

PRINCIPAL: Matt Currie

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2017 CALENDAR



February

Feb 15,22	Prep Rest Days and Testing
Thursday 9 th	Parents and Friends Club Annual General Meeting at 7.00pm.
Thursday 9 th	School Council Nominations Close.
Tuesday 14 th	School Council Meeting: 7.00pm in the staffroom.
Friday 17 th	House Swimming Carnival at Maffra Pool – Years 3-6.
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews Grade 1-6.
March	
Wednesday 1 st	Preps First Wednesday at School.
Monday 6 th	Parents and Friends Bingo Night at Sale Greyhounds – eyes down at 7pm
Monday 13 th	Labour Day Holiday – School Closed.
Saturday 18 th	Maffra Mardi Gras.
Friday 31 st	Last Day of Term One.
April	
Friday 14 th	Good Friday
Monday 17 th	Easter Monday
Tuesday 18 th	First Day of Term Two

2017 Term Dates

Term 1 – January 30 to March 31
 Term 2 – April 18 to June 30
 Easter – April 14 - Good Friday
 April 17 - Easter Monday
 Term 3 – July 17 to September 22
 Term 4 – October 9 to December 22

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

A huge Monday assembly

Thankyou to all our families for their support at our first assembly held on Monday. We were excited to welcome our new Preps to our school as well as celebrate our Year 6 leaders who were presented to our community. Congratulations to our 2017 School Captains, Max Mott and Emily Jansen, and our Vice Captains, Harry Spinner and Ella Smit.



Well done to our House Captains who are listed below:

- Duart (Red)** – Jett Killoran and Kate Harrington
- Cambrai (Green)** – Brodie Jones and Tahnee Hibbins
- Mewburn (Yellow)** – Coby Bronts and Ameilia Charlton
- Powerscourt (Blue)** – Skyla Bailey, Arwen Ingle and Harry Stables

It was lovely to see so many parents come over to our new parent retreat room at the conclusion of assembly for a cuppa and a chat. The parent retreat room was used again today as we held a very successful Home Reading Information Session. Thanks to Mrs Kimley Lambourn for running this session for our parents. We will continue to promote events in our Parent Retreat room during the year.



Swimming Sports

Accompanying this Newsletter for Grade 3-6 students is a note for our Senior Swimming Sports. We are looking forward to a terrific day next Friday at the Maffra Swimming Pool. We expect all our senior students to participate in this event. Our Maffra Swim Team will be selected from the Swimming Sports next Friday.

Parent Teacher Interviews

All parents will be receiving information early next week on our Parent Teacher Interviews that will be held on Wednesday 22nd from 1.00 – 6.30pm. These interviews will only be for our Grade 1-6 students as our Prep students will still be completing their individual testing with their classroom teachers. We encourage all parents to make a time to see your child's teacher as part of the parent teacher interview process.

School Council Nominations

Our School Council nominations close at 5pm today. We have had a very positive interest in vacant positions and will notify our School Community of the outcome in next week's Newsletter.

Traffic Safety

I would strongly encourage all parents to use the supervised crossing area when crossing Boisdale Street. A number of staff have seen parents walking through buses to cut across the street rather than spending the extra few minutes walking to the corner. This is extremely dangerous and it is only a matter of time before a serious incident occurs. I have asked the Maffra police to do random patrols of Boisdale Street around drop off time to assist us in keeping this area safe for our students and bus drivers.

Matt Currie
PRINCIPAL

Parents and Friends News

We have our AGM this evening at 7.00pm. Everyone welcome.

Our parent retreat room will be open on the following days:

Monday: 9.00am – 10.30am and 2.20pm – 3.20pm.

Thursday: 9.00am – 10.30am and 2.20pm – 3.20pm.

Signing In

A reminder to parents who are entering the school to work in a classroom, help with sporting events or use the parents and friends retreat room, that they must sign in at the office. There is a sign in book for visitors at the front counter.

Mathletics Awards:

Gold – Alana Crawford

Hannah Grumley



Students of the week:

Billy Johnson – for working hard and having beautiful manners in class.

Fletcher Thomas – for having a fantastic start to grade two.

Lauranna Reid – for being a great friend to everyone.

Indi Gieschen – for terrific ready....already!

Judd VanSluys – for a fantastic start to the school year! Well done Judd!

Seth Germaine – A wonderful start to 2017, and being helpful and kind to new students.

Joshua Waddington – for his excellent input during grade 5/6 class discussions.

Ryder Gieschen – for making a great start to prep with trying his best and being kind.

Jimmy Little – showing great leadership within the classroom and stepping up to help others in need.

Henry Noble – 3 x table perfection! Well done Henry!

Bella Hocken – challenging yourself in all areas of your learning.

Lochlan Cameron – treating his class members respectfully and for being a good friend.

As part of a Community Learning Project, a number of students from Maffra Secondary College are holding a sausage sizzle this Sunday (Feb 12th) outside Woolworths in Johnson Street Maffra. The aim is to benefit their classmate, Aussie Boyd and his family after his battles with cancer in recent months and past three years. Although in remission at the moment, all funds raised will benefit him and his family. Come along this Sunday between 9.30am and 2.30pm to support this worthy cause.

Want to give your child a head start with essential life skills?

It's easier than you think

Did you know that participation in drama classes builds confidence and fosters creativity, problem solving skills and resilience?

CLASSES START FEBRUARY 11

Saturday mornings at the Sale City Band Hall

9am: Juniors (Prep-Year 2)

10am: Intermediates (Years 3-5)

11:15: Seniors (Years 6-8)

To enrol, call 0458450777

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

THE
SATURDAY
DRAMA
SCHOOL

Step Up

Bounce Back

Take Care

Be Kind



RELAY FOR LIFE POP UP MARKET

Saturday 11th March 9am to 1pm

Canal Reserve Sale

FREE ENTRY

- ▶ Food Vans ▶ Market Stalls ▶ Live Music
- ▶ Show Bags ▶ Show and Shine ▶ Bric a Brac
- ▶ Face Painting ▶ Cake Stalls ▶ Jumping Castle
- ▶ Bargains Galore ▶ Kids Entertainment



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Bring the whole family for a great morning of finding bargains and entertainment. With the money raised going towards **RELAY FOR LIFE** and research against cancer. Stall holders wanted please contact Helen Holliday at helgayoung@hotmail.com.