GRADE STRUCTURE 2020
At the moment we have 636 confirmed enrolments for next year, a number that we do not expect to rise by more than about 5 students by census day next February, given past experience. As such our total school enrolment number will have risen by between 20 and 25 students from this year’s census date number which was 614. This ensures that we will continue to have 25 classrooms. We will have 5 Prep grades next year, an increase of 1, given that we will have between 100 and 105 Prep children attending. Given that we will still be entitled to 25 classrooms next year, the same as this year, in order to accommodate an additional Prep grade, we must reduce, by one, the number of Grades 1-6 that we offer. This we have done in our senior Area – reducing from 6 to 5 the number of classes next year - we will be having 5 composite Grade 5/6s rather than 3 Grade 5s and 3 Grade 6s. In reviewing our student numbers for next year in grades 1 to 6, our senior area was the best option in which to create composite grades. Incidentally, the DET provides classrooms to primary schools on the basis of one classroom per 25 students. In doing so, these days, portable classrooms come in twos. Therefore, in order to be provided with additional classrooms, primary schools must have 25+ students above their current allocation of classrooms to be provided with an additional double-classroom portable building. Complicating matters for us is the policy, introduced last year by the DET, that schools which have more than 50% of students enrolled from outside their designated zone, will not be provided with additional classrooms should their rise above the threshold for additional classrooms. It’s therefore a moot point whether we would be provided with an additional double-classroom portable building should our total enrolment rise above 650.
It is also DET policy that Prep to Year 2 classes should aim to be no larger than 21. This, of course, means that classes for Year 3 to 6 will be greater than 25.

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We will continue to offer the same range of specialist programs next year as we have this year. Specifically, they are: Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Chinese (Mandarin), Physical Education, Multimedia and Robotics.

GRADIES for 2020:
Preps: 100…………………………… (5 grades @ 20)
Year 1: 94…………………………….. (4 grades @ 23/24)
Year 2: 86…………………………….. (4 grades @ 21/22)
Year 3: 100……………………………. (4 grades @ 30)
Year 4: 94…………………………….. (3 grades @ 31/32)
Year 5/6: 80 + 78 (158)………… (5 grades @ 31/32)

TOTAL STUDENTS: 635
Next week I will be in a position to announce all teaching positions and associated teaching roles and responsibilities for all teaching staff.

PARENT REQUESTS FOR GRADE PLACEMENT FOR 2020
As is my policy, I am inviting parents with **strong** reasons for making a grade placement request for their child/ren to do so in writing, addressed to me, either in hard copy or via our school email address no later than close of business on **Monday 18 November 2019**.

Please note: in making grade placement requests, please do not make a multiple set of requests within your request. By this I mean, for example, making a request to have your child placed with 2 or 3 friends, and not with a list of other children (I have received such lists with up to 6 children requested not be placed with the child in question!) and a suggested teacher for the child. At this point I despair. If you are making a request, and by the way, I repeat – you really should have very strong reasons for your request, then it’s best to let me know your top request and why.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations are in order for **Dr Mark Carthew**, our Leading Teacher (Literacy & Literature) on being one of 6 recipients of the prestigious May Gibbs Children’s Literature Trust Fellowships for 2020. Mark, a distinguished children’s literature author will be taking up his fellowship in residence in Adelaide next year. The purpose of these fellowships is to support the creativity and careers of contemporary Australian children’s authors and illustrators. Mark will be taking a break from teaching in 2020.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ’s)
**Q.** How much notice is taken of parent requests for grade placement?
**A.** I wouldn’t be inviting them if we didn’t take much notice of them. Parent requests are an important contribution to the total information that we take into account when placing children in their grades for the following year.

QUOTABLE QUOTE
‘Our minds are springboards of creativity, and as such, also the cliff edge of paranoia. Be mindful!’

Henry Grossek
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**HAVE YOU CHANGED YOUR ADDRESS OR PHONE NUMBER?**

Please ensure you let the school office know if you have changed address or updated mobile phones with new numbers. This information alleviates stressful situations for students when they are ill and we cannot contact parents.
REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE
On Monday morning as part of our whole school assembly we will be holding our Remembrance Day service from 9am on the basketball courts. All families are invited to attend the service.

PREP TRANSITION – STORY TIME IN THE LIBRARY ACTIVITY
On Tuesday 12th November, we will be holding our Story Time Prep transition activity in the library between 9.45am and 10.45am. If you have a Prep child for 2020 and would like to attend, please contact the office to book, as places are limited.

LITERACY LEARNING – RESOURCE FOR PARENTS
Follow the website link https://www.alea.edu.au/publicresources/resources-for-parents-and-community/little-peoples-literacy-learning to view literacy resources for children beginning school or in the early years of school. The link includes 18 modules with information and practical activities to assist with Literacy development.

EYE – EARLY YEARS EVALUATION
Thank you to all of our new 2020 families for allowing your child to participate in the EYE. It has been wonderful getting to know our future students and we look forward to welcoming them next year.

RESPECTFUL RELATIONSHIPS
Myth:
Students will use the Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials like a textbook

Fact:
The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials are designed to support teachers to deliver respectful relationships education in the classroom. Teachers use their experience and knowledge to deliver this material in the most suitable way for their students. Materials were developed by nationally and internationally recognized experts from the University of Melbourne’s Graduate School of Education.

Myth:
The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials aren’t based on evidence

Fact:
This is untrue. The Resilience, Rights and Respectful Relationships teaching and learning materials have been developed by experts from the University of Melbourne’s Graduate School of Education, based on evidence from reputable research bodies and leading authorities including:
• UNICEF
• VicHealth
• Australian Bureau of Statistics
• Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights
• Australian Institute of Health and Wellbeing
• UNESCO

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AFTERNOON DELIGHT – FRIDAY 22nd NOVEMBER 3.45pm – 5.30pm (Approximately)

We are well underway with our planning for a wonderful afternoon delight. The program includes:

- State School Spectacular Choir
- Mandarin Extension students’ performance
- Ms Mao and the grade 1’s performance
- School Choir
- Prep students dance.
- Zance with everyone welcome to join in.

The afternoon delight location has been changed and will now be held on the grade 5/6 oval. Please bring a blanket to sit on and some afternoon tea and enjoy the performances. If the weather is inclement, the event will be cancelled and the performances will be scheduled during our Monday morning assemblies. We are looking forward to a relaxed afternoon of entertainment.

Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery.

The end of 2019 is quickly approaching, so to ensure that you receive your reward back before school finishes, our LAST DAY for student banking will be Tuesday 3RD DECEMBER 2019. If your child is in grade 6 and have gold tokens, please remember these cannot be transferred to siblings so make sure you order all rewards by the 3rd December 2019.

The 2019 Polar Saver rewards are still available EXCEPT the Yeti Fluffy Notebook as this has sold out.
OUTDOOR CLASSROOM DAY THURSDAY 7th NOVEMBER

Today our school participated in Outdoor Classroom day. Students had the opportunity to enjoy learning outdoors. Our Prep students enjoyed PMP, other classes enjoyed planting a rosemary cutting to take home. The outdoors provides endless opportunities for learning and many teachers embraced the day, even if the weather wasn’t great!

Grade 5W are pictured here with their potted rosemary cutting which they planted and were encouraged to take home, water and watch it grow. Rosemary is a significant plant for Remembrance Day. Rosemary is great to use in cooking.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE – MONDAY 11th NOVEMBER AT 9am.

Our Memorial Garden is looking spectacular with the Gallipoli Centenary Roses all in flower and the Rosemary which was grown originally from a sprig taken from the battle fields also thriving. If you haven’t wandered past the garden for a while, I have included a photo which was taken today. It is a lovely place to reflect and remember those who have fought in wars or who are still serving. Lest We Forget.

GREEN LIVING FESTIVAL
Saturday 16th November 10am – 3pm at Bunjil Place, Narre Warren

The City of Casey are holding a Green Living Day and everyone is welcome to attend. On the day there will be wildlife experiences, market stalls, talks, demonstrations, entertainment and you can even make your own pedal powered smoothies! Search ‘Green Living’ on the City of Casey website to find out more information.

SEEDS TO PLANT NOW:
Asparagus, artichoke (Globe), basil, beans, beetroot, broccoli, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, capsicum, carrot, cauliflower, celery, chervil, chilli, chives, coriander, corn, cucumber, eggplant, kale, leek, lettuce, mint, parsley, parsnip, potato, pumpkin, radish, rockmelon, rosella, silverbeet, spinach, spring onion, squash, swede, tomato, turnip, watermelon, zucchini.

November is a great time to plant seeds and harvest in summer. Enjoy the garden as the weather warms up.

Happy Gardening,
Mrs. McCrum.
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Cassie has worked in a range of therapeutic settings, and is currently employed as a student counsellor at a P-12 school in the Yarra Valley. As a qualified teacher, Cassie has a unique understanding of the pressures faced by schools, and enjoys helping teachers and students alike. She currently consults out of Pakenham and Lilydale and offers in-school visits throughout the Cardinia, Casey and Yarra Ranges areas.

Contact Cassie to arrange a meet and greet with your School Welfare Team today or visit the website for more information:

w: www.empasense.com.au
e: empasense@gmail.com
m: 0448 368 750

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- Individual sessions
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- NDIS sessions for clients who self-manage.

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- This is confidential, short term counselling provided to teachers and other staff members. This is funded by employers as part of improving staff wellbeing.
- Such services are of vital importance for teachers, who often suffer from stress, burnout, work/life imbalance and vicarious trauma from emotionally supporting their students.

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- Teachers can also access services privately for debriefing and general counselling.
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Tuesday 12 November 12.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 November 12.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Thursday 14 November 1.00 pm – 7.00 pm
Friday 15 November 8.00 am – 3.00 pm

Make an appointment today
Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au
Community Advertising

Hoping to start the Friday class on the 25th October 2019 but we just need a couple more students to go ahead. Please contact Liz or Vicky on the below numbers if you're interested in joining or would like further information.

New Classes Commencing

Tuesday Evening Class is ready to start. Eastern College will confirm a date soon.
(6.30pm to 10.00pm)
New students are welcome to join this class.
Enrolling for 25 Oct 2019 (Fridays)
(Morning class 9.30am to 2.00pm)

Enrolling for 6 Feb 2020 (Thursdays)
(Morning class 9.30am to 2.00pm)

A minimum of 10 students are required for a class to commence, so do register early for the classes. Any queries, you can call:
Vicky (0414 386 024) or Liz (0411 020 220)

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Hello parents

We are excited at OSHC for the recycling week coming up in November 11th - 15th and have some great activities lined up including our design a 'Recycling week' poster competition, decorate a banner, cooking delicious recipes and making some fantastic items from recyclable material. The team have put time into selecting these activities and we are gearing up for a fun time and also one of learning how we can help practically to look after our earth! To this end we are going to need recyclable items including bottle tops, boxes, cardboard, cans, etc. Please see our educators about what items we can use for the week, we would greatly appreciate your contribution!

Kind regards
Sandra Stegmann and
Berwick Lodge OSHC team
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11-13yrs 6.30pm - 8.00pm
26yrs+  8.00pm - 9.30pm

Tuesday 19th November 2019
14-17yrs 5.30pm - 7.00pm
18yrs+  7.00 - 8.30pm

Fleetwood Primary School
Fleetwood Drive
Narre Warren, Vic 3805
Ph: Marilyn (03) 9795 1298
enquiries@narrewarrencalisthenicsclub.com

We'd love to see you there!!