



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now more than half way through Term 3 and the end of winter is in sight!!

LEARNING WALKS

As a high performing school, we constantly strive to improve as reflected in our School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plan. Monitoring our key improvement strategies and progress towards our targets is essential. This is where our Learning Walks come in. Learning Walks are regularly scheduled for myself and the two Assistant Principals to visit multiple classrooms with a focus on our key improvement strategies. We are currently focused on the instructional model, inquiry based teaching and learning, teachers use of data for planning and teaching and SMART spelling. Learning Walks will also be conducted by Professional Learning Team leaders to observe what is happening in our classrooms.

NEW SCHOOL WEBSITE

The new school website will be launched shortly. Our new website has been overhauled to include current information, forms and policies and some amazing photos. I would like to thank one of our talented parents Tim Bowman for volunteering to take all the photos for the website. These photos are also on rotation in the foyer of the school and Tim has managed to capture some very precious moments in a typical school day!

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Thank you to those parents who did complete the survey. Your opinion of the school is important to us, with all data carefully analysed to identify trends or areas for future improvement.

FATHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

A reminder the PFA are organising our very first Father's Day Breakfast tomorrow Friday 23rd August. Dads and children can enjoy an early breakfast and then head off into classrooms to checkout some amazing work!

YEAR 5 WAKAKIRRI

Congratulations to our Year 5 students, parents and teachers on an outstanding performance at the Frankston Arts Centre last week. The students' performance was flawless, the music captivating and the lighting and costumes really stood out on the night! I am so very proud of what our amazing students have achieved, as I am sure all Waka parents are! What a night it was!

EDUCATION EXTRAVAGANZA

Our annual Education Extravaganza will be held in the last week of this term.

Outline of the week:

Monday 16th September: book character parade & Literacy Day Citizenship Assembly

Tuesday 17th September: STEAM Day

Wednesday 18th September: Cultural Day

Thursday 19th September: STEAM Day

Friday 20th September: Footy Fun Day, PFA Footy lunch & last day of term

More information will be emailed to families early next week.

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PRINCIPALS REPORT *continued*

SCHOOL OVAL REDEVELOPMENT UPDATE

We have finally signed a Community Joint Use Agreement with the Mornington Shire Council, which means the MENPS oval redevelopment project will proceed!! I am now waiting on official approval from the Victorian School Building Authority before work can commence. School Council has been fully briefed on progress so far. I am confident works will commence early Term 4, which means we are still on track for students to play on the new oval in Term 2 2020.

STAFFING

We have quite a few staff members taking Long Service Leave this term including myself. Natalie Haynes, Leanne Redfern and Melissa Wisniewski will be taking leave for varying periods. I will be taking the last three weeks of this term on leave to go to France (can't wait). In my absence, Melissa Wisniewski will step into the role of Acting Principal and while she is on leave for 6 days, Peita Cooper will take on the Acting Principal role.

As this will be my last Kalori for the term, I would like to thank all staff for their work this term and wish you all the best for the remaining 3 weeks of term.

Au revoir!

Kind regards,

Julie O'Brien - Principal



Alannah & Madeline
Foundation

Keeping children safe from violence

PARENTING IN THE DIGITAL WORLD

CYBER SAFETY INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER

5.30pm for ALL parents and carers—Multipurpose Room—Mount Eliza North PS

This workshop will provide insight into the online worlds of young people including the latest trends, risks and research, and include a strong focus on social media. It also focuses on advice parents can use to help manage a child's life online. **Outcomes:**

- Parents/carers will develop an understanding of the appeal of social media and how to support young people to stay safe.
- Parents/carers will know where and how to report inappropriate content and how best to support young people who are experiencing harm.
- Parents/carers will be equipped with the latest research regarding online behaviours.

Please use the link below to RSVP for this session

<https://www.trybooking.com/BENWG>

School banking at MENPS every Wednesday.

Our Piggy Saver account is the perfect way to start your kids saving. You'll also be helping the school and our local community. If MENPS can open 50 new accounts at the Mt Eliza Community Bank® Branch we'll be able to increase our sponsorship contribution.

Drop into our Mt Eliza branch in the Ritchies Village, 89 Mt Eliza Way or phone 9787 1224. You can open your PiggySaver account today with as little as one dollar.

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

CYBER SAFETY

Thank you to our parents and community members who have registered for our informative, cyber safety session. Regardless of your child's age, this presentation will provide a lot of current research and strategies to support you in parenting children in the digital age. Last week our Year 3-6 students received a note regarding the cyber-safety incursion which cost \$6. Please ensure you return these notices and payments ASAP.

Below are some resources you may be interested in, including some online safety links and a workshop called "Guarding our girls."

Start the Chat: resources in online safety

The Australian Government's eSafety Commissioner has developed information and resources to give parents, carers and educators the tools, tips and advice to keep everyone safe online for *Start the Chat*, the Australian Government campaign helping everyone in a child and young person's life to have a conversation about online safety.

[Download these now](#)

There is also a dedicated resource made specifically for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people,

[Help Keep Our Mob Safe](#)

Guarding our girls

Raising girls can be likened to riding a roller coaster. At a time when girls are coping with a myriad of changes to their bodies and often complex social environments, they are bombarded with an avalanche of mixed messages in the media and through music as to how they should look, feel and behave. Added to this are the pressures of friendships, relationships and fitting in.

Sharon Witt, Secondary Educator, Author and Motivational presents at Glen Eira Town Hall, Theatre. Cnr Hawthorn Rd and Glen Eira Rd, Caulfield

Wednesday August 28, 2019 at 7pm - 9pm

\$25 per person

Peita Cooper—Assistant Principal



TOP TIPS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND TRAINING TO HELP CREATE A LOVE OF READING IN THE HOME

Create a special reading space

Creating an inviting space to read at home can be easy, fun and cost effective. Pick a quiet corner in your home, the cosier the better. Fill the nook with blankets, pillows and good lighting. Let the kids help decorate it, it can be a fun family activity.

Read in front of your kids

Lead by example. It's very important for children to see adults reading.

Pick up a book when you can. Talk to your children about something interesting you've read. Actions speak louder than words.

Make a wish list

Encourage your children to update their reading wish list often.

Having a list handy can be helpful when family and friends need some gift inspiration. Also, it will help decrease the amount of unwanted and unused books in your house.

Host a book swap party

Have your friends and family around to bring their used books or unwanted presents for a book swap party. This is a great way to save money on new reading material for your little ones.

It's also an easy way to shift books out of your home to make way for new ones!

Diversify the reading material

Try to include as much seasonal and diverse reading material as possible.

Broaden your child's horizons with books based on different cultures. It's also a good idea to try have books or magazines based on topics they're learning in school.

Enjoy reading to and with your child.

Angela Stoller— Literacy Learning Specialist

WAKKAKIRI

PERSONAL REFLECTION

I was terrified. Thud went the door as we shuffled into a dimly lit corridor backstage from the Wakkakiri stage. Standing there shivering from cold and nerves it all felt very real. We had arrived far too early and so there was still two performances to go. We stood there for what seemed like hours .I felt like I was standing in light rain as the as the whispers of everyone backstage swirled around me. As we were way too early we had to wait and the suspense was killing me. Maybe it was just me and my fear but everything around me seemed magnified and eerie. The Ultra Violet light that filled the corridor made all our dyed wakka costumes glow and we all looked like odd disembodied ghosts. Plus the sloths make up made them look like skulls. Finally it was time for us to go on and we filed onto stage our hearts beating like tribal drums inside our chests. The curtain was closed as we slipped onto stage and we could still hear another schools three speakers. We stood waiting with baited breath. Then the curtains opened I scrambled into my position in front of the curtain before it was even fully open. As we hit the floor (Ella Chloe and I) the music started, booming out of the speakers. My scene ended and I ran off stage followed by lots of other people. The rest of the show pursued and then the last scene started I rushed back onto stage and started dancing. EVERYTHING IS AWESOME! Everyone was dancing and at long last the final note sounded, we jumped down into the closing positions. At that moment I was sure (even though I was at the front and the lights were so blinding I could barely see the audience let alone my peers) that 100% of Year 5 were smiling like sharks. Clap Clap Clap the audience sounded as we shuffled backwards so the curtain could close. We fled off stage with the sound of the audience ringing in our ears.

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ART NEWS

WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING IN THE ART ROOM?

SENIOR SCHOOL This term in art senior school students have explored the world of architecture and mask making. They have had student agency over their artwork which has involved - researching, designing, creating, goal setting and assessing their artwork.

MIDDLE SCHOOL Middle school students have explored the textile artwork of Annemieke Mein. They researched, designed, painted, sewed and decorated an animal. Year Four students got to choose any animal they wanted to make and Year Three students created birds.

MULTI-AGE Multiage students have been exploring the world of origami (the Japanese art of paper folding), which has incorporated a following procedures with math language around shapes and halving. The students created fantastic fish mobiles whilst learning all about the adventures of the 'Rainbow Fish'.



Cindy Minogue - Specialist Art Teacher

SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

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HOUSE ATHLETICS.

On Monday 12th of August, Years 3 to 6 travelled to Ballam Park Athletic Track for our annual House Athletic Carnival.

The weather for August was kind to all attendees and every student got through their 6 events.

There were many fine performances on the day with 60 students qualifying for the District Athletics on Friday 6th of September.

Thank you to all the parents and teachers who assisted on the day. Without your help, days like that would not be possible.



Josh Hunt—PE Specialist & Sports Coordinator

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We thank all our families for their ongoing support of our PFA events and fundraising activities.

SCHOOL DISCO

The Disco was a huge hit with the students having a great time dressing up and dancing. Thanks to all the helpers who assisted to make this a safe and fun evening for the multi-age through to the senior students.



FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

We are having our Fathers/special person's day breakfast this Friday 23rd August. With over 600 breakfasts ordered, this is set to be a great morning, hopefully the weather holds out.

Pre ordered bacon/egg rolls and sausage in bread will be served outside the canteen from 8am and teachers will have classrooms open for students to walk through with their fathers/special people. There will be tea and coffee available and appreciate your patience as our team of volunteers work hard to serve everyone.

FOOTY PIE DAY

Friday 20th September (Last day Term 3) is footy pie day. Please keep a look out for notices in the coming weeks .

SAVE THE DATE

Next term the OAKS DAY Lunch is being held at the Mornington Golf Club on Thursday November 7th. This is a fun lunch for parents/friends to attend, participate in sweeps and activities and catch up with friends or meet some new ones. Look out for notices and requests for helpers and donations for raffles in the coming months.

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MOUNT ELIZA NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL – CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 2019

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 FIRST DAY TERM 3 Year 4 Swimming	16 Year 4 Swimming	17 Year 4 Swimming	18 Year 4 Swimming	19 Year 4 Swimming	20 PFA Bunnings Sausage Sizzle
21	22 Mulitage Swimming	23 Mulitage Swimming	24 Mulitage Swimming Yr 6 Division Netball	25 Mulitage Swimming	26 Mulitage Swimming PFA Closet clean out	27
28	29 Mulitage Swimming	30 Mulitage Swimming	31 Mulitage Swimming Yr.6 immigration Museum			

AUGUST 2019

				1	2 PFA Disco	3
4	5	6	7 School Tour	8 Year 6 Hoop Time	9	10
11	12 Yr3-6 House Athletics	13	14	15 Year 5 Wakakirra	16	17
18	19 Year 3 Swimming	20 Year 3 Swimming	21 Year 3 Swimming	22 Year 3 Swimming	23 Year 3 Swimming PFA Fathers Day Breakfast	24
25	26 Year 5 Camp	27 Year 5 Camp	28 Year 5 Camp	29 Year 5 Camp	30 Year 5 Camp	31

SEPTEMBER 2019

1	2	3 Multiage Moonlit Sanctuary	4 Multiage Moonlit Sanctuary	5 Multiage Moonlit Sanctuary	6	7
8	9	10	11 Year 6 Exhibition	12	13	14
15	16 BOOK CHARACTER PARADE Citizenship Assembly 2.45pm	17	18 Cultural Day	19	20 PFA Footy Fun Day End of term 2.30pm dismissal	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

DATES FOR 2019

TERM DATES

Term 1: *29* January (Teachers start) to 5 April

Term 2: 23 April to 28 June

Term 3: 15 July to 20 September

Term 4: 7 October to 20 December