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Upcoming Events

October 13

Student Free Day – School Closed

October 14

Student Free Day – School Closed

October 23

School Photos

October 30

Excursion to Melbourne Zoo

Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a restful holiday! Welcome back to Term 4, we look forward to making new discoveries, creating some amazing things, learning about our environment and working together to achieve our personal best.

Term 4 – No Hat = No Play

Important – Please note...

Whole school Curriculum Days next Monday and Tuesday (13 & 14 October).

Local Leader Grant – VOTE – see page 2

Whole School EXCURSION to Melbourne Zoo –

Thursday 30th October – see attached permission form.

Return your forms by Monday 20/10/14

Head Lice

Please be vigilant in checking your children's hair. If your child has shoulder length hair, it MUST be tied back.

Our Teaching Team

Teaching Principal – Cornelia Sheeran

Classroom Teacher – Ashleigh Franklin

Arts Teacher – Marina Heading

Sport Teacher – Colleen Bourke

Education Support – Jay McKelvey

Drama Teacher – Sci Westwood

Quicksmart Teacher – Yo Heading

Eggs for SALE - \$3.00 a Dozen

We are selling delicious free range eggs for sale at school.

Please BYO egg carton and give money to Ashleigh.

Local Leader Grant – Breakfast Club – PLEASE VOTE!



We have entered a competition in the Local Leader Newspaper to win a \$1000 grant to run a breakfast club at school. Please go online to www.leaderlocal.grants.com.au to register to vote!!

Email everyone, use Facebook, raise awareness and get more votes!!!

National Rhododendron Gardens Excursion



What a wonderful immersion activity for our unit on "Where The Wild Things Are"!!

Curriculum Capers

Junior Literacy

We are excited to be back for a new term! Students are looking at the features of non-fiction texts. We are also working on chunking words into syllables and using sound boxes to help each child recognise the sounds they need for spelling and in decoding for reading. We will continue using CAFÉ reading and writing to reinforce strategies for literacy learning.

Senior Literacy

New term, new goals! Students are preparing new learning goals for their Student Conferences which will be coming up soon. We will be working on Information texts – finding out, sorting out and presenting information for an audience. We will be focusing on the structure of non-fiction texts, and using fun strategies such as news broadcasts and advertisements to present our findings. Students continue to focus strongly on Comprehension, Accuracy, Fluency and Expanding vocabulary.

Maths

Both classes are having testing in this first week to determine new maths groups for the term. They are then moving on to a Number unit looking at operations and finding new strategies.

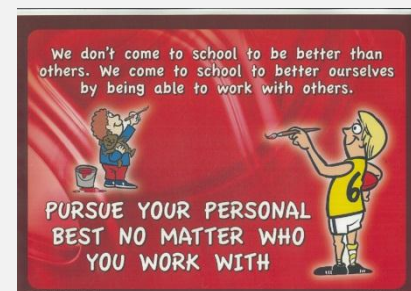
Visual & Performing Arts

We are combining music and art this term to focus our attention on the seven seasons of the Kulin people of Mount Dandenong, the original owners of our area. We will explore song and art through individual and group activities. All activities will tie in with the science inquiry topic (see below). Our Juniors will be creating mixed media collages on canvas and the seniors are using Claymation. Awesome. Engaging. Fun.



Play is the way

This month our school wide Play is the Way key concept is **Red Rule.**



Play is the Way Wisdom

"Trusting that your children love you, allows you to do the "parent things" that may sometimes make them dislike you for a while."

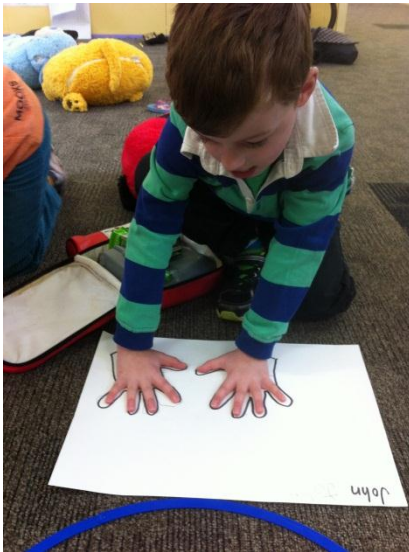
Wilson McCaskill

Inquiry Science – “Where The Wild Things Are”

Our Inquiry Unit this term is “Where The Wild Things Are” – living things and our environment. Students will be immersed in engaging activities to stimulate their understandings. We have scheduled a trip to the Melbourne Zoo in Week 4 to support the unit.

Sport

Thank you to Mrs Bourke and our new ‘Hot Shots’ tennis gear, students have been practicing drills and game play each week. We were fortunate to have Lee, the coach from Kalorama Tennis Club join us!



Bright Beginnings

The Bright Beginnings students are excited to be doing some fun science experiments with Mrs Sheeran and Miss Fanklin this term. They have already made Silly Putty! There will be opportunity to participate in MARC Library, meet their school buddy for next year and continue to learn positive social behaviours for getting along with others. Welcome Back Bright Beginnings!