



# Mac News

Friday 9th February

## DIARY DATES

Tuesday 13th February School Council meeting 4pm  
Friday 16th March School sports day  
Thursday 29th March School photos



**BREAKFAST CLUB**  
Each Friday morning in the  
Art Room  
8.15am—8.45am

Dear Parents and School Community,

Over the last week I have received a lot of responses from families regarding the review of the school's values. All students, all staff and now all parents have had the opportunity to have input into this important element of the school's adoption of the School Wide Positive Behaviours (SWPB) program. We have analysed the responses of staff and students and we will do the same at a meeting next Monday. We will take the suggested values/expectations to School Council next Tuesday. Thank you for your contributions.

A significant component of the SWPB program is the acknowledgement of the behaviour we want to see. This has been a maxim of the school for a long time. One method of acknowledgement is through the use of ClassDojo points. Staff are able to use their phones to provide immediate acknowledgement of students' appropriate behaviour. ClassDojo points accumulate and can be redeemed according to the agreements made with the class teachers. The students have all received an information sheet today which includes their unique log on code. There are lots of other positive activities and information on this site.

We are in the process of working through our first "Big Write" cycle. It is clear that children who have been able to engage in the "Talk Homework" with their families are better positioned to write when the Big Write comes around because of the ideas and vocabulary they have already had. We strongly encourage you to undertake this simple task each fortnight to support the development of your child's writing. There are a lot of prompts for you to use – these were sent out last week and we will continue to provide them to support you. The next Talk Homework will come home next Friday in preparation for the Big Write on February 20

The School Council Elections process commences today. School Council is one way for parents to be involved in the school. The School Council is responsible for the maintenance of the buildings and grounds, the financial processes of the school, and the formulation and review of the school's policies and procedures. A separate letter and further information about School Council are attached to today's newsletter.

With kind regards

Andy Backwell ~ Principal.



**A great start to the 2018 school year - Aleah Van Egmond  
Julz Cox, Tiarna Williams, Josh Broad**

**Principals Award: - Rylan Hill**

## Stationery Packs, Computer Resources & 2018 Excursion Levy

Just a reminder to return forms and make payment for stationery packs, computer resources and the excursion levy. Payment due date has been extended to Friday 2nd March. Payments can be made by Qkr!, BPay or cash/cheque. If you would like to set up a payment plan or start using Centrepay please come in and see Fiona.



### Stationery Packs

The cost to provide these items varies depending on year levels and is as follows:

|            |          |
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| Foundation | \$85.00  |
| Grade 1    | \$79.00  |
| Grade 2    | \$85.00  |
| Grade 3    | \$85.00  |
| Grade 4    | \$85.00  |
| Grade 5    | \$100.00 |
| Grade 6    | \$72.00  |

### Computer Resources - \$25 per student

Including Mathletics & Maths Seeds, Reading Eggs & Reading Eggspress Student Subscriptions

### Excursion Levy - \$150 per student

The Excursion Levy covers the cost of: 2 major excursions @ \$25.00 each  
 4 minor excursions @ \$5.00 each  
 Swimming Program \$80.00 per child  
 Please note all excursion costs are approximate.



## Positive Parenting Telephone Service

Our free 6 to 10 Week program helps you to:

-  Have Stronger more positive relationships
-  Set rules and limits
-  Manage everyday behaviour problems

Participants complete a workbook or online modules which are supported by weekly 30 minute phone calls with a trained parenting educator.

All of this can be done from the comfort of your own home at a time that suits you.

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**Enrol now and make a positive start to last a lifetime**

Call us for more information or to enrol

# 1800 880 660

Enrollments are taken all year round 

 

**FREE VICTORIA WIDE SERVICE**

For:  
**Parents**  
**Grandparents**  
**Carers**  
 of children aged 2 to 12 years

## CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. The CSEF is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school towards excursion costs for your child.

If you are eligible please pick up a form from the office or you can download one from [www.education.vic.gov.au/csef](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/csef) Please return completed forms to the office by Friday 16th February. If you applied for CSEF here in 2017 you **do not** need to complete another application.

