

**SPECIAL
POINTS OF
INTEREST:**

- **School Photos-**
22 March
- **Term 1 Ends-**
29 March
- **Term 2 Begins**
-16 April
- **Pupil Free**
Day-11 May

Camp Australia provides an afterschool program at our school. If you are interested and would like your child to attend please contact them directly. Information is also available at the school office.

Community Newsletter

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Principal Report

Information Afternoon:

Thanks to everyone who attended the "Meet the Teacher" afternoon last Wednesday. Lots of parents took the opportunity to meet their child's 2018 teacher and to grab a bargain item of uniform or furniture at the same time. A special thank you to all the families who bought a book to donate to our library. These books will be processed very soon and will be in our collection for borrowing by the end of term.

Congratulations to the three winners of a \$20 Coles/Myer voucher: the Campbell family, Tony T. and Ahren L. They were the first three entries drawn out with all stamps on their passport.

Attendance:

As you will be aware from our previous newsletter, the Minister has directed all Principals to follow up the absence of every child, every day. This means that if your child is absent and we have not heard from you, I will be phoning you to find out where the child is. I must then decide whether to approve the absence or not.

Thank you to the parents who report absences before 9 a.m. by phoning to the office, visiting in person or using the School Stream app.

Pupil Free Day:

At our last pupil free day, teachers revised the teaching and assessment of reading with our consultant Linda McIntyre. We also refined our planning for the reading of reading to include more consistent use of the High Impact Teaching Strategies and the Department's literacy portal.

We have now scheduled our next pupil free day for 2018 with Linda for **Friday 11th May**. Children will not come to school on that day.

Book Money:

The school year is well underway now and children are working hard in their classrooms. Many thanks to the parents who have paid for the books and materials that the children are using. If your payment is still outstanding, please finalise as soon as possible.

Library:

A reminder that the library is open before school from 8:45 a.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for parents who want to come in and read with their children.

DOXA Camp:

Fifty tired children and five tired staff have returned safely from a three day camp at DOXA in Malmsbury. Many thanks to Miss Leanne who organised and attended the camp and to Mr Squires, Ms Melderis, Miss C and Caleb who gave up two nights away from home to make sure our students has an outstanding camping experience.

School Photos:

School photos will be taken on Thursday 22nd March. Further information and payment details will be sent home separately.

Child Safe Schools:

It is an expectation of the Minister for Education that I write in every newsletter to remind you of your responsibilities to keep all children safe. This is an important role that we all share and I know that as parents/carers who are doing the best for their children you want to be able to stop child abuse across our state.

Remember that if you suspect that **your child** has been a victim of abuse, you should contact the Victoria Police immediately. If you suspect that another child has been abused, you should report this to the Department of Health and Human Services Child Protection on 1300 664 977.