children who attend. Our Year Six Leadership Teams have bought so many things to our school. Each Leadership Team was asked to achieve three major projects for the school community, to raise awareness about something that related to their team, provide students with an activity to participate in here at school, and connect with the local school community. They have given us such a sense of community and giving. I am extremely proud of their achievements and have enjoyed seeing them grow in confidence and maturity over the year. I hope you have enjoyed reading about their achievements recent newsletters.
MINI MARKET DAY achieved a donation of $440 to SKiPPA. Thank you Karen Meyers and Claudia Gomez for organising such a great community event.

**ESSENTIAL EDUCATION ITEMS/SCHOOL FEES WILL REMAIN THE SAME AS IN 2015.**

Therefore the fee in 2016 will be:
- $275 for 1 child
- $500 for 2 children ($50 discount)
- $700 for 3 or more children ($125 discount).

**ANNUAL EXCURSION FEE**

The Annual Excursion Fee will increase in 2016 to cover rising costs of Hired Coaches to transport Students to and from excursions.

Therefore the fee in 2016 will be:
- **Foundation**: Remains at $150 (without $40 for Gymnastics)
- **Year 1-2**: $190 (without $40 for Gymnastics)
- **Year 3-4**: $220 (without $40 for Gymnastics)
- **Year 5-6**: $220

**LEAVING STUDENTS**

Yashasya Akar
Lauri Makela
Aino Makela
Pippa Barnes
Kathryn Buckser
Coco Cutelli
Josh Hamilton
Giselle Knight
Rahul Kurani
Georgina Richards
Harrison Robinson
Tansy Sagar
Mia Stupar-Nadeson
Sasha Stupar-Nadeson
Lara Stupar-Nadeson
Ava Tanti
Ziggy Teh-White
Zara Wilson
Laura Woods

I hope our families have an enjoyable Christmas and safe holiday and return next year ready to take on the world.

We have a lot going on here over the holidays and really hope to achieve the following.
- When we return to school you will see new ramps around to the Italian Room and Cubby, from the staffroom into the quadrangle and into the OSHClub portable.
- Resurfacing of the basketball/netball court, four square area and quadrangle will take place mid-January.
- The OSHClub shed will be repaired and repainted as will the Mod 2 portables.
- All going well carpeting will also take place in the Mod 2 portables too.
- We are obtaining a quote to supply and installed six reverse cycle air conditioners for the BER building.
- Supply and installation of the blinds in the downstairs 3/4 Learning Area and in the Kitchen Dining Room will also take place.

Looking over next year's planner we already have a great deal pencilled in that's full of rigor and excitement. First term is already packed. It's a short term and we have our CAPSE program to get to know ourselves and others, Year 5/6 Camp to Canberra, our annual Jazz in the Park, Life Ed Van visit, school Athletics, second ever Fete, (which looks to be and even bigger event next year), Year 3 to 6 students trying out for Choir or Vice Ensemble, student assessments and Parent Teacher Interviews. I'm excited. I wish you a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

*Jennifer McCrabb, Principal*
I sat down last night to begin writing my final newsletter article for SKiPPS and had no idea where to start. Then my son Billy said to me “Where else do you start, Dad? At the beginning of course.” Wise words son.

Two years ago I was given the opportunity to work alongside Anne Grigg as the Assistant Principal of this great school. At the time, I didn’t realise the enormity of the opportunity I had been given. I had Anne, who was at the end of her ‘school leadership’ career to mentor, guide, handover and steer me through my first year as a substantive AP. I couldn’t have asked for a better induction to the school, the community and the SKiPPS culture. Thank you Anne.

At the end of 2014, it was time to get serious and step up as the full time AP. It took me a while to get used to working five days a week again and not playing with my son Lochie every chance we had (although it was probably harder for him.)

I came into the swing of the role pretty quickly though, made easier with such great support from Jenny, Nova, Rose and Wendy in the office. Their knowledge, patience and smiling faces made it easy to drive up Beach Road every day.

I have also had the opportunity to work with the most dedicated, passionate and hard working teachers and education staff I have ever seen. Because of this, your children are in excellent hands. I couldn’t tell you how many times I’ve said that to parents over the phone or in the car park. With student wellbeing such a high priority at SKiPPS, there is no surprise that the children SKiPP(S) to school every day (sorry Matt, couldn’t help myself!) Our teachers have the biggest influence on student learning and they are therefore the greatest and most important asset the school has.

Schools and its students simply cannot survive without the support and involvement of parents and carers. SKiPPS is special because of its parent community. A student’s education must be a three-way street (if that’s possible)...the school, the parents and the students all must work in unison with each other. Here at SKiPPS, this happens every day. I have made some strong connections with many parents at SKiPPS and I thank you for your willingness to get involved in the school or even just have a chat (in between four-square when I’m not King).

SKiPPS is also very special due to (of course) the students. If the students of Edithvale PS are half as inclusive and supportive of each other as the students of SKiPPS are, I’ll be very happy! As a teacher and parent myself, I would have absolutely no hesitation in sending my own kids to SKiPPS for these very qualities. This time two years ago I visited SKiPPS for an interview. I walked into a few classrooms and came across one student who said to me “G’day, you look like a businessman...” (I also had the suit jacket on). After a five-minute conversation with him, I knew this place was full of respectful, articulate and caring students and an environment any teacher would love to work.

As Acting Principal in term three this year, I got a taste of what it’s like to sit in the big chair. Although I loved every minute, my admiration and respect for Jen grew ten-fold. A Principal is also a police officer, detective, accountant, financial planner, builder, plumber, event manager, judge, counselor, lawyer and friend. Jen’s talents are limitless. Over the past two years, Jen has re-ignited my passion to work in Education. One day when I’m a Principal, my approach to school leadership will mirror hers. Thank you Jen.

As I write this last paragraph at school today, there is a sense of sadness as interviews for the new AP are conducted next door. However, when I think about why I’m writing this paragraph today and not last night (Milla, my three year old wanted me to dance to T-Swizzle with her), I realise that although I’m leaving a great school, the opportunities I’ll have to be more involved with my own children, will be worth it. I hope everyone has a safe and happy Christmas.

Andrew Schneider,
Assistant Principal
Hello bankers!
A new theme with new prizes awaiting to keep school banking alive and well next year. We need three NEW VOLUNTEERS. What's involved? One hour MAX per week, on a Tuesday morning from 9.00 - 10.00am. Grandparents, carers and parents are welcome. Put your hands up as soon as you can so we know if we can continue with the school banking. Happy holidays - Max, Larissa, Kate, Heidi & Suze

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**Year 6 Graduation Thanks**

The Year 6 Graduation is fast approaching (next Tuesday!) and we would like to acknowledge the following local businesses for their generous support.

**Baker D. Chirico**
149 Fitzroy St, St Kilda
bakerdchirico.com.au

**Finger Food People**
www.fingerfoodpeople.com.au

**Itali.co**
Italian Restaurant, 173 Barkly St, St Kilda
italico.com.au

**Pro Eye Video**
www.proeye.com.au

**Ulrike Perkins Photography**
www.ulrikeperkins.com

**Woolworths**
Fitzroy St, St Kilda

*We really appreciate their contribution towards what is shaping up to be a wonderful night for our Year 6 students and their families.*
2015
Year Six Roll Call

Shylie Ashtamkar        Kaitlyn Bagley
Chloe Barta            Freddie Batzias
Polina Bilera         Ruby Bond
Andy Bonitz        Thomas Bradshaw
Ella Bunn            Milla Cellier
Charlie Coady        Eugene Cotton
Max Crandall       Jemma Curran
Esther Ellwood      Amaya Filipovic
Lucy Green          Valentina Franciamore-Green
Abel Heeps          Tia Rose Hatzipanagiotis
Riley Hogan          Sofia Hurley
Nicholas Kearney     Sam Kilpikoski
Rocky Last          Lewis Lewis
Evie Lipkin          Tilda Lynch
Lauri Makela       Sid Mclellan
Rider Muir          Milla Muntz
Mynty Pavlou       Harrison Raynor
Joel Richter        Maya Simmonds
Airlie Sinclair     Jake Stennett
Zara Thallon        Oliver Taylor Boxall
Milo Thompson
Some important notices about SKIPPS basketball for 2016

Practice Times
It’s that time again…..we need to lock in practice times for the school courts for 2016.

If you are an existing team coach/manager or if you are starting a new team in 2016, you need to **email me your two preferences for practice times for next year**. Most people will probably want to retain their existing time slot, but a few people have already approached me about changing their times for next year.

As most of you know 2 teams usually share a morning or afternoon time slot, sharing use of the court and surrounding areas. Our only vacancies this year have been Friday afternoon and Saturday, but Wednesday and Thursday afternoon and Sunday spots will be available next year as these are currently filled by grade 6 teams.

Please email me your preferences by Friday 11 December on heepsie@hotmail.com

Uniforms
Uniform fees are also due for uniform use in 2016. As with last year, I will collect these fees in December to enable the purchase of any new uniforms required for the following year.

We will hold a **fee payment/uniform pickup/swap morning at school on Monday 14 December** from 8.15am before assembly. Could team managers please pay the full uniform fees for their team on that morning. As you are aware the fee is $20 per year per uniform.

Any current grade 6 who would like to keep their uniform will need to pay $30 to keep it. This can also be paid on the day, or their uniform returned.

I will have a large supply of uniforms with me on the day, so if you need new uniforms or need to swap to a larger size, you can do this on the morning.

If you are returning or swapping a uniform please make sure you return it clean, and ready to be handed on to the next wearer.

It is also timely to remind all team coaches/managers of the inclusive nature of our out of school hours basketball program, and our focus on team work, sportsmanship and health and fitness. The out of school hours sport policy is available on the school website and I encourage all parent’s to familiarise themselves with it.

Please email me on heepsie@hotmail.com or phone 0448866601 if you have any questions, regards Karyn Myers
Really Exciting news!!!
The Fete Volunteering Roster is ready to go!!

This year we are using Sign Up Genius which is much simpler than the system used for the last fete.

Now for some important stats – Last Year we required a total of 336 volunteering hours. We achieved only 293 of these.

After careful tweaking and a bit of number juggling – This year, even though the Fete runs for an extra hour, we only need a massive 348 volunteering hours!

We would really appreciate it if each and every parent or carer could volunteer a couple of hours over the course of the day.

Now, in order to help us make this happen, the first thing we need is your most up to date email address. If you are unsure as to whether we have this then please see the school office who will be able to assist and update this information for you, whilst you are there you may want to also provide a contact email for your partner or spouse if we don’t already have it.

For anyone else that wants to volunteer, be it a Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, Sibling, Work Colleague that’s coming along then please provide an email address to Julie Langhammer whose email will be in the newsletter (langhammer@mac.com)

The Roster will be emailed out in the coming weeks and as I’ve mentioned, it is really easy to use. If anyone has any questions or needs any assistance with any of this then please contact Julie.

Happy Volunteering!

Also a massive thank you to Playball Basketball who have come on board as a Silver Sponsor for the Fete and the SKiPPS Dad’s Camping Weekend who have generously sponsored the ride the Horse-O-Plane for the Fete.
An important message from Port Phillip Police
Active thieves in your area

Recently there has been a large increase in the number of burglaries in the Port Phillip area. The majority of the thefts have occurred in the early hours of the morning. Items targeted include bicycles, tools, laptops and anything else that appears to be of value. The most common method of entry is by unlocked doors and gates. In numerous cases entry was gained to garages or cages in residential communal car parks.

To deter thieves and to assist police there are several things that you can do:

- Close all windows and lock all doors before leaving the house and while you sleep
- Close and lock gates, garages and storage cages before leaving and while you sleep
- Secure any car keys, cars are also being stolen
- Do not store valuable items in storage cages and garages
- Get to know your neighbours and keep an eye on each other’s homes and garages. Observant neighbours can reduce loitering and theft by reporting suspicious people or vehicles to police

**If you ‘See Something, Say Something’**.

Please report any activity or person that arouses your suspicion and call for police attendance on ‘000’. For further information regarding prevention of crime contact the Prahran Police Proactive Unit on 9520 5200.

*Narelle Beer*

Inspector Narelle BEER
Port Phillip Local Area Commander
Ciao a tutti! Happy Glitter Friday everyone! Yesterday I came ‘home’ to SKiPPS, sneaking in to say “Buongiorno!” and “Buon Natale!” to my beautiful Munchkins and colleagues. It was SO lovely to see everyone again! I arrived during intervallo so I was greeted with many hugs and lots of laughter and love. It was beautiful! Lots of people were asking me what I’ve been up to so I thought I would write a short-piece for today’s newsletter.

Italy was and continues to be, AH-mazing! I arrived back home in January (via Bosnia for a nine-day trail ride through the snow!) and had three months to work on the many ideas that were tumbling about in my head. By the time I was due to jump back on the plane in April and return to what had become my second home country, I had set-up The Language Toolbox and had turned my dreams into reality :-) I spent just under two months in Italy working with many teachers and hundreds of students in many different schools, both primary and middle schools (junior high-schools). I moved from class to class, teaching the students about Australian Animals and teaching their teachers how they can easily incorporate CLIL* programs into their curriculum.

I returned home and spent five glorious months living and working in the high country, à la Horse Heaven. I’m now currently based in Gippsland and I travel and teach in many different schools as either a relief-teacher or working with my business. Either way, I always encourage students and teachers to ‘have a go’ at languages to see what they can discover together. I am an extremely passionate advocate for Languages Education and I truly believe that all children everywhere deserve to experience the magic that comes with learning an additional language. This is more than their educational right; this is their societal right as future leaders in our world.

2016 will be an exciting year! I have many big plans and intend to share this message regarding the value and importance of languages education with as many people as possible, all over the world! To find out more about my work and to keep updated on my travels, I would love for you to check-out my website and follow my social media pages for The Language Toolbox. Also, I still receive emails from previous students every now and then and I always love to hear what they’ve been up to so please keep in touch! For now, I wish you all a very safe Christmas and a joyous break with your loved ones. Sending much light and love to you all, Tilkabelle xxx

*CLIL: Content and Language Integrated Learning is a “…dual focussed educational approach in which an additional language is used for the learning and teaching of both content and language.”
HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Emotional Resilience Workshop for Kids

A three-session program run by a Clinical Psychologist to teach your child skills to help boost their emotional resilience.

What you can your child expect?

- Build understanding of emotions and strategies to regulate strong feelings
- Learn helpful thinking and problem-solving skills
- Explore ways to boost self-esteem and confidence
- Learn mindfulness skills to enhance inner calm and focus
- Meet new people and join in fun learning activities

WHEN
Each workshop runs for 2.5 hours, starting at 9:30am.
6-8 year olds: Wednesday Jan 13, 20 and 27
9-11 year olds: Thursday Jan 14, 21 and 28

WHERE
Psychology Melbourne, 165 Victoria Avenue, Albert Park

COST
$180 for three sessions including a take-home folder of activities

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PRE-SEASON SCHOOL HOLIDAY FOOTBALL CLINICS

LOCATIONS INCLUDE
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ALPHINGTON (11-13 JANUARY)
YARRAVILLE (11-13 JANUARY)

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Mini Aussie Open Dec/Jan
Holiday Tennis Clinics 2015/16

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or Weekly
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5 Weeks of Summer Holiday Tennis
• Week 1: Mon Dec 21st to Weds Dec 23rd
• Week 2: Wed Jan 6th to Fri Jan 8th
• Week 3: Mon Jan 11th to Fri Jan 15th
• Week 4: Mon Jan 18th to Fri Jan 22nd
• Week 5: Weds Jan 27th to Fri Jan 29th

Half Day Options Available Every Day for all Ages
• 9:00-11:00: Hot Shots Mini (4-5yrs)
• 9:00-12:00: Hot Shots Red (6yrs)
• 9:00-1:00: Hot Shots Orange (7-8yrs), Green (9-10yrs), and Yellow (11+yrs).

Full Day Option Available (Tennis + Soccer)
• 9:00-3:30pm (or Afternoon Only Booking - 1:30-3:30)

20% Discount When You Pay For a Full Week!

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*When Term 1/16 payment is made before

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SUMMER HOOPS 2016

BASKETBALL CAMP OVER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
AT ST KILDA PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL

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SPACES ARE LIMITED

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SUMMER HOOPS 2016

- Max 15 kids per group
- Mixed groups of boys & girls (8 to 12 years old)
- 2 hour sessions with emphasis on fundamentals & fun
- Morning or afternoon options (9am-11am or 12pm-2pm)

Group Session Schedule

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Prices

- Group Sessions (2 hours)
  - $25 per session
  - $250 unlimited summer pass
- Personal Coaching (per hour)
  - $60 one on one
  - $80 two on one

Location

St Kilda Park Primary School
68 Fitzroy St, St Kilda, 3182

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