March 6th, 2014

Congratulations JAMES!

Well done to our students for their enthusiastic participation in our House Sports last Friday.

Congratulations to Harshpreet and Henry, the James House Captains, and to all members of James House on winning this year’s House Athletics.

Generous Donation from VIEW

We were delighted when Kay, representing VIEW, visited us last week with shopping bags laden with goodies for Breakfast Club – jars of vegemite and jam, boxes of Weet-Bix and cartons of milk. We sincerely thank VIEW for this generous donation and for their ongoing support of our school.
Another family has been donating yoghurt to the Breakfast Club. Thank you very much. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Aussies of the Month**

Congratulations to Breanna Burner and Kurtis Tucker who were selected as our Aussies of the Month for the month of February. These two students are extremely worthy recipients and at all times uphold the school’s values of Respect for Yourself, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning and Respect for the Environment.

![Aussies of the Month](image)

**2014 SRC members**

At assembly on Monday the members of the 2014 SRC were presented with their badges. Congratulations to you all on your election to this very important position. I wish you well and hope that you enjoy working with Mr Nolan throughout the year.
Student Free Day

School Council has approved Tuesday 11 March as a Student Free Day. On this day teachers will be involved in a professional learning activity facilitated by an educator from Zart Art and will also undertake training in Component 3 of the KidsMatter program.

Students are not required to attend school on this day.

Open Door Policy

The school is very proud of the “Open Door” policy it has created so that students and their families feel welcome at the school. The open door policy allows parents to be involved in classroom activities, attend open evenings and information sessions, participate in decision making forums, attend parent education programs and so on.

The “open door” policy allows parents to remain in contact with the school and encourages important communication links between home and school. Even though the school has an open door policy, it is important for parents to remember that it is necessary for an appointment to be made if you wish to talk to a member of staff. Often a parent will wish to talk to a staff member immediately before or after school. These times are extremely busy times for staff as they are often planning work for students and finalizing things for the day ahead. After school, staff frequently have meetings and professional development activities that they must attend.

To ensure that your issue is dealt with in a thorough and appropriate way, it is vital that an appointment is made. This allows the staff member concerned to set aside the appropriate amount of time required to speak with you about the issue. The appointment can be made by phoning the school, or by making the appointment with the teacher concerned directly.

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY - Why do we have a day off next Monday?

A reminder to all that Monday 10 March is Labour Day, a public holiday. Students are not required at school on this day.

Labour Day is an Australian public holiday originally called Eight Hours Day. It celebrates the achievements of organised labour on behalf of the worker to bring about the 8-hour day in the late 1850s. Previously workers were required to work long hours each week . . . 10 to 12 hours a day six days a week. While a change was made to the hours worked each day, the five day work week we enjoy today took almost a century longer to be adopted finally in 1948. If you look closely you may spot the numbers 888 on many union buildings across Australia. The numbers are in support of British socialist Robert Owen who believed that people should have 8 hours to work, 8 hours for recreation and 8 hours to sleep. This philosophy helped foster The Eight Hours Movement.

The first Labour Day parade was held in Melbourne on April 21st, 1856. Labour Day is celebrated at different times across Australia because each state achieved the 8-hour day on different dates.

http://alldownunder.com/oz-k/date/labour-day.htm
Student Accident Insurance / Ambulance Cover Arrangements

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance / transport and any other transport costs.

Private Property Brought to School

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. As the Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property students, staff and students are discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car. The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.

Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.

Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.

Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so it you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

A recent survey conducted by the Victorian Coalition Government found that despite sweltering through one of the hottest summers on record, one in three parents admit to leaving their children alone in a parked car. The research also demonstrated most parents underestimate how quickly the temperature inside a parked car can rise and the devastating impact this has on a child.

Even if the outside temperature is 30 degrees the temperature inside can reach up to 50 degrees in a matter of minutes. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

A reminder to parents and carers:

- A car’s temperature starts to rise from the moment the door is closed and can be double the outside temperature in minutes.
- Even when it’s 30 degrees outside, your child could be sweltering in up to 60 degree heat.
• It is not worth the risk – if you are travelling with a child and you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
• Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected.
• A young child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.

Never leave a child alone in a car. No Exceptions. No Excuses.
For more information, see: Kidsafe Victoria

EDUCATIONAL QUOTE
Tell me and I’ll forget; show me and I may remember; involve me and I’ll understand.
Chinese proverb

DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 10th
March 11th
March 14th
March 24th
April 4th
April 6th
April 22nd
April 25th

Labour Day Holiday
Student Free Day
Book Club Closes
Multi Cultural Dance Incursion – Whole School
End of Term 1
Daylight Savings Ends
Term 2 commences
Anzac Day
Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2014/2015 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Pick up a nomination form online at www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Closes Friday 2nd May 2014