Welcome back to school and the start of Term 3. This is usually our quieter more settled term with fewer major events and activities. We look forward to a solid term of learning and building on the previous semester.

The oval is looking fantastic! The 3 weeks without any traffic or children has seen the turf begin to bed in. The rain and sunshine has also helped; the turf has been rolled and roots are starting to grow down into the new soil.

Children will not be allowed on the new grass until late August when the first mow will take place.

The second stage will then be turfed and should be available for use early in Term 4.

We are very pleased to welcome Karen Leopold back after her term of Long Service Leave travelling to Europe. She has had a wonderful trip and is refreshed for Term 3. This term Leonie Isaacs will also be teaching Art supplementing the hours needed. She will teach Preps on a Thursday.

Sincere thanks to Bart and Melinda Sbeghen for their work in developing the school Green Travel Plan. This has included consultation, surveys, numerous hours talking with parents, discussing student travel to school options and the environmental and health aspects of walking and riding to school. Actions have now been agreed, look out for more information.

Congratulations to Emma Thompson and her husband on the arrival of Harper Alarice on 9th July at just 5lbs 3oz. Emma worked right up until the end of term 2 with Brendan in PE and was still skipping and running.
Office News
Office Hours, 8.30am – 4.00pm Monday to Friday

We currently have 76 students enrolled for Prep in 2013. This will require 4 grades of Prep and there will be a ceiling on enrolments. Any potential enrolments should be submitted now to ensure a placement.

Scholastic Book Club

Issue 5 order forms that were sent home recently are due back to the office by Monday 30th July by 9.00am
No late orders will be accepted

Please note, that orders sent before this date will now be sent to Scholastic as received (except cash which will be processed on the final day). The office will now process orders a couple times a week (for credit and cheque payments only) so the earlier the order, the earlier the children will get their book.

Woolworths Earn and Learn Program

The program will start on Wednesday 9th May and has been extended until Sunday 12th August. When you do your shop you will receive one sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards).

When you receive a sticker place it on the card and when the card is complete please submit it in the collection box located near the office. Should you need another sticker card please see the office. All completed cards must be sent to the office no later than close of business on Tuesday 14th August. Enjoy collecting. Total to date is 15,000 points

Coles 2012 Sports for Schools program.
Vouchers are available in all Coles stores from 13 June to 14 August. A collection box will be located at the front of reception so please feel free to drop the vouchers in the box or give them to your children to hand into class. Enjoy collecting.

It would be appreciated if docket could be folded and counted with total amount written and circled on docket. ONLY DOCKETS NOT RECEIPTS ARE ACCEPTED.
Coles total to date is 13,053 points

MOBILE MUSTER - HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & WIN!!!

The Grade 1/2’s inquiry unit this term is ‘How can we leave a smaller footprint on the planet?’ We thought what better way to help the planet, than to participate in Mobile Muster! Simply leave your old mobiles, chargers and accessories at the office or drop them off at 2S (Mrs Sheldon’s classroom). We will then send them off to be recycled into fence posts, saucepans, jewellery and lots of other useful products.

By participating in Mobile Muster, not only are we doing our bit for the environment by keeping mobiles out of landfill, we also have the chance to win great prizes. The school with the highest number of mobiles and chargers collected will win an environment/technology reward pack valued at $1500 each.

Our top collecting students could also win:
• MP3 players
• $20 Officeworks Vouchers
• Worm farms
• Scholastic Vouchers
• Pencil Packs

Keep an eye on the display board outside the office to find out more information and to check our progress. So, ask your parents, neighbours and friends and get collecting.


Memory Maestros

Last term, forms were distributed to all students in Year 1 for participation in the University of Melbourne study into working memory in Year 1 children. This has been identified as an issue for children’s learning and the research seeks to identify the level of concern. Children will then have the opportunity of participating in a memory training program at school to improve their learning.

Please return your forms asap.
If you need assistance to complete the form, please contact the office.
Assistant Principal’s Corner
Sandra McOrist

We’ve only been back at school for four days but the number of children arriving late to school is already of serious concern. At assembly on Monday morning, Agata Puglia collected the latecomers in the hall foyer and spoke with parents.

School has always started at 9.00am and children are expected to be at school, at their classroom ready to start when the 9.00am bell rings.

Last term, letters were sent home to students with regular absences or late passes and this procedure will continue. At a certain level, these details must be reported to the relevant authorities, and I urge all parents to reschedule their alarm clocks and set a target to be at school by 8.45am.

It’s Not OK To Be Late!

GREEN TRAVEL PLAN
We’ve now prepared the Green Travel Plan for the school and sent it to Moonee Valley City Council. It will be available on our school website. Thanks to all those who contributed especially at consultation sessions.

We now have a Plan to guide our efforts to getting healthier, more independent and sustainable travel to and from school.

Walking school buses got a lot of support and we are looking for volunteers to run them along Kent St and Wellington St.

We’ll also be working with Moonee Valley Council to improve the surrounding streets for walking and cycling especially Kent and Wellington St.

And we plan to improve our bike and scooter parking at school and do bike skills training.

To help do all this I’m looking for volunteers to join the Working Group to implement the Green Travel Plan. Anyone interested please contact me.

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Curriculum News

Grade Newsletters are now available on the school website. All grades will be focussing on the Olympic Games with work on geography, sports, statistics and language.

Term 2 Inquiry units are:
Prep – People who help us stay healthy and safe
Year 1/2 - Australia’s Place in the World
Year 3/4 - What influences our identity; how do our cultural backgrounds enrich our community?
Year 5/6 - Natural Disasters

As always these units will be support by incursions and excursions by/ to relevant specialist organisations. Specialist programs will support the inquiry topics as well.

Grade 3/4 students are also attending The Huddle at North Melbourne Football Club.

This term, students are also involved in:
Interschool Soccer
Athletics Carnival
State Schools’ Spectacular rehearsals
Solar Boat Challenge preparations
Recumbent Bike practice

Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 Camps
Costs have now been finalised for both camps and parents are encouraged to make regular payments to avoid a big lump sum at end of term.
Payments from as little as $10 can be made at any time through the office using either the payment booklet or a cash envelope.
Why not use some of the additional cash benefit paid to all families recently to assist with defraying this costs?

Instrumental Music Program
Vern O’Hara

Term 2 Invoices
Term 2 fees are now overdue. Please note that students with Term 2 fees still outstanding as at Friday 20th July will not be having any further lessons in Term 3.
Vision2Grow Brings you VISION ART

VISION ART is a positive art program for children aged 7 and up, helping them to explore who they are and what they enjoy in life.

The activities take place in a creative, friendly, and fun learning environment in which they feel confident to express themselves verbally and artistically and make discoveries, while building friendships with other kids.

The art masterpieces they create will be priceless, as they are pieces for them to use to help them remain focused on their goals.

The program will be run in Term 3, on Thursdays after school in the Art Room and will run for 8 weeks, starting 26th July.

Time: 3:45 - 5:00
Cost: $85.00
Please call Senait (Marley’s mum) on 0477881275

LOST

Hand knitted dark grey cardigan and matching beret to suit 7-8 year old female with sentimental value. If found please contact the office.