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June 17th 2021

2021 Dates to Remember

- ⇒ Wednesday 16th June
School Council @7:00pm
- ⇒ Friday June 18th
Interschool sports at Strathmerton
- ⇒ Monday 21st June
Quest Expo
- ⇒ Thursday 24th June
Parent teacher interviews 3.30-7pm
- ⇒ Friday June 25th
Parent teacher interviews
Student free day
- ⇒ Monday 12th July
First day term 3
- ⇒ Friday 30th July
Lightning Premiership at Yarrawonga

Breakfast Club every Friday Morning at 8.30am.
Great Job ladies and helpers DONATIONS: Hot chocolate, Juice, Margarine & Strawberry Jam
BREAKFAST CLUB on again this Friday.

JUNIOR BADMINTON

The Junior Badminton **Colour Comp** recommences this Friday (18/06) after school.

Heather McCoy.

HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILDREN WITH MATHS

Build on success

Create the impression that learning mathematics well is desirable. Encourage effort and help your children see errors as part of the learning process.

Let them work things out

People learn, not so much by being told things, as by working things out for themselves and linking new ideas to ideas they already have. You can help by asking your children questions, letting them work out answers for themselves, and then discussing their answers and strategies with them.

Be patient

Children need time to think and time to answer. When asking your children questions or talking to them about mathematics, give them time. Be patient. Also, explain to older children that they need to give younger siblings time to answer questions, rather than always answering for them.

Talk about it

Encourage children to talk. Talking about mathematics is an effective way of learning, especially when a mathematical situation arises naturally.

Speak the language

Use mathematical words when you describe things. For example, instead of saying "the big red bucket", you might say "the 10-litre bucket". Instead of saying "the large packet of rice", you might say "the 2-kilogram packet of rice".

Don't rush

There is no hurry. Children develop their mathematics skills gradually and there is no urgency about developing any particular skill. It's necessary to work progressively on helping them to learn mathematics. Start now, but there is no need to accelerate your child's development.

From the Principal's Desk

A much more settled week this week, as the students get back into the regular routine of being at school and focusing on their studies. On Tuesday and Thursday, we had CRT teachers come in to release staff to plan the Term Three programs in Literacy, Numeracy and Quest. A great deal of effort goes into this program planning to ensure that there is a common sequence of learning, all the way from the Preps to Year 6.

QUEST EXPO

As a culmination to this term's Quest theme 'Earth and Space', we will be holding a **Quest Expo on Monday, 21st June**, commencing at 2:15pm. Parents, friends and family are cordially invited to join us to look at all the great work each class has done around this topic. Following the Expo we will have our assembly and parents, friends and family are welcome to join us in the hall. **COVID-safe regulations ask that each adult visiting carries a mask.**

PUPIL REPORTS

Pupil reports will be sent home on **Monday, 21st June**. These reports are very detailed and provide a comprehensive view of each student's performance for this first semester. Following the reports is the opportunity for an interview with your child's teacher, on either **Thursday, 24th June (3:30-7:00pm)** or **Friday, 25th June** in the morning. At this stage we are confident that these interviews can be face-to-face, but are prepared to switch to phone and zoom calls, if new restrictions come into play that prevent parents/carers from being on school property. I would encourage all parents/carers who haven't booked an interview time as yet, to do so. These mid-year interviews are really important in providing you with information on your child/ren's progress; including areas where they are doing well, and areas for improvement.

KIND DONATION

Earlier this week we received a very kind donation of a significant number of novels for advanced readers from Tania Bell. Thanks Tania for your support of the school.

SCHOOL REBUILD

We are well down the path towards the finalisation of the design of the new school refurbishment. The architects, Vincent Crisp and Partners have done a great job of designing an initial plan, which has now gone through the process of being approved by the VSBA (Victorian Schools Building Authority), the costing team and the group (Aurecom) who sees that the plan doesn't exceed our allotted space (entitled space). Now that all those boxes have been ticked, the architects will move on to the next design phase, which will be a far-more detailed view of the initial plan. We are hopeful that the whole project can go to tender before Christmas, with the possibility of works commencing over the Christmas break.

The good news is that the plan allows for us to retain the old Art room and adjoining portable.

Geoff Weppner

Principal.

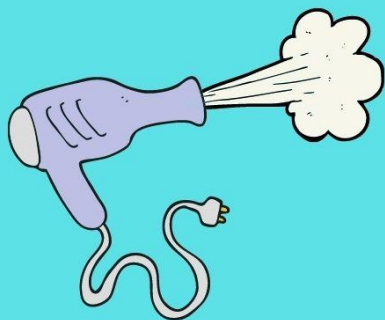
**Don't forget to get you parent
teacher interview times in if
you haven't already already.**



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QUEST EXPO
EARTH & SPACE
MONDAY 21ST JUNE
2.15PM

End of term, June 24th
SRC are fundraising for the
Red Shield Appeal
Gold coin donation.



CRAZY HAIR DAY OUT OF UNIFORM

