Emergency Evacuation Drill

Yesterday, Wednesday 9th March we had a whole school emergency evacuation drill, we practiced being evacuated off site. I am very pleased to report that the entire school was evacuated very efficiently and all staff and students cooperated and followed the instructions of our area wardens and other officials in charge. We do hope that we never have to use our emergency evacuation plan for a real emergency, but by practicing procedures during a drill we will all be better prepared if there was a need put our plan in place during an emergency situation.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

Parents are reminded that if you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for the CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student misses out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their achievements.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 for primary school students, $225 for secondary school students

How to Apply

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from the CSEF website. Applications close 3 June 2016.

Meet the teacher: Dean Stafrace

Mr. Dean Stafrace has been a teacher at Mackellar since 2003 during his time here he has taught in many different grades across the school. Over the past four years, Mr. Stafrace has been on leave from Mackellar and working with SEDA. SEDA is an education program that exists to engage, educate and empower young people as they transition from school to employment or further study. Mr. Stafrace has also coached the Australian School Boys Soccer Team for the past nine years and also coaches the Victorian Girls School Soccer team who in 2015 he coached to victory in the Pacific School Games. It was the first time a Victorian team had won the cup and a very proud moment for the team and us! Mr. Stafrace also enjoys playing golf on the weekend, riding his jet ski and spending time with his family.
Altona Beach Excursion Grade Prep to 6

Date: Thursday 17th March 2016.

Cost: $10 (Included in the ‘School Excursion Levy’)

Payment Due: $10 due by Friday 11th March if you have not paid the ‘School Excursion Levy.’

Parents are most welcome to join us on the day but you must make your own way to

Altona Beach. Map 54 H 11 (Pier St.)

Leaving school: 9:15 - 9:30am Returning to school: 2:45 - 3:00pm
Students of The Week

Congratulations to the Students of the Week!

Easter Raffle

All student should have received their raffle tickets.

Raffle tickets are **$1.00 each.**

Money and tickets are to be returned by Monday 21st March, 2016

Raffle will be drawn at school on Thursday 23rd March, 2016

Please feel free to ask for more books.
The more you have the better your chances are of winning an Easter Hamper for your family.

Winners will be notified, please ensure your child’s name and grade are on the ticket.

Proceeds go towards Shade Sails.

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**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS AND ACTIVITIES**

**Delahey Community Centre:** [www.delahey.org.au](http://www.delahey.org.au)

- Kids Help Line: 1800 55 1800
- Parentline: 13 22 89 Website: [www.parentline.vic.gov.au](http://www.parentline.vic.gov.au)
- Relationships Australia: 8311 9222
- Depression – you’re not alone - Website: [www.beyondblue.org.au](http://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