On Wednesday evening all POPS staff completed their annual First Aid training, this includes CPR, Anaphylaxis and general Level 2 First Aid. The school finances this for staff as we believe it is essential that all staff are trained. Staff have also completed online Anaphylaxis modules last week.

The Parent’s Association will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Tuesday December 6 at 7.30pm and we are looking forward to a fabulous evening celebrating the wonderful achievements of 2016 and planning for 2017. We are keen to have as many parents as possible attend the meeting and become part of the PA. As I said last week, there is an amazing amount of support from the school and parent body for anyone who takes on a role in PA. We also value input in any way into the PA and our school community so I invite you to come along on Tuesday evening and share in the celebrations of 2016.

School Council will hold its last meeting for the year on Tuesday December 6 at 7pm and at the end of that meeting we will join with the PA for supper and celebrations. I would like to thank all members of the PA and School Council for their hard work and commitment to our school. Without this strong commitment, our school would not be the unique community it is. Thank you to Mrs Gordon and Mrs Frost for their work as Presidents and leading their groups, I am most appreciative of the support.

On Monday we will conduct day two of the review process. The first part of the day will involve student and teacher focus groups with specific questions around the Terms of Reference (TOR): To what extent do high quality learning and teaching practices at POPS challenge and engage students? The rest of the day will be devoted to crafting the goals, key improvement strategies and targets.

Student reports will be posted on Compass on Monday December 12, student learning journals will be sent home on that day also. Students will meet their teacher and class on Tuesday December 13 and parents are invited to meet their child’s teacher for 2017 at 3.30pm that day.

We are hosting a Speed Cubing Competition on Sunday December 11 from 9am -5pm in the Arts Centre and I encourage any students who are interested in this to come along and join in the fun. A flier is attached to the newsletter. There are two champions coming to the competition! We are also holding a workshop for speed cubing for interested students on Thursday December 8 at lunchtime. The workshop will be taught by current and former POPS students.

Mrs Daniel
PRINCIPAL
Emergency Management
Mrs Lockie and myself attended an Emergency Management meeting to learn about important updates that need to be included in our school’s Emergency Management Plan (EMP). Schools must have a current EMP that contains a risk assessment that addresses hazards and potential threats to the school and which covers the four components of preparedness, prevention, response and recovery.

Schools must:
- ensure that staff, students and the school community have a clear understanding of the EMP and its procedures
- ensure that staff, students and the school community are trained so that they know what they are required to do during an emergency
- test emergency arrangements at regular intervals to ensure that procedures work and everyone learns emergency protocols

As we are entering summer and the bushfire season it is important for you to be aware that Park Orchards Primary School is listed on the bushfire at-risk register. The school will be closed on a code red day. Read Park Orchards Primary School Emergency Bushfire Management Read more

Parenting Tips By Michael Grose
Goodbye Primary School by Michael Grose (Australia’s No 1 parenting educator)
The end of primary school is a significant milestone in children's lives. They've spent half their lives in primary school, in many cases in the same school, which is significant. Read more

Ms Garrity
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

### MERIT AWARDS - CONGRATULATIONS!

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<td>Annika B</td>
<td>For writing lots of interesting facts about koalas.</td>
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<td>Blake V</td>
<td>Doing a great job sounding out tricky words when reading.</td>
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<td>F O</td>
<td>Sylvie J</td>
<td>For her fantastic effort she puts into everything she does. You have a terrific ‘have a go’ attitude.</td>
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<td>Isabel B</td>
<td>For her fantastic powerpoint presentation about the “Olden Days”.</td>
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<td>Joshua R</td>
<td>For his fantastic work in science!</td>
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<td>For excellent work in maths.</td>
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<td>For fantastic journal writing.</td>
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<td>Christian M</td>
<td>For working, knuckling down and finishing off his fairy tale with a twist.</td>
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<td>Bianca A</td>
<td>For always being a 5 star worker in everything she does and a positive role model for her peers.</td>
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<td>Mia S</td>
<td>For including interesting and descriptive language in her fairytale about Ella and her evil stepmother.</td>
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<td>Ada M</td>
<td>For a fabulous attitude towards all learning tasks.</td>
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<td>Souki G</td>
<td>For being a sensational role model. You are always displaying the Poppy Tribes values.</td>
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<td>Brodie T</td>
<td>For his very impressive speech on one of his favourite authors - James Patterson.</td>
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<td>Claire Wakefield</td>
<td>For her amazing resilience when her buddy was absent.</td>
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<td>Hope B</td>
<td>For her persistence with calculating percentages for her project.</td>
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<td>Eve P</td>
<td>For the way she has applied herself to all areas of the curriculum. Her performance of Dame Washalot was terrific.</td>
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<td>For being a fantastic student and always putting in 100%</td>
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Park Orchards Primary School will be hosting

POPS Open 2016

(Rubik’s Cube competition)
On Sunday 11th December 2016
9am to 5pm
At the Arts Centre

The school community is invited to come along to watch the competition where local speedcubers will challenge international world champions.
Events include 2x2, 3x3, 4x4, one handed 3x3, Pyraminx and Skewb puzzles.

It is a free event for spectators.

The will be a Rubik’s cube workshop for POPS students
at lunchtime, Thursday 8th December
at the Grade 6 common room.

It will be run by POPS & ex POPS students.
All students are welcome!
Bring along your Rubik’s Cubes from home.
There will be spare cubes to learn from or a cube can be purchased for $5.

For more information, go to http://www.speedcubing.com.au/
Park Orchards Community

**CAROLS**

Domeney Reserve

**DAVID PHILIPSEN MC**

Sunday 4th December

7pm

BYO Chair/rug/picnic

Sausage sizzle, drinks, glowsticks

available from 6pm

(No candles due to fire restrictions)

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Register your interest - all ages welcome
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6.00 PM – 10.00 PM
Ruffey Lake Park, George Street, Doncaster

MANNINGHAM CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

Come along and enjoy a family night out singing along to your favourite Christmas carols, plus a very special visit from Santa and a grand finale of a fireworks display.

This year’s concert will feature Melbourne Contemporary Choir performing alongside Manningham Concert Band under the direction of Michael Thompson.

Kids Zone with free children’s activities, face painting and Santa photos.

Featuring soloists: Richard Thomas, Mel Searle, Michael Prizeman, Jessica D’Souza and Mareiah Lawton.

Enquiries: 9840 9304 or visit www.manningham.vic.gov.au/carols