Dear Parents,

**When an unexpected student visits your home…**

There have been a couple of incidents recently where a student has accompanied a friend home without his/her parent’s knowledge. This has led to some distressing moments for parents and staff. Fortunately each instance has been resolved safely. In the interests of avoiding future occurrences the following protocols are suggested:

- Speak with your children about the importance of coming straight home or meeting you at a predetermined location.
- If a child arrives at your place without prior notice, phone the visitor’s parents or the school.
  - If your child has not arrived home:
    - phone the school
    - phone the home of your child’s close friends
    - physically check the Moonee Valley library and McDonalds
    - travel to the school, where we can phone other friends or classmates.

If these steps are not effective, the police will be contacted.

**Running late for pick-up?…**

- If you realise you’ll be slightly late (up to 15 mins), phone the school.
- If you find you’ll be quite late, phone the school to inform office staff which relative or friend will collect your child.

**Years 3 & 4 explore Maribyrnong River…**

Tomorrow students in grades three and four will work with Sam Harrison from Melbourne Water to continue their investigations into eco-systems. This week students are exploring food chains. Students in Mrs Roach’s class explained that food chains describe how living things depend on each other. They also explained that sometimes living things are predators and sometimes they are prey.

Macky told me that an *autotroph* is at the bottom of the food chain. They are the producers in a food chain, such as plants on land or algae in water. “They are able to make their own food,” explained Macky. A *heterotroph* is a living thing that is directly or indirectly dependent on autotrophs for food.

**Family Science Night – 18 August 6pm – 7.30…**

We will be holding a Family Science Night on Thursday 18 August. The evening runs from 6pm to around 7.30pm. There will be a range of displays, workshops and experiments for families to visit. It will be held in the Triple Room, the new multipurpose room, the LOTE room and also on the basketball court. The evening will finish with a paper plane fly-off.

This will be lots of fun so please put a note on your calendar and hope for great weather.

**Celebrating the school’s 50th anniversary…**

Next term the school will celebrate its 50th ‘birthday’. The main activities are:

- Personalised pavers to progressively renew the front entrance path
- Monday 17 October – 60s clothing dress up day and open day; photo displays in BER building
- Wednesday 19 October – Past students and staff dinner
- Thursday 27 October – School Concert Theme: Past, Present and Future (Williamstown Town Hall)

Have a great week

Paul Mulroyan

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*Source: Wikipedia*
August
Wednesday 3rd  Grades Prep-4 Recycle Show
Friday 5th  Money and any unsold chocolates to be returned to school
Monday 8th  Grades 1/2 Hands On Science Incursion
Tuesday 9th  The Human Race Performance (All Grades)
Thursday 11th  Education Committee 2-3pm
Friday 12th  Prep Farm Excursion
Monday 15th  School Council Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 16th  Gr 5/6s: Science-McLeans Bright Sparks
Thursday 18th  Family Science Night
22nd-26th  Book Week & Book Fair
Tuesday 23rd  Book Week Parade
29thAug-Sept 9th  Junior Swimming Program

September
Friday 2nd  Prep/One: Fathers Day Breakfast
Monday 5th  Premiers Reading Challenge Closes
7-9  Gr 5/6 Phillip Island Camp
Friday 9th  Facilities Committee Meeting 5pm
Thursday 15th  Avondale Sports Day
Friday 16th  Fundraising Committee Meeting 9-10am
19th-24th  Gr 3/4 Lady Northcote Camp
Monday 19th  School Council Meeting 7:30pm

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Clearance
2nd HAND UNIFORMS !!
Call in on Friday (tomorrow)
9am to pick up a bargain!
Short Sleeve Polo shirts - $3
Skirts - $5  Jackets - $6
Jumpers - $5  Shorts - $4
Track pants - $5
Not all Sizes available

Notice to Parents
The school yard is supervised by a teacher on duty until 3:30pm. Students are expected to be picked up by this time.

Advertisements
The advertisements in this newsletter are for community interest only. The school has no connection with, nor endorses, any particular business activity.

Forms Sent Home This Week
Family Science Night

Pupils of the week last week were:
PrepA– Juan-Carlos & Nicole C
PrepB– Luca R
Prep/1A-Damian 1/2A– Luca C
1/2B– Natalie N
1/2C– Thomas F & Daniel M
3/4A– Phillippa J 3/4B– Mac P
3/4C– Matthew L 3/4D– Joshua N
5/6A– N/A 5/6B– Nathan H
5/6C– Alexandra K 5/6D– Gavin C

Camp Reminder
Both camps are rapidly coming up in September. It is a good idea to gradually pay off the camp so that you do not have to make a large payment in August.
Payment books were sent home when your child paid their deposit, these need to be returned with any payments you make.
Ros Blake
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