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Issue 1



Star of the Week

This week we thought it might be fun to interview Miss Craig now that she's back from maternity leave.



What in-school activity did you enjoy most last week?
Catching up with all my old friends at school. I missed you all last year!

What book are you reading at the moment?
The Tresillian Sleep Book....

What project are you working on in class?

Today I'm reimagining the student laptops. Could you all please stop peeling off the stickers with the computer information? I tried hiding them on the bottom last time, but some of you still found them! I know who you are. Hands off!

What do you enjoy most about Maths?

I LOVE solving a problem that's had me perplexed for a long time. It's so rewarding.

What do you like most about Kitchen/Garden?

My favourite thing about Kitchen Garden is watching Mrs Everingham's enthusiasm in the garden. But I'm also looking forward to seeing Mrs Menzies meet the chooks. (I'll let you in on a secret....she isn't very fond of birds.)

Do you have a hobby? What is it?

I really enjoy gardening and sewing.

What is your dream holiday? Where? Doing what?

I was lucky enough to go on my dream holiday to Norway a couple of years ago. I saw the Northern Lights! I'd go back in a heartbeat.

What would you like to be when you grow up?

I've always wanted to be a mum. And now I am!

Coming Events

Friday 14th Feb

P&C Meeting – 8:30am
Assembly – 2:20pm

Thursday 20th Feb

MPZSSA Swimming Carnival

Wednesday 26th Feb

School Photos

2020 - Who, What, When, Where...

In 2020 we have 13 students, in Grades 2-6. We will continue to use the one main classroom and utilise the schools additional work spaces.

Mrs Stevenson and I have come up with a plan that I believe is not dis-similar to last year. I will be in the office 1 day a week (Thursday) to do Principal things. Wednesday will be a team-teaching day where we will both be in the classroom until lunch time with a focus on smaller group work. Wednesday afternoon will be Library & PDH with Mrs M whilst Mrs S has RFF (release from face to face teaching – used for planning and assessment). Friday is largely a project-based day after a numeracy/literacy session in the morning with Mrs M, sport with Mrs S, then Kitchen Garden with Mrs S & Mrs E OR Robotics/STEM with Mrs S and Mrs M will have her teacher RFF time.

So that is the plan in a nutshell. The class timetable is included later in this newsletter. You will also see that the timetable is compliant with NESA requirements for each Key Learning Area (KLA) and prioritises the development of important literacy and numeracy skills. I feel that it also reflects our values and vision as a school community to continue fantastic opportunities like the Kitchen Garden Program. If you have any queries or questions about class routines please don't hesitate to ask. I absolutely have an open door policy and wholeheartedly believe that communication between school and home is key to meeting the needs of our students. And that is what we are all here for!!

There will be times where the plan is modified or tweaked, and it is good for students to develop a 'go with the flow' outlook. But rest assured the staff are planning that 'flow' to minimise interruptions and maintain the focus on learning and the wellbeing of every student. When myself or Mrs S are required to be out of the school for professional development or any other reason the routine will remain largely unchanged. Of course fun things like carnivals and our combined days will also come into the picture as they are important opportunities for interaction and learning. We'll keep everyone posted. The newsletter will continue on a weekly basis, the whiteboard will be

updated each Monday and we are beginning to use the Facebook page to provide updates and reminders.



On Thursday, Ms Stevenson and students will participate in a virtual workshop presentation as part of Safer Internet Day 2020. In this experience, students will identify skills for creating safer gaming environments including: balancing time online, dealing with abuse and cyberbullying, managing in-app purchases and accessing help and support.

In partnership with the Department of Education, the presentation links with PDHPE learning outcomes including cyber safety, maintaining positive interactions and relationships, ICT capabilities and the investigation of community resources that support health, safety and wellbeing.

For more information or as a great go to resource for families we recommend you visit

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

3MAPS Principal Meetings



On Thursday, I will be meeting with Principals from Moorland, Johnnie River and Herons Creek for a planning day as part of the 3 Mountains Alliance

of Public Schools. I am excited to continue to work as part of the 3MAPS group, with the goal of sharing valuable knowledge, expertise and expanding opportunities offered to students across the area. This week's meeting will be hosted at Hannam Vale. Future meetings will be held on Thursdays in Weeks 2 and 7 of each term. I will also be meeting with Kate Brace throughout the term to prepare for External Validation (EV) which is scheduled for the end of the term. Obviously being new to the school I will need a

bit of help to put together our submission so we'll be working together on this. More on EV over the coming weeks

School Counsellor

On Friday, the school counsellor allocated to our district, Christian Fieldhouse was here for a visit so that we could all get to know her as a familiar and approachable face. She will visit the school once a month and will be in the classroom with us sometimes on those days.

Library

Borrowing commenced last week... happy daily reading everyone!

Homework

Information on proposed homework for 2020 will come home soon. I completely understand that homework in Primary School can be a contentious issue so I am open to discussing it with all families and the P&C. The proposed homework is designed to foster independent study habits, value a variety of pursuits and consolidate in-class learning. It is not designed to be arduous or new learning or to provide a battleground for busy families. So please take a look at the folder when it comes home and please come chat to me about it.

My first Hannam Vale power outage

Friday morning saw some interruptions to our power supply, which of course means that we have to consider access to water and communication lines. We were able to continue largely uninterrupted on the day and used our Facebook site to keep families informed. But I figured it might be useful to provide my mobile number as an alternative contact when phone lines are down.

Ph: 0438 550 930

Kind Regards

Nicole Menzies

Principal

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program news



Despite the on again off again nature of the power we managed a great pre-assessment lesson, before

our first practical formal lesson in Week 5. The pre-assessment took in such elements as kitchen equipment identification, recognising volumes, recalling previously prepared dishes, ingredients and harvests, ingredients, plant identification, naming tools used in the garden and their uses and how these can be used safely.

There's a huge amount covered in this program. Staff are currently attempting to match outcomes to demonstrate just how much science, maths, health and physical education, learning about cultures, literacy, technologies, geography and history are embedded in this program! The Stephanie Alexander Website's Shared Table has some great information to help us with this.



Remember we need donations of:

Pantry: general

Chickpeas	Pepitas	Passata
Cornflour	Extra-virgin olive oil	Vermicelli noodles
Couscous	Arborio rice	Balsamic vinegar
Dried GF egg noodles	Rice paper	Red wine vinegar
Fish sauce	Rolled oats	Instant dry Yeast
Rice flour	Gluten Free soy sauce	White sugar
Gluten free plain flour	Gluten free self-raising flour	Pine nuts
Honey	Stock	Tomato paste tubs
Kidney beans	Castor sugar	Baking powder
Coconut milk	Coconut cream	Oyster Sauce
Sweet chilli sauce	Sesame oil	

Pantry: dried spices

Mustard seeds	Cumin seeds (large packet)	Ground tumeric
Ground nutmeg	Ground cinnamon	Salt flakes
Garam masala	Ground ginger	Pepper

Cleaning and prep

Plastic wrap	Baking paper	Dishwashing liquid
Aluminium foil	Paper towel	Pantry storage containers
Dish cloths & scrubbers		

We also discussed our recycling program to start later this week. Chooks will be back at school again soon!

There is a 2019 photo album all about our kitchen / garden at the front desk if you would like to have a peak at it!

Thanks so much everyone for continuing to support this program.

Mrs. E.

Kitchen Garden Co-ordinator.

P&C News

P&C Meeting Dates

Our next P&C Meeting will be held on Friday 14th February at 8.30am at school. The P&C Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday 9th March at 5:30pm at school. All welcome!

Quote of the Week

COURAGE DOES NOT ALWAYS ROAR. SOMETIMES COURAGE IS THE QUIET VOICE AT THE END OF THE DAY SAYING I WILL TRY AGAIN TOMORROW.



Thank you everyone for your ongoing support.

Michelle Dennis
President



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Feb Week 3	10 LDPSSA Swimming	11	12	13	14 P&C Meeting – 8:30am Assembly – 2:20pm
Feb Week 4	17	18	19	20 MZPSSA Swimming	21
Feb/Mar Week 5	24	25	26 School Photos	27	28 Kitchen Garden
Mar Week 6	2	3	4	5	6 Assembly – 2:20pm
Mar Week 7	9 P&C AGM – 5:30pm	10	11	12	13 Kitchen Garden

Good for Kids good for life



Our school is part of the Crunch&Sip® program, also known as 'Fruit break'. Crunch&Sip® is a set time during the day to eat vegetables and fruit and drink water.

Below are some examples of what students are allowed to bring for Crunch&Sip®:

- All fresh vegetables and fruit such as carrot sticks or grapes
- Dried fruit or tinned fruit in juice, but only sometimes
- Plain water



Some tips to increase vegie intake for Crunch&Sip® include:

- Start with vegetables your children are familiar with
- Allow children to choose their Crunch&Sip® vegetables
- Try sweeter vegetables like cherry tomatoes or carrots
- Use a variety of colours to make it more appealing
- Let kids pick out a special Crunch&Sip® container from the supermarket
- Get kids involved in cooking vegetables at home

Source: Crunch&Sip® www.crunchandsip.com.au



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