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Principal's Message

Student Arrival Times

Over the past week I have observed many students arrive at school very early in the morning. Our school yard is only supervised by staff from 8:45am each day and our teachers will have their rooms open for students and parents to enter by 8:50am. The duty of care of students who arrive before 8:45am remains with their parents and guardians. If you require your child to be at school prior to 8:45am you must enroll them in our ‘Before School Care Program’ (enrolment forms are available in the office. Students who arrive early will be asked to attend before school care at a cost to the family.

Staff Carpark

The staff carpark should not be used by parents at any time. We have again had some very close calls this week with parents driving through and attempting to pick up and drop off their children. Both students and staff are being put at risk by parents who continue to ignore the large signs as pictured.

Student accident insurance, ambulance cover arrangements and private property brought to schools

Parents and guardians are reminded that the Department of Education 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.

Student accident insurance/ambulance cover policies are available from some commercial insurers, and can be obtained by parents/guardians for individual students. Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. 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 should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

Upcoming Events

February 23
School Photo Day

March 17
Whole School Beach Excursion

April 11 – 13
Grade 5/6 Camp

Term Dates, 2016

Term 1- Jan 28 – March 24
Term 2 - April 11 – Jun 24
Term 3 - July 11 – Sept 16
Term 4 – Oct 3 – Dec 20
**Reminder to Parents**

If your child has Anaphylaxis, Any Food Allergy or Asthma, please hand in their action plans to the office as soon as possible.

Thankyou

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**Expression Of Interest,**

If any students are interested in competing in the 2016 District Swimming Carnival please let Matt Karipoglou know before Friday 12th Feb 2016 (9 to 13 years old). It is a requirement that you complete swimming lessons outside of school as the level of competition is reasonably high.

See you Friday,

Thank you,

Matt Karipoglou

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**CSEF Eligibility**

If you are a holder a GOVERNMENT CONCESSION CARD you may be eligible to receive CSEF (Camps Sports and Excursions Fund) $125.00 per child to contribute towards the School Activity Levy. Applications forms are available at the office. Once application is completed, please return to the admin with your Government Concession Card.

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**Canteen Helpers Wanted**

The school canteen is in desperate need for volunteers to help out on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Fridays. If you can lend a hand, please see Sharyn Meaney in the canteen.

Thank you.

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**New Bell Times**

Please be aware that this year we have changed our lunch time to fit in with our new school specialist timetable. Lunch is now from 1:35pm to 1:45pm which is the eating time within the classroom and from 1:45 to 2:30pm outside play.
Congratulations to the Students of the Week!

Dalila Koteska, Emily Macbain, Harley Saliba, Quaylahzay Hape, Luka Kilpatrick, Vy Mai, Emili Koneska, Julian Collins, Cooper Callanan, Mia Suyao, Tanya Rowan, Feven Mersha, Michael Elkins & Wyatt Sladden
Attention all music makers!!
The Concert Band needs YOU!
We have openings for clarinet, flute, alto saxophone, trumpet, trombone and euphonium...NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!
Instrument hire is $40 per term
Lessons...free!
See Mrs. Martin in Performing Arts to sign up.

New Absent Line
We now have a new absent line to call when your child is away. Please call the school on 9364 0200, wait for the prompts then press 1 for absences. Leave your child’s name, grade and reason for absences. This will be recorded as an absent note for that day.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES
Delahey Community Centre: www.delahey.org.au
Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800
Parentline: 13 22 89 Website: www.parentline.vic.gov.au
Relationships Australia:  8311 9222
Depression – you’re not alone - Website: www.beyondblue.org.au
Mensline: 1300 789 978
Victorian Poisons Information Centre: 131 126
  Women’s Domestic Violence: 9322 3555 or 1800 015 188
Lifeline:  13 11 14
Care Ring: 24 hour counselling service 13 61 69
Gamblers Help: 1800 858 858
Phone: 1300 22 4636
Nurse-On-Call: 1300 606 024
School Dental Service 1300 360 054