From the Principal’s Desk

Diary Dates

**Apr**

18th  Principal’s Morning Tea
19th  Footsteps Program
20th  ANZAC Day Service (selected Grade 5/6 students only)
26th  Footsteps Program

**May**

1st  Working Bee
3rd  Footsteps Program
10th  Staff Photos
17th  Footsteps Program
24th  Footsteps Program

**June**

17th  Curriculum Day
24th  Last Day of Term 2

**Clubs**

Next week lunchtime clubs will be commencing. It is exciting to be able to provide the children with another opportunity to engage in their learning. There will be a variety of clubs on offer ranging from drawing to paper craft to guitar. The clubs will run during lunchtimes for about 30 minutes. I am so pleased clubs are now up and running because I believe some children just find lunchtime a little long. Clubs will provide children with the opportunity to participate in an area of interest, connect with others and enhance their skills. I have been wanting clubs to be part of the curriculum for a while and am now so pleased it is finally happening. If you think your child would benefit from one of the clubs please encourage him/her to have a go and get involved.

Clubs available this term are:
- Board Games
- Knitting
- Language Skills - Foundation
- Piggie and Elephant
- Colouring
- Origami and Paper Craft
- Jigsaw Puzzle
- Finger Knitting
- Lego
- Rock and Water
- Dorset has Talent
- Free Sports Act - Year 5/6
- Choir
- Year 6 Leader Program - Activities with books, crafts etc.
- Sketch Away
- Paper Perfect
- Guitar
- Homework
- Ukulele

**NAPLAN**

This term the Grade 3 and 5 children will be participating in NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy). The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008.

NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May.

NAPLAN is made up of tests in the four areas (or ‘domains’) of:
- reading
- writing
- language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation)
- numeracy.

NAPLAN tests skills in literacy and numeracy that are developed over time through the school curriculum. If you have any concerns or questions please see your classroom teacher.

**Bikes/Scooters**

The bike rack is now installed and being used daily. Children are required to provide a lock to secure their bikes. Please remind children to enter via the carpark gate, dismount and walk bikes to the rack. Scooters are being kept in the shed. If riding a scooter please follow the same rules as the bike riders and walk the scooter to the shed. It is important that the children follow these rules to ensure that everyone is kept safe while on the school grounds. It would be greatly appreciated if parents could please remind the children of the rules that are in place.

**Principal’s Morning Tea**

Monday 18th straight after assembly will be our first morning tea for term 2. I would like to discuss the value of clubs, homework and Restorative Justice. If there are any ‘burning’ issues that you would like to discuss please come along. Parent participation is greatly appreciated and welcomed.

**Working Bee**

May 1st (10am - 2pm) will be our first working bee for the year. There are lots of jobs to be done before Education Week (15th May). The working bee levy will be refunded once a family member attends at least one working bee. Many hands make light work. A BBQ lunch will be provided. Please keep this date free.

Regards,

Palma Coppa
Principal
Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden News

Welcome back to everyone for Term 2, 2016. Our harvested items we will be using this week in the kitchen include Pumpkins, Eggplant, Zucchini, Silverbeet, Carrots, Parsley and Basil. We will also be utilising some of our produce from Term 1, which was prepared and frozen for future use, such as corn. We still have an abundance of produce stored frozen in the kitchen for use later this term and possibly into term 3 – this will prove very useful coming into the winter months when the garden produce is in shorter supply. I would like to once again, extend the invitation to parents and grandparents, to join myself and the students in the kitchen to assist with the cooking sessions. The students love having you in the kitchen, and so do I.

Thankyou

Gregg Hansford

Chaplain's Chat with Dave!

Lily-pads and Dragonflies
Each of our children are a lot like a frog in a pond. I don’t mean a yummy Freddo frog in a bowl of jelly! I mean real frogs in a real pond.
By the time our children are in school they have matured past a few early stages. Frogs protect their youngest offspring in all kinds of creative ways – in their mouth, under the skin on their back, behind rocks. Likewise, when our kids were little they were coddled – in a pram, playpen and baby carriers on our front, back or hip! Then they grew legs.
Now, no longer living under the water as tadpoles – they have moved to the surface, where all the other little frogs are living, breathing and growing – at school. And there are all kinds of new things they encounter. In this new environment outside of home – where our children will spend 12 years of their lives – there are two important factors that we, as understanding parents, can help with. Lily-pads and dragonflies.
Lily-pads cover the surface of the pond. Each one is a small environment in which we live for a time – temporary environmental factors. Afternoon is a Lily-pad. Some people accomplish more in the afternoon. Others, during the morning. Being tired is a lily-pad. We all do our best thinking and behaving when we are rested. Then there are situational lily-pads – like having a cold, or a death of a loved one, or a family situation. These lily-pads come with our kids to school. These are where they are living, right now. Understanding concentration, attitude and behaviour are related to our emotional environment helps us plan accordingly – and treat ourselves kindly when we do something out of character due to one of the lily-pads we are resting on. Helping our kids understand the environmental factors in their lives will help them make sense of who they are in the big world and why they feel the way they do.
Dragonflies dive in from the sky. They cause us to react suddenly and unpredictably. Someone touching my hair might be a dragonfly. Someone picking up the toy I wanted might be one. Being told to sit down and be quiet might be one. Everyone has their own unique dragonflies based on our physical, emotional and intellectual identity. Personal dragonflies cannot be seen by others. And, most of the time, we don’t see them coming ourselves. They just strike and we react. Each time we meet one of our dragonflies, it helps to give it a name and define it. Then we know that dragonfly and may be able to prepare for it or avoid it next time. Lily-pads and dragonflies is one way to teach emotional awareness. It is useful to develop daily habits of choosing good lily-pads – and skills in how to live through rough times. It is also a great life-skill to learn to face your dragonflies by naming them and learning how to prepare for next time.

This week’s SAKG Menu:
- Individual Zucchini Slice
- Pumpkin, Silverbeet & Feta Cous Cous Salad
- Smoky Eggplant Dip

Transition News

Welcome back to an action packed Term Two!
This week you should have received an Information Pack and Application Form outlining the process of transition from Year 6 to Year 7. This pack, provided by the department, needs to be read over carefully and the form returned no later than FRIDAY MAY 13th. The sooner you can return the form the better!
The Designated Neighbourhood School has already been filled in according to the students’ permanent residential address. Please make sure that you fill in all three Government School Placement Preferences. If you have any questions feel free to come and have a chat with me.

Thanks,
Jessica Hinkins
**Birthdays**

Bree Whitehead  
Zoey Schaap  
Frazer Harvey  
Bailey Burton  
Alexander Warren  
Scarlett Warren  
Joel Burch  
Harrison Smith  
Oliver Phillips  
Pippa Miles  
Aiden Bailue  
Leo Yuan  
Nicholas Skepper  
Tyrone Tropani  
Ainslie Heriot  
Justin Vanrolian  
Marley Aveling  
Brittney Helleren  

**Easter Raffle**

A very big thank you to all our Dorset families who donated to the Easter Raffle. Thank you to all the helpers who worked hard to put our Easter baskets together and congratulations to all the raffle winners. Over 30 raffle prizes were drawn and we raised an impressive $872.00. Well done Dorset! It’s greatly appreciated.

Many thanks,  
The Fundraising Committee

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**APPLE MAN**

Orders must be placed along with payment at the office by Friday 15th March before 10am. Approx. 5.5kg bags.

**Pink Lady**  $10.00  
**Fuji**  $10.00  
**Granny Smith**  $10.00  
**Golden Delicious**  $10.00

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**FOOTSTEPS PROGRAM**

Dear Parents,

Just a reminder that our new ‘Footsteps’ program will commence next week, Tuesday 19th April. Mrs Quigg will be running the program with the current 2016 Foundation students. This will provide additional support in our class learning activities, through such activities as:

- Speaking and Listening
- Reading
- Writing
- Singing

The program sessions are: Tuesday 19th April to Tuesday 14th June, 2016.

Students will attend the sessions from 9:30 – 11:00am. in Room 2.

The program is for children from a Non-English Speaking Background, who will be enrolled in Foundation Level, at Dorset Primary School for 2017.

Don’t miss out on this opportunity, as this will provide a ‘head start’ in your child’s learning for their first year at school.

Should you know of any parents who may be interested, please pass this information on.

To secure your child’s place, please contact the school on ph: 9725 5038 so that they can be included in the program.

Mrs Lenis Quigg and Mr Steven Lynch.  
‘English As An Additional Language’ and ‘Footsteps Program’ Co-ordinators.

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**Entertainment News**

It's that time again. The current 2015/2016 Entertainment Book finishes on June 1st 2016. So now is the time to purchase the new 2016/2017 Book or Digital Membership. I will be collecting the new books this Thursday so please visit the website or use an order form to purchase your book. Remember you are helping Dorset P.S. as thirteen dollars from each book or membership sold goes straight to the school. The books make a great Mother's Day gift too.

Thank you for your support,  
Pauline Keogh
Welcome back to school for Term 2!
We would like to thank all children and parents for making our holiday program a huge success over the break; we had a lot of fun and made many new friends. Our holiday program runs at the end of every term, so be sure to check online for information about the winter break and all of the fun activities planned later in the term. We are looking forward to a big term of creativity, cooking and cooperation! From sock puppets to kites to tasty oat biscuits to our new reading corner, it’s going to be very enjoyable.
Remember that Camp Australia is always open to new students joining us in the afternoons or in the mornings! Bookings are to be made online, but if the child has a Camp Australia account they can be added as a casual for any service.
It is important for parents to remember that if there are any changes to prior arrangements with us that we are informed as soon as possible. Also, don’t forget to update your contact list online along with any other changes in personal details and emergency contacts.
Remember that during term 1 and term 4 there is a “No hat: No outside play” policy at Camp Australia in line with government regulations.
We look forward to seeing you soon,
The Camp Australia Team.

Program Details
To find out more about our program, view fees and to register visit www.campaustralia.com.au

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Other times by appointment.

BOOKINGS CAN BE MADE BY CONTACTING US ON 9725 8277 OR BY EMAIL: melba.sc.junior@edumail.vic.gov.au

Junior Campus – Croydon Rd, Croydon
Monday 2nd May, 2016 at 7:00pm
You are invited to see our school at work; participate in aspects of our curriculum; find out what Melba College has to offer; ask questions and seek further information.

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