LAST DAY FOR TERM 4 - FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER AT 2.30PM
FIRST DAY FOR TERM 1 - THURSDAY 30TH JANUARY 2020
LAST DAY FOR CANTEEN - FRIDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2019
FIRST DAY FOR CANTEEN - MONDAY 3RD FEBRUARY 2020

GRADE PLACEMENT LISTS

REMINDER: We will be publishing class lists on Friday 6 December on the Parent Portal on Sentral at 3.00pm. We will not be placing class lists on windows and doors located around the school this year – for privacy and security reasons. Please contact our office staff if you experience any problems with accessing the Parent Portal.

HETTIE & HARRY’S FOREST ADVENTURE AR CAPABLE BOOK NOW AVAILABLE
I am very pleased to say that our AR Capable children’s story book: Hettie & Harry’s Forest Adventure is now available for purchase. Copies can purchased directly from the school, for $16.50 per book. If you are unable to collect the book from the school, it can be mailed to you at a cost of $21.20, this includes mailing fees. To do this, please call the school and you can pay by credit card over the phone. Please note, all proceeds from the sale of the book go to the school.

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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.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

Q. What if I’m not happy with my child’s grade placement?

A. You do have the option of bringing your concerns to me directly and I consider all requests on their merit. In saying that, it is worth remembering that parent requests, whilst important in our grade placement decision-making processes, are not the ‘be all and end all’, so to speak of factors taken into consideration. As I’ve said before, we take a holistic approach to grade placement, one which takes into account quite a number of important considerations. For example, we aim for balanced grades in terms of gender, personalities, learning capabilities as well as taking into account the value and the importance of introducing children to other children year by year via their grade allocation and providing children with different teachers over the years. Then there are parent requests. These are of importance to us, but, as a rule, parent requests, unsurprisingly and quite reasonably, focus almost entirely on the parents’ perception of their child’s best interests only. As such, they ignore the big picture issues of which we must remain conscious. Sometimes the individual focus does not match well with the big picture view of what is best for the whole class, or even groups of children within the class. It is our responsibility to do the very best in grade placement for all children individually within the context of the whole class and year levels. Over the course of the past fortnight all teaching staff and principal class have devoted up to 10 hours collectively, after school considering all the above factors in formulating our grades for next year. There comes a point where our professional judgement has to be trusted and dare I say it, I believe we have arrived at it now.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

‘You can’t change the world if you can’t change yourself’ Henry Grosske

DIARY DATES:

Friday 13th December Prep Chesterfield Farm excursion
Monday 16th December JSC Craigcare Christmas visit
Tuesday 17th December Grade 6 Graduation
Tuesday 17th December Parent helper morning tea thank-you
Thursday 19th December Grade 5/6 End of Year excursion - Casey Arc & Bowland
Friday 20th December Grade 6 Graduation Bear/Ball
Thursday 30th January First day for term 1.

Grades 1 - 6 start time 9am to 3.30pm
Preps - start time is 9.15am - 12.45pm on the first day, then 9am to 2pm on Friday 31st January until Friday 14th February.

PORTAL PERMISSION TO BE GRANTED BY:

Monday 9th December Prep Chesterfield Farm excursion
Friday 13th December RSVP Parent helper morning tea thank-you
Friday 13th December Grade 5/6 EOY excursion
Friday 13th December JSC Craigcare Christmas visit
CHRISTMAS TREE APPEAL
Have you seen our beautifully decorated Christmas tree in the foyer? Thank you to the Prep and Grade 6 Buddies, who, as part of the Better Buddies Program, made our beautiful decorations for the tree. The tree is the focus of our Junior School Council Christmas Tree Appeal. Families have the opportunity to donate a gift for a child to be placed under the Christmas tree in the Foyer. Please include a label on the gift stating the gender and appropriate age. The presents will be collected on Monday 16th December 2020 by the Salvation Army and distributed to families in need.

PARENT HELPER MORNING TEA
Invitations for our Parent Helper Morning Tea will be sent out shortly. Our Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 11:15AM in the school gymnasium.

GRADE PLACEMENT 2020
Class lists for 2020 will be placed on the school portal tomorrow afternoon (after 3:00PM) for parents to access. These final class lists are a result of an extensive consultation process within teaching teams, as well as across teams. Individual placement of all children has been carefully considered, taking a range of criteria into account. Parent support of our decisions regarding class placement will be greatly appreciated. Students will be told their 2020 grade by their class teacher tomorrow afternoon.

ORIENTATION MORNING
Next Tuesday morning our current students in Years Prep to 5, new students to the school for next year and our 2020 prep students will participate in a whole school transition program from 9:15AM until 1:15PM. (New prep students will arrive at 9:45AM) The aim of this program is to familiarise all students with their class group and teacher for 2020. Students will have the opportunity to play in their 2020 play areas and meet some new friends throughout the morning. Many of our current grade 6 students will be involved in secondary school orientation activities. Remaining grade 6 students and students transferring out of the school will be involved in a range of activities for the morning.

END OF YEAR REPORTS
The student end of year reports will be loaded onto the Parent Portal Friday afternoon 13th December. The URL address is: https://sentral.berwicklodgeps.vic.edu.au/portal2

Your username is your email address and your nominated password. If anyone requires assistance with accessing their account, please contact the office.

*Sandra McCrum and Angela Maskery*
Medical forms will be going home to all students who have a known medical condition such as;

ANAPHYLAXIS
ASTHMA
ALLERGY

It's the department of Educations guidelines that these forms are completed within a calendar year, so families are asked to take these forms to their local G.P during the school holidays and return them to the office during book collection. Can you please ensure all forms have a photo attached to them and the medication is given to the office prior to the commencement of school.

All medication held in sick bay this year will be sent home with your child on the 20th December 2019, the last day of term 4. If your child is finishing school earlier than the 20th December, please call into the office to collect their medication.
School banking has now finished for the year. If your child has ordered a redemption prize, these will be handed out before the end of term 4.

The last day for borrowing books from the Library is Friday 6th December. **ALL BOOKS** must be returned by no later than Friday 13th December in order to complete our stocktake.

Our Parent Helper Morning Tea will be held on Tuesday 17th December at 11:15AM in the school gymnasium. Invitations will be sent home today to families. If you don’t receive one, please speak with your child’s classroom teacher or call into the office. We would love to see as many of our families enjoying a cupcake and cuppa and its our way of saying thank you for helping throughout the year. Please complete the invitation RSVP form and return it back to the office by Friday 13th December so we can organise our catering.
State School Spectacular on Channel 7!

THE VICTORIAN STATE SCHOOLS

SPECTACULAR

Be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on Saturday 7 December at 7pm for a special broadcast of the 2019 Victorian State Schools Spectacular.

The two-hour broadcast will feature highlights from the live performances as well as behind-the-scenes footage and interviews.

This year we took 20 students who participated in the Mass Choir and they performed 2 shows at Melbourne Arena. The theme was 'Made of Stars'. It was a magical performance filled with lots of special acts by students in Victorian Government School.
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**END OF YEAR TRADING 2019**

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Summer Holiday Club

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