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Q & A TONIGHT – MONDAY 13TH FEB 2017

All Welcome............
Last week the school had two informal gatherings at Brack’s Bridge, one for Early Childhood and a whole school gathering on Friday evening. Both events were a great success as many families took the opportunity to get to know each other outside of school hours. Social occasions such as the picnics are the most effective way to build a vibrant and supportive community and it enables children to widen friendship groups without the constraints of the playground.

We are all excited that the commencement of the new buildings is imminent. To ensure safety and to accommodate the construction traffic the Waiting Tree has been moved from the Ash Tree to the Pin Oak next to the bus shelter, and as we are all getting used to the new routines there has been a certain amount of chaos at the end of the school day. School traffic has also increased as the school population has increased. We are looking at ways to improve the safety and efficiency of pick up. We have contacted the Council to discuss how we can guarantee the safe passage home of all students and to improve the traffic flow out of the school and along the service road. This may take time.

In the meantime, I ask every member of the school community to make safety a priority. We have increased the number of staff supervising after school. Ishe does an amazing job directing the buses and bus travellers but she needs to remain focussed on the students embarking on the buses. A few things would help to make her job easier and to improve general safety:

- only bus travellers are to use the gateway and little bridge in front of the bus shelter. All other foot traffic to use the footpath and to exit the school ground next to the main sign.
- Please do not cross the road between buses, only cross the road when it is completely clear of traffic.
- If you are parked in the informal car park under the trees in Highett St, do not reverse into the service lane.
- If you are driving, always give way to the buses and pedestrians and drive at extremely slow speed.
- Do not park or pick up your child in the bus zone.

Something else to consider is to keep Walk and Ride to School an all year occurrence. Mansfield Steiner is working towards being a 5-star resource smart school. We actively encourage minimal packaging, growing food, reducing waste and water and energy saving through sustainable building methods. We could support it by lessening our dependence on the car and reducing vehicle traffic around the school. We live in a small rural town where it is safe for children to walk home to events after school particularly in groups. Before rushing off to pick up children to take them to an after-school activity, the question could be asked – Is this trip necessary, could my child walk with friends to swim club, tennis etc.? For younger children, an older student could be asked to accompany them or you could walk to meet them. If you live out of town you could meet them down the street, giving them the opportunity to socialise. The safe crossing of roads must be emphasised, the new round about is still not pedestrian friendly, but it is an improvement on the past. We are introducing Bike Ed into the curriculum in the coming weeks and teachers will be working with the primary aged children on bike safety.

We are working towards creating a healthier world for future generations.

Fran Cummins
Principal
THE GRAPEVINE:
MORNING STAR:  
The Children of Morning Star tackled a very hot week and dealt with it by getting wet multiple times. And loved every minute of it! Our morning circle has taken them to the beach. Making sand tunnels and enjoying the sea for its calmness and wild contrasts. "Gone is the wind the storm the rain, two little boats sail on again"

ROSA MUNDI:  
The Rosa Mundi children had a wonderful week with lots of visitors and exciting moments. They had a lovely time playing in the river at the Bracks Bridge Picnic on Thursday. We also celebrated Martin’s and Hannah’s birthdays with lovely stories shared from their Mums and Dads.

CLASS 1:  
Class 1 is drawing a close to their first Main Lesson introducing the straight and curved line. After acting out the story, creating various form drawing patterns with their bodies, blocks, shells and marbles they have then practiced on the chalkboards before writing in their books. The children take great care and concentration during this time creating their own beautiful work. Even though we have had some very hot weather the class energy is still healthy and vigorous. Thanks to all the parents who were, able to attend the parent information evening. If you were unable to come along and would like to catch up with me, please let Sally know and she will arrange a time.

CLASS 2:  
Class 2 have been continuing with animal fables this week and for the most part we have been looking at Aesop’s stories. The students have been enjoying drawing the animals from the tales, particularly the ‘Jackdaw’ drawing from today. We have also been focusing on the connection between times and divide in our maths sessions which is going well. We have also been making some animals from wax and have painted beautiful covers for our maths book. The students have been getting along well with each other which is always pleasing. I look forward to seeing you at our info night on Tuesday next week.

CLASS 3:  
Class 3 began their music lessons last week ‘tasting’ the violin with Lucy and Jen. This week they will try the cello. Our Creation Main Lesson continues with a focus on grammar.

CLASS 4:  
Class 4 continued to work on spelling, grammar and recall skills last week when re-writing the Indigenous Dreamtime stories that were told in class. They have practiced testing each others’ spelling and editing their own work. Some students retold the story in front of the class and were able to remember intricate details. Thursday was a special day as Chris Johnson came to play the didgeridoo for us and speak about his time living in Arnhem Land. During the afternoon, when it was so hot, we had to run through the sprinkler during gardening!

CLASS 5:  
Class five have been doing a lot of work on punctuation; quotation marks, commas and semicolons are challenging our students. We have finished the story of the Ramayana and are now looking at the different gods that were worshipped in Ancient India. Our classroom is looking more Indian each day – if you have some time come and take a look – people have been sending in lots of Indian artefacts and our silhouette paintings really add to the atmosphere!

CLASS 6:  
Not submitted

CLASS 7&8:  
The Year 7 and 8 Class had another great week. The students were engrossed in the Arthur stories from the Main Lesson and many seemed particularly pleased with the appearance of Sir Launcelot on Friday. The students thoroughly enjoyed the exciting experiments in Science on Monday and it was again pleasing to see the students’ overall engagement and positivity towards their studies.
CLASS ASSEMBLY PERFORMANCE

Monday 13/2/17 Class 6
Monday 20/2/17 Class 4
Monday 6/3/17 Class 2
Monday 20/3/17 Class 5
Monday 27/2/17 Class 3
Tuesday 14/3/17 Class 1
Monday 20/3/17 Class 6
Monday 27/3/17 Class 6

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS

EARLY IN THE YEAR the class teachers welcome the opportunity to discuss the year ahead with parents. Discussion nights are planned as follows and all parents are expected to attend.

Class 2 Parent Information Night
Monday 14/2 7pm in the classroom
Morning Star Parent Information Night
Monday 21/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 3 Parent Information Night
Wednesday 22/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 4 Parent Information Night
Tuesday 28/2 7pm in the classroom
Class 5 Parent Information Night
Wednesday 8/3 7pm in the classroom
Class 6 Parent Information Night
Tuesday 14/3 7pm in the classroom
Class 7&8 Parent Information Night
Wednesday 22/3 7pm in the classroom

CLASS 1 – 8 SWIMMING

THE SWIMMING PROGRAMME – EACH Friday for FOUR weeks. Commencing this week on Friday 3rd February. Swim carnival on Friday 24th February.

PARENT HELPERS REQUIRED, PLEASE LET YOUR CLASS TEACHER KNOW IF YOU ARE ABLE TO ASSIST WITH THE SWIM PROGRAM, THANK YOU!

9.30– 10.30 Class 7&8
10.30 – 11.30 Classes 3&4
11.30 – 12.30 Class Prep
1 – 2pm Classes 1&2
2 – 3pm Classes 5 & 6

Your child will need bathers, towel, sunhat, sunscreen, water bottle. Please note: the children must take a spare t-shirt or rash vest as they are at the pool for 1 hour in the hot sun.

5&6 PARENTS: All students will return to school in the last session of the day unless a note from parent is received at the beginning of the school day giving permission for them to stay at the pool unsupervised. Phone calls from the office to make this arrangement during the school day will not be made available.

CHANGE TO NUT POLICY

We have a child in the school who has a severe allergy (Anaphylaxis) to nuts. The main allergen is peanuts. Over the past number of years, we have asked that no nuts are to be brought to school or used at school events. We are altering this policy slightly and allowing only Almonds (and almond products) to be included in lunchboxes and at events. This has come about because testing has shown almonds are not an allergen to the child. However, we still ask that no mixed nuts, commercial muesli bars or any other nuts be included in lunches or food at school events. Muesli bars often contain peanuts as a cheap filler and their high sugar content makes their nutritional value questionable. Please clearly label ingredients of any food sent to school events. Thank you for your cooperation and support in this matter. We strongly discourage children sharing food from their lunchboxes to reduce risk of contamination.

LIBRARY

THANKS FOR THE BOOK RETURNS towards the end of last year. Any overdues will still be accepted this week. Library sessions: TUESDAYS Class 3, 2, 1 and Prep WEDNESDAYS Class 5, 6 and 4;9
2017 BUS USERS UPDATE

WEEKLY BUS SCHEDULE REQUIREMENTS. please complete and return the weekly bus schedule form to Sally as soon as possible. The first weeks of term can be a little confusing for the younger students and therefore Ishe at bus time. Your prompt action herein will help prevent misunderstandings after school. Thank you!

KINDER & SCHOOL HANDBOOKS

WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY for your information. Please read and make yourself familiar with the general housekeeping information in this booklet.

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

ALL VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL including parent helpers must sign in at reception. ALL VISITORS will receive a numbered visitor’s tag which is to be returned to reception at the time of signing out, thank you. CHILD SAFE – Visitors to the school who do not have a current Working With Children check will be escorted to the area of the campus concerning their visit.

ALL STUDENTS LEAVING EARLY OR ARRIVING LATE must also be signed in / out at reception. This allows staff to be aware of who is on the school grounds if an emergency should occur.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF) will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students $225 for secondary school students. If you received this benefit last year it will continue automatically, otherwise contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

CONVEYANCE ALLOWANCE: If you live more than 4.8Km from a school bus stop you may be eligible for a subsidy for car travel. If you have received this before and are still at the same address you do not need to re-apply. If you have not applied please contact Andrew in the office by the 24th of February, thank you.

PARENTS & FRIENDS

ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS ARE WELCOME TO JOIN the craft group now held in the evening on Thursdays.
Our next meeting will be at Donna Higgins 12 Kidston Pde, Mansfield
Please call Donna if you have any queries on 0421 002 347
Date: 16th February 2017 Time: 7-9pm
Material will be supplied but please bring your spectacles, scissors and needles if you have any. There will be a range of craft available - needlework, knitting and crochet. Anyone welcome. No experience required. Eileen Wettenhall (Craft Group Coordinator)

CRAFT GROUP would like any donations of wool that you can offer, thank you.

SCHOOL COOKING PROGRAM
JANINE WOULD LOVE SOME LEMONS for the school cooking program, if you can supply them please drop them into the school, thank you!

CLASS 4

CAN ANYONE LEND CLASS 4 AN ORGA DRILL BIT around 12mm in diameter. We are looking for one to stabilise the walls of our log cubby. Please speak to Clare if you can assist, thank you.
Family Counselling & Parent Support

It’s free and it’s confidential

Do you wonder about the relationship you have with your child?
The quality, time spent with them, connection & behaviour?

If you would like to discuss this or any other aspect of parenting please come and talk to one of our family counsellors at:

Mansfield Family & Children’s Centre
10 Davies Street, Mansfield
Phone 5775 8601

STEINER BOOK STALL

Thank you to David from Immortal Books, the travelling book supplier, for visiting us last Friday and giving the school community the opportunity to purchase Steiner related books.

JAMIESON WILDLIFE SHELTER

CONTACT numbers to help injured or orphaned wildlife.
I am Cathy Raeburn at Jamieson Wildlife Shelter on 5777 0595 or 0499 577 891 and Wildlife Victoria is 13000 945 35.
Also, as this is a self-funded shelter, all donations to assist with wildlife coming into care would be appreciated.
Thanks, Cathy. Jamieson Wildlife Shelter.