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Jazz In The Park
16th February 2016
From 5:30pm at SKiPPS
Welcome back to school! I hope you managed some time away from work to spend it with your children. I have thoroughly enjoyed the holidays. I made many trips to and from Melbourne watching the school transform with every visit as well as trips to Warrnambool and Yarrawonga, enjoying the beach and Murray River. The new additions to our family, our puppy, Aggie and kittens, Bon and Doc, are now all 5 months old and are keeping us busy at home. They are very naughty and spoilt! Lucky they are cute and do funny things to keep us amused.

BUILDING WORKS
The school grounds are coming along well. The basketball court and four square area should be completed next week. This year we are working on a number of projects around the school to make them more accessible, safe and fun for students to interact with. Some of our Year Six students will tell you at next Friday’s assembly all the exciting things happening around our school.

GETTING STARTED
Our first three student free days were essentially to ensure all teachers and integration aides were well prepared for the year ahead and that they had the opportunity to get to know each other. We achieved this by setting a Master Cooking Challenge. Thanks to the great planning and preparation of Larissa and Niki in the Kitchen Garden, five teams went about creating a two course meal from the pantry and of course a harvest of our Summer fruit and vegetables. Larissa designed the challenge where the teams had to create their own dishes without the use of recipes or technologies. They had to create a frittata or fitters, salsa and a dessert. As judges we were pleasantly surprised that they had great cooking skills and the meals were all delicious. The Year 3/4 Team were outstanding winners, taking away an original Master Chef apron each. This was a fun, team building challenge that provided a lovely lunch for all concerned.

I’m so excited to be back to school with so much planned for this year. The Annual Implementation Plan gives us focus on what’s important and a clear direction of where we are all headed. To support this we have engaged Sue Perillo, a consultant who has been working with the DET regarding SMART goals and promoting a performance and development culture in schools. I have told her about all of our successes from 2015 student Maths results aligning with the teacher performance and development goals and how we would like to build, not only on the student outcomes goals, but aligning our teacher professional practice and knowledge goals with our AIP and our Roles and Responsibilities. Sue worked with us last Thursday in the creation and planning of these goals and will conduct another session in June in preparation to the Mid Cycle reviews.
**STAFFING**
As you are aware we have had quite a change in staffing. We continue to welcome three more people to our wonderful staff.

**Kerry Bates** has already brought expertise and a deep understanding of the Assistant Principal role to the school and has settled in effortlessly. **Kat O’Brien** has accepted the position of Office Manager and has quickly taken on this busy job with enthusiasm and positivity. **Larissa Lewis** has shown her skills last year assisting Peppi in the Kitchen and will such an asset to the Year 3/4 Team, integrating the Kitchen Garden Program throughout the curriculum, ensuring there are many ‘real life’ lessons to engage and extend every student.

Sadly, we are saying goodbye and best wishes to our Performing Arts Teacher, **Janene Potter** who has accepted a position working as a full time Project Coordinator for the Song Room. Janene has been a creative talent for our school for the past ten years and will be very hard to replace. Janene has been instrumental in our amazingly unique Celebration of the Arts events. We wish her all the best in this next chapter of her life.

**HOAX CALLS TO SCHOOLS**
I would like to reassure you in light of the recent hoax threatening phone calls to Victorian schools in the last few days. Our school has not received such a call but I wanted to inform you that, like all schools, we have an emergency management plan in place for situations like this, and we practise it throughout the year. Those schools which did receive a threatening call enacted their emergency management plans and they worked well. The safety and wellbeing of our students is always our top priority.

**Jennifer McCrabb,**
Principal

**ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**
Thank-you to everyone who has made me feel so welcome during my first week at St Kilda Park PS! Students and parents have greeted me with a smile, and so many of you have come up to introduce yourselves and to welcome me in person. What a wonderful school!

I thought you might like to know a little bit about me. I have come from Lyndhurst Primary School, a new school near Cranbourne of around 900 students. I was Assistant Principal there and was involved in the opening of the school in 2011. Prior to that I was Assistant Principal at Tyabb Primary School on the Mornington Peninsula. I have 4 children – all boys and all grown up! And all taller than me! I live locally and you will usually find me walking most of the way to school, rain, hail or shine. I will say I love running, but unfortunately I am not particularly good at it!

I am really excited to start at SKiPPS and to get to know the community here. I am looking forward to Jazz In The Park on 16th February, and the St Kilda Park PS Fete on 5th March – I am sure I will meet many more of you at these events! This semester I am at school on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays, so please drop in and say hello if you are up at school.

**Kerry Bates**
Assistant Principal
Welcome to 2016, the school year has begun and we are well underway organising the first event - Jazz in The Park. If you haven’t put your name on the roster yet please do – half an hour help from everyone makes a great event.

What is SKiPPA?
We are the St Kilda Park Parents Association. The committee is made up of parents/guardians interested in encouraging engagement in school community and assisting in fundraising. It is not exclusive anyone is welcome to join. YES to the Males of the community this also means you! It is often assumed the committee must have lots of free time or not have paid employment. Truth is we are all very busy with jobs and families – just like you! We find SKiPPA rewarding and are really keen to get a few more of you to join us.
If you want to find out more please contact us for an obligation free chat!! (: 

Class Reps for 2016
One of the great things about SKiPPS is the sense of community we have. Building and maintain this relies on all of our parents/guardians being adequately informed through effective communication and having opportunities to contribute to the school community and participate in school events.

To help do this we ask each year for parents/guardians to consider being a year level rep. The primary role of the Class Rep is to encourage and maintain a sense of class community through organising social (year level specific) gatherings and facilitating communication for the families in the year level. Class Reps are asked to organise low key accessible and affordable social gatherings that are year level specific with the idea being to get everyone along to at least once. It does not take much time and can easily be done via email so perfect opportunity if you are unable to physically get to the school much.

Contact lists
Respecting privacy is paramount when managing the contact lists. Families formally agree to be on the contact list through completing a contact form at the School office. If you are not receiving SKiPPA emails then please give your details to the office.

SKiPPA manage whole of school contact lists and communication however All parents receive a class specific contact list and so may use them to organise things like birthday parties and playdates. The class lists should not be distributed beyond the class.

Class contact lists are to be used for the purpose of organising social events and school community/fundraising events. Confidentiality of teachers, students and parents is maintained at all times. Contact lists must not be used for advertising business/products/religion/politics or to air any grievances about the school.
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This is mainly because we need a HUGE Cake Stall at the Fete (Sat March 5th). This is a significant fundraiser where we really need all your effort in making kids treats as well as beautiful biscuits, cakes and slices that will appeal to parents and the community in general. This cake stall sells to the general public as well a school community.

General guidelines for Cake Stalls
a. SKiPPA cake stalls are quite amazing affairs. People contribute extremely generously by baking large or small cakes, slices, biscuits, of all shapes and sizes or by purchasing an item to be bagged up. (If baking is not your thing don’t worry as there are always opportunities to contribute to other events during the year!)
b. The trick is to avoid making things that are too complicated as they can be tricky to sell and/or eat and avoiding items that require refrigeration e.g. cream filled cupcakes are a no-no.
c. Anyone who is able to cook for dietary needs is particularly invited to do so but must be very sure that if they say an item is for instance dairy free, then it actually is completely dairy free.
d. All items must have a tag attached listing the ingredients, date baked and full name of the baker.
e. Delivering your items to the requested room at morning drop off on the day of the cake stall is preferable as then we can price them and place smaller items into individual bags if need be.
f. At times, we will provide plates, bags and labels but usually it is best to deliver items in a covered container clearly labelled with your full name as they will be returned to the staff room for you to collect after the cake stall. Alternatively you could use a disposable plate covered with gladwrap or foil, again clearly labelled.
g. On cake stall days remember to give your children some money if you would like them to purchase items from the cake stall. Prices range from $1.00 items up to $4.00 for most small items and then larger cakes may be sold whole or sliced.

Reminders will come from email and Konnective as the dates approach. If you are able to help sort and bag cakes for Jazz please email SKiPPA directly. Thank you to all those able to help and we promise, no more cake stalls this term!

Sushi
We have decided not to do Sushi in first term. This is because it to get sushi set up takes 2 weeks to process, there is a curriculum day, 5/6 camp and Easter which leaves us with a lack of available Fridays. We will definitely start it in 2nd term and the company have set up on line ordering so more on that later.

If you have queries, think you are interested in being on SKiPPA or being a class rep please send an email to stkildaparkparents@gmail.com

Sally Thornton (Lulu 3/4, Iris F); Samantha Hutchinson (Saskia 3/4, Lila F); Catherine Sharples (Maceo 3/4) Kirstin Donaldson (Ella 5/6, Charlie 3/4; Poppy and Ruby ½); Cath McMahon (Sofia 3/4)
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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
• $125 for primary school students
• $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Hi everyone,

The Year 1/2 children are holding a 'Lucky Jar' stall at the Fete and we need everyone from the school to bring in a jar with some items. For the 'Lucky Jar' we are asking if children could please fill an empty plastic or glass jar from home with an assortment of 'treasures' and return it to the fete storage area next to the Italian Room by Wednesday 17th February.

You can fill as many jars as you like – the more the better!

We want to make this as easy as possible for everyone and get the children involved too. The jars can be filled with a variety of things you probably already have at home, or small toys the kids want to donate. This should not be an expensive exercise!

Some ideas for filling the jars include:

| coloured pencils, crayons, small activity pad, pens | pencil sharpener, rubber bands, paper clips, stamps |
| marbles, matchbox cars, Trashies, bouncy balls | footy cards, stickers, Lego |
| beads with string or wire to make jewellery, badges, plastic jewellery | bath bombs, bath crystals, soap, hand cream, lip gloss |
| hair-ribbons, scrunchies, clips, comb, brush | small candles, potpourri |
| pompoms, glitter, confetti | perfume, bath salts, bubble bath |

Please no food or lollies and if you have any queries please contact- Mel Bey (Ziya 1/2M)
melindamelou@gmail.com, and/or Ulrike Perkins: contact@ulrikeperkins.com (Amelie 5/6T & Isabel 1/2)

PURCHASE YOUR TICKET TO RIDE

BUY YOUR TICKET ON-LINE $30.00 FOR UNLIMITED RIDES AND $35.00 ON THE DAY, $5.00 SINGLE RIDES, www.skippsfete.com, we are closing the on-line booking system at midnight Saturday, 27 February as we want to give to the parents who have bought their tickets the wristbands in an envelope on Thursday 3rd March, we will give these out in the quadrangle.

NO MONIES ARE REFUNDABLE DUE TO WEATHER, CHANGE OF MIND AND THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENTS IF TICKETS ARE LOST.
SKiPPS Fete Op Shop – Books, Toys, Household items (non-electrical)

Hi parents / friends and carers.

We are requesting donations for our SKiPPS Fete Op Shop, children book’s, household items (non-electrical) and pre loved toys (no fluffy toys). So if you could please have a look around your home and maybe get the kids to identify toys and books that they would like to donate for the Fete that would be fantastic. Or have a clean out of your kitchen and anything you no longer want or don’t need please, donate to our fete. If you could please drop off your items to the cubby room (Portable’s, room next to the Italian Room) in the left hand side. Any questions regarding the SKiPPS Fete Op Shop, please email: catherine_sharples@bigpond.com

PHOTO COMPETITION - We are pleased to announce that we are having the SKiPPS Fete Photo Competition again.

You may submit up to three photos that you have taken at the St Kilda Park Primary School Fete 2016, Saturday, 5 March 2016. Colour or black and white accepted. Each entrant is limited to 3 entries – your photo must be your own photograph to which you own all legal rights.

All entries agree to provide the St Kilda Park Primary School Committee with an electronic copy for possible promotional use as an attachment in the email to us. Please ensure your name, phone details and if you are Over or Under 18 years are in the subject of the email when entering your photos: Sammy Smith, 0444 888 888, Under 18. Prizes will be advised at a later date.

Judges decision is final and no feedback will be given. Entries close Monday, 7 March 2016. Our judges are Michael Blamey, Professional Photographer from St Kilda Today and Deborah Carruthers, Past SKiPPS Parent and School Council.

We are having two competitions:

Over 18’s Photo who will be judged by Michael Blamey and Under 18’s Photo who will be judged by Deborah Carruthers

By sending your photographs by email to skippsfete@gmail.com you have read the above guidelines and agree to the terms of the entry.
BABYSITTER AVAILABLE
My name is Clementine, I have arrived to Melbourne from France and I'm looking for some babysitting work. I am available on Monday and Friday all day (drop off, pick up, evenings) and Sunday. Also some other days during the week, depending on my shifts as I have just started another job. My mobile number is 0490 301 734. I was Jenni Roper’s nanny a couple of years ago who is the Mother of Will (Year 5/6T) and Darcy (1/2M) Ludlow, Jenni is my reference. Thank you, hope you are all doing fine, see you soon! Clementine

VIOLIN LESSONS
New students welcome for Term 1 Violin Lessons with Marjorie Michael.

Please contact on 0405 171 112

Individual and shared lessons available.
Tennis Whizz

Join the adventure! Tennis Whizz is an exciting tennis program for pre-school children (and their parents!).

Tennis Whizz develops FUNdamental motor skills as well as literacy, numeracy, healthy behaviour and social development through a unique story telling approach.

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Tennis Whizz inspires young children through play and imagination to love activity and love the games of tennis

Program Details

- Ages: 3-5yrs
- Cost: $205 per a term of 10 sessions
- Lesson Duration: 45 minutes
- Session Times:
  - Weds – Fri 9:30-10:15am
  - Tues – Fri 10:15-11:00am
  - Weds & Fri 11:00-11:45am
  - Sat 8:45-9:30am

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12pm until late

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Food stalls and bar
All day music and entertainment
Pop-up market stalls

Middle Park Primary School, Corner of Mills & Richardson Streets, Middle Park
Dear Principal

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO PASS ONTO PARENTS

Please find below some important information regarding Victoria’s student and concession travel ticketing arrangements for 2016, which will be of interest to your school community. We encourage you to make this information available by inclusion in your school newsletter or intranet page.

Proof of concession entitlement

All students aged 17 years and over, or those requiring a half yearly or yearly Student Pass (regardless of age), are required to obtain a 2016 Victorian Public Transport (VPT) Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement. Application details and a copy of this year’s form are contained within this letter. It is important to note that school issued student identification cards are not accepted as entitlement to concession travel on public transport.

2016 Victorian Student Pass

The Victorian Student Pass provides travel for students on all metropolitan trains, trams and buses, all regional bus services and all V/Line train and coach services operating wholly within Victoria. The Victorian Student Pass is issued on a myki.

2016 Regional Transit Student Passes

Regional Transit Student Passes provide travel for students on buses in the Geelong, Ballarat and Bendigo Transit Systems and limited V/Line rail services in these transit areas. The Regional Transit Student Pass is issued on a concession myki. Regional Transit Student Passes for Southwest Transit, Colac Transit and Portland Transit will continue to be issued as paper passes.

How to apply for a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card and/or a Student Pass

The 2016 VPT Student Concession Card & Student Pass Application Form (enclosed) can be obtained from:

- metropolitan premium train stations
- PTV Hubs (Southern Cross Station, Docklands, Geelong & Bendigo)
- V/Line staffed stations and ticket agents
- PTV Call Centre by calling 1800 800 007
- online at ptv.vic.gov.au.
• Students wishing to purchase a Half Yearly ($285.50) or Yearly ($548.80) Victorian Student Pass will be required to obtain a 2016 VPT Student Concession Card, regardless of age, as proof of their concession entitlement. The standard $9 fee applies. Students can have their 2016 Yearly or Half Yearly Victorian Student Pass loaded to their existing myki card at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled V/Line staffed station or from a PTV Hub (located at Docklands, Geelong or Bendigo). If the student does not already have a myki, the Student Pass will be loaded onto a new myki. This myki will be issued on the spot with the myki card fee waived.

• Students 16 years and under, who do not wish to purchase a Student Pass are not required to obtain a VPT Student Concession Card but can still get a child myki for concession travel by visiting a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, a myki retailer, visiting ptv.vic.gov.au, or calling 1800 800 007. A $3 card fee applies.

• Students 17 years and over, who require a VPT Student Concession Card as proof of their concession entitlement can obtain a VPT Student Concession Card and apply for a free concession myki (if required) at the same time. Students will need to complete the enclosed form and lodge it at a metropolitan premium train station, a myki-enabled staffed V/Line station, the PTV Hub at Southern Cross Station or the PTV Hub at 750 Collins St, Docklands. They will then be issued with their 2016 VPT Student Concession Card ($9 fee applies) and a free concession myki (if required). Those students who already have a concession myki can continue to use it and only need to renew their concession entitlement by completing the 2016 VPT Student Concession Card form.

Registration

Registration is optional for students that hold a student pass. It is, however, strongly recommended that students register their myki online at ptv.vic.gov.au or by calling 1800 500 007. Benefits of registering a myki include:

• The balance on the myki is protected if it is reported lost or stolen
• Option to manage myki with an online account
• Option of auto top up for ‘set and forget’ convenience

If a myki is not registered, there is no way for a student to recover the value held on the card in the event it is lost or stolen.

Further information specific to student travel arrangements under myki can be obtained by visiting ptv.vic.gov.au and going to the student area under the Tickets > Concessions > Students on the website. For information about non-myki Regional Transit Student Passes, visit http://ptv.vic.gov.au/tickets/regional-fares under the section ‘Student concessions’.

I would be grateful if you could share this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely

Alan Fedda
Director, Customer Experience
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Topics include:
- The ten most powerful ways to build resilience,
- Reducing stress,
- Creating happiness,
- Building self-esteem and dealing with set backs.

When: Tuesday 1st March 2016
Time: Arrive at 6.30pm, session 7 - 8.30pm
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Bookings: Call Elwood College on 9531 9566 or email elwood.co@edumail.vic.gov.au
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