Tuesday March 21. The School Council is the governing body of the school, and parents and staff are elected to positions on the Council. All Councillors are required to be a member of a Sub Committee of School Council also.

I will officially call for nominations to School Council on Monday 20 February; forms will be available from the office from 9.00am. There are five parent positions available for election, the nominations close on Monday February 27 at 9.00am. Should the number of nominations exceed the number of places, an election will be held. Read more information about being a School Councillor. Interested parents are encouraged to speak with Mrs Frost our School Council President or myself.

The first meeting of the Parents’ Association will be held on Tuesday February 28 at 7.30pm in the staffroom. The Parents’ Association provides wonderful support to our school through social, educational and fundraising activities. The Class Representatives are also part of the PA and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and be part of this vibrant, happy and hard working group.

Safety
Lately I have been concerned with the number of parents and children who do not use the crossing to access their cars in Bowmore Avenue. The crossing is there to protect our children and it is important that they develop safe habits when crossing roads and use a crossing whenever there is one. I know it might add a minute or two to the journey but that is insignificant when compared with the possible consequence. I am also concerned about parents accessing OSHC by driving across the basketball court and parking in no parking zones. We have had a couple of near misses this year, both in the morning and evening with cars accessing OSHC and we do not want anyone in our community hurt. We will identify two car parks in the school grounds as OSHC and ask parents to park in those areas and walk their children to the Pettet Centre to prevent any accidents. Parents can also park in Bowmore Avenue or behind the basketball stadium.

Learning Community
Next Wednesday February 22 an Information Night will be held about the use of technology in classes including iPads and cyber safety. The evening will be lead by members of the ICT team and Ms Garrity and will start at 7pm. This is a great opportunity for parents to deepen their understanding of how we use technology in the school.

Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the Parent Helpers session today, the information was very valuable for parents assisting at POPS. A handout is available at the office or on Compass in School Documentation for parents who could not attend.

Mrs Daniel
PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Yr 2-6 BYO iPad Program
Over the past week Mrs Debono and myself have set up over 60 Year 2-6 student iPads. It has been great to see students beginning to use their iPads as a learning tool in the classroom. By having students bringing in their iPads it enables them to have instant access to their own device and reduces their frustration waiting to use the limited number of school iPads.

Once parents and students have read the BYO iPad user agreement and consent is given via Compass, students in Years 2-6 are invited to bring their own device to school, charged up, in a sturdy cover and ready to go, each day.

Students are reminded that they are responsible for their iPads before and after school and that they should be transported in a suitable school bag. Students are still able to bring their iPads in to be set up to the school network.

Digital Technologies Parent Information Evening
We will be conducting a Digital Technology Parent Information session Wednesday 22nd February in the Pettet Centre 7pm – 8pm.

Topics covered will include:
- Digital Technology and the Victorian Curriculum
- Ways technology is used in the classroom
- Cybersafety and our school ICT and esmart user agreement
- Year 2-6 BYO iPad program

Moving Beyond asking, ‘What did you do at school?’
By Michael Grose Parenting Expert
Ever found yourself asking your child the same bland question about school? “so, how was your day? What did you do at school today? What did you learn?” If these are your default questions the chances are that you’ll get a one or two word reply along the lines, “Fine!” “Good!” “Okay” “Nothing much.” Read more...

Sound Waves
What is the Sound Waves Approach?
The Sound Waves approach uses a sound-to-letter strategy, which acknowledges that sounds can be represented in more than one way. The Sound Waves approach focuses first on the basic units of sound in our language – phonemes. It then explores the letters that represent these sounds and how they can be put together to form the words in our language.

The phonemic approach to learning our language is essential because it replaces rote learning with strategies for reading and writing, using explicit teaching and game-based learning activities.

Before getting into Sound Waves, you’ll need to understand two key terms:
- Phoneme: A phoneme is the smallest unit of sound in a word
- Grapheme: A grapheme is the letter or letter combination used to represent a phoneme in written form

Next Week Year 1-6 students will be focussing on words that contain the grapheme: ‘a’.

All Year 1-6 classes use a simple 3-step teaching program:
- Exploring the sound list and extension words using a variety of teaching activities, for example brainstorming, using chants/actions and exploring list word meanings
- Working with the words and explicitly teaching concepts, for example prefixes, analogies and synonyms
- Marking and discussing the list or extension words after studying them over the week

Ms Garrity
Assistant Principal

SCHOOL INSURANCE

School Injuries and Student Insurance
Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available? Yes

The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd
Suite 1610, Level 16
530 Little Collins Street
Melbourne VIC 3000
Contact: Maria Raschilla msolomos@juaunderwriting.com.au
or Des Purcell dpurcell@juaunderwriting.com.au
Phone: 03-9909 7480

EBM Insurance Brokers Pty Ltd
The annual cost of a StudentCover policy is just $29.00. The cover provides protection for your children 24 hours a day, seven days a week, anywhere in the world* whether they are at school at the time of the accident or not, and includes almost every sport*. (*some conditions apply)
StudentCover is only available online – making it quick and easy to protect your child or children.

For further information please contact:
Phone Free Call: 1300 783 878
Studentcover@ebm.com.au
www.studentcover.com.au

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MERIT AWARDS

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<td>For his amazing attitude towards learning. Your fun, bubbly personality makes our classroom a happy place.</td>
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<td>Kiralee T</td>
<td>For being a fantastic listener and a caring and helpful friend.</td>
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<td>Yasmin A</td>
<td>For her fantastic journal writing. Awesome job Yasmin.</td>
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<td>Georgia C</td>
<td>For always doing her personal best in all tasks. An awesome start to the year!</td>
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<td>Matthew B</td>
<td>For a super start to year 2. What a great effort so far - keep it up!</td>
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<td>Brock C</td>
<td>For his excellent start at POPS and settling into Year 3 so well.</td>
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<td>3D</td>
<td>Blake C</td>
<td>For an excellent start to Year 3. You listen well and work hard.</td>
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<td>Imogen C</td>
<td>For her beautiful and consistent work habits. Well done Imogen!</td>
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<td>Emittis A</td>
<td>Great effort with your SRC speech. Well done.</td>
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<td>Zach M</td>
<td>For taking pride in his ‘Maths about Me’ poster.</td>
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<td>Emily C</td>
<td>For challenging herself and putting extra effort into her work.</td>
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<td>Lauren S</td>
<td>For being a wonderfully organised student and always following the POPS Tribes Agreements.</td>
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<td>6Q</td>
<td>Matthew P</td>
<td>For showing exceptional leadership and putting others first.</td>
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SURPRISE LETTERS FROM RYAN SMITH

Ella and Acelin, our school captains, received a wonderful surprise in the mail this week. They both received a personal letter from Ryan Smith the Member for Warrandyte congratulating them on being chosen as school captains. They were very excited to receive the letter and are very keen to be the best leaders they can be.
Building community on the street

Find out how you and your family can re-connect with your neighbourhood and local community at the upcoming Active Travel workshop – Building Community on the Street.

The workshop will look at what neighbourhoods can do to make streets a place for people to connect, and how to create an environment where families feel safe in getting out and about – and of course, the benefits of walking, riding or scooting to school.

Date: Wednesday 8 March 2017
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
Location: Pettet Centre, Park Orchards Primary School
RSVP: To the office by Wednesday 1 March 2017
For more information on the workshop, please speak with Bronwyn Garrity (Teacher) or Georgina Daniel (Principal).

This workshop has been developed for parents and staff at Park Orchards Primary School and will be facilitated by Co Design Studio, through a partnership with Manningham Council and Vic Health.
Pancake Tuesday
28th February 2017
There will be pancakes for sale in the Cucina on
Tuesday 28th February.
Pancakes will be served before and during morning recess,
with or without maple syrup.
$1 per serve

Parents: If you could spare a couple of hours on the morning and would like to help out
please contact Katie on 0419514627 or kate_price75@hotmail.com.
Please also let us know if your child has specific dietary requirements that we may be able to
accommodate. Thank you.

First Aid Room Linen Roster 2017

The first aid room at POPS can be a busy place. To keep things
running smoothly and to minimise the spread of germs, the washing
of bed linen is a weekly task which requires parental help.

We need a volunteer each week to fill the linen washing roster. If you could
spare a little time on a Friday (or another day during the week) to change
the sheets and take some bed linen home to wash, it would be much
appreciated.

Many hands make light work! If enough parents volunteer you will only be
required once or twice throughout the year.

Please email jacqui.southgate@gmail.com if you can assist.

Thanking you in anticipation!

Miss Sprinkles Cupcakes

Thank you very much to Jenny from Miss Sprinkles cakes
in Park Orchards for our delicious surprise this week.
They were very well received by staff.
Program background
As part of the Victorian Government’s Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher. Each year, State Schools’ Relief (SSR) provides tens of thousands of children with school clothing, shoes and other essential items. For the first time SSR has received government funding so that it can help more families needing financial assistance, and ensure no one is left behind.

Eligibility requirements for CSEF can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

What uniform support is provided?
SSR will provide:
• A basic windcheater and track suit pants
  OR one of the following
• A bomber jacket, rugby top, hoodie or zip jacket

How can parents apply for the uniform?
Parents must apply for CSEF by the closing date listed at www.education.vic.gov.au/csef before they approach the school to apply. Primary schools are required to make applications on behalf of parents at www.ssr.net.au/schools.

Once approved, the voucher will be dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).

What if parents have already purchased their child’s uniforms?
Eligible parents who have already purchased their child’s uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size from the retailer.

Can parents who are ineligible for CSEF or, who have children in other year levels receive assistance from SSR?
Yes. Applications for parents requiring financial assistance for uniforms, text books or shoes are encouraged via the regular SSR services – www.ssr.net.au/schools. SSR only responds to requests from schools (not from parents directly). Parents are encouraged to talk to their school principal, assistant principal or student welfare coordinator about their situation and they will assess their eligibility.

Terms and conditions
• Only CSEF recipients are eligible for the uniform packs.
• Each student is eligible for a single uniform pack.
• A voucher is dispatched electronically to the school, uniform shop or uniform supplier on approval. The school will provide the voucher to the parent/student to present at the uniform retailer (and not at SSR).
• The order is valid for 45 days from date of issue.
• Once expired, a new application must be lodged.
• Expired vouchers cannot be redeemed.
• Each voucher specifies the individual items funded by SSR.
• No change to the items can be made unless through the school.
• Changes made in store will not be honoured by SSR.
• The maximum voucher value is $57 and any short fall will not be covered by SSR.
• The value of the voucher is a maximum value rather than an entitled amount. Should the value of the item be less than $57 the difference will not be credited towards other items.

More information
Parents: For CSEF application details please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
Schools: For SSR applications please visit www.education.vic.gov.au/ssr
Learning the piano improves educational outcomes!

Would you like to give your child the opportunity to learn the piano?

Private Lessons (1 on 1) are available for P.O.P.S students during school hours or at your home.

Limited places are available this year.

For further information:
Joanne Siegersma (B.Mus.Ed, Melb)
Ph: 94310555
Email: josieg53@gmail.com
ST ANNES STRAWBERRY FAIR

Strawberry Fair
Fun Walk / Run

Sat 4th March 2017
Race starts 8.30am sharp!

REGISTRATION FORM
8:30am start
2.5km run 5km run 2.5km Walk
$5.00 per entry prior to event
$5.00 per entry on day

Course: St Anne's Primary School and 100 Acres Reserve.

Individual
Family

2.5km run 5km run 2.5km Walk

Name:

Date of Birth:

Address:

Home phone:

Mobile:

Parent/Guardian Name:

Parent/Guardian Address:

Parent/Guardian Mobile:

Do you suffer from any medical conditions?

Do you suffer from allergies?

If yes please bring relevant medications on race day.

Registration opens 7.30am at St Anne's Primary School (proceed to the rear of the school)

No running on roads!

Register online at:

All inquiries - Sarah de Stratton 0407 779 657
- Uyen Freeman 0411 291 127

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PARK ORCHARDS & NORTH RINGWOOD
PARISH AUSKICK

REGISTER NOW!

BOYS PLUS NEW GIRLS ONLY

MEET THE COACHES - SATURDAY 25/3/2017
9am @ STINTONS RESERVE, PARK ORCHARDS
For more info email: auskick@sharksjfc.org.au
or REGISTER ONLINE @ aflauskick.com.au
CLICK ON REGISTER AND TYPE “PARK ORCHARDS” IN THE FINDER

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