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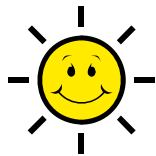
To provide a vibrant, attractive and safe teaching and learning environment, growing and evolving in harmony with the community.

"LEARNING FOR LIVING"

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Friday	9 February	Assembly 3 pm. Presentation of Leadership Badges
Monday	12 February	Parent Information Evening
Tuesday	13 February	2nd Hand Uniform Sale Staffroom 2.30 pm
Wednesday	14 February	P & F Meeting 9.00 am Staffroom Music Incursion (notice to follow)
Friday	16 February	Prep Twilight Gymbus Picnic
Monday	19 February	School Photos
Monday - Friday	26 February-2 March	Grade 5/6 Camp
Monday	12 March	Labour Day Holiday

Dear Parents

Last week our annual elections were held for the position of School Captains, House Captains and Vice-House Captains. All students from Grade 3-6 joined the staff in electing Grade 6 student leaders—our Grade 6 students demonstrated outstanding school spirit in their election speeches and I am very proud of all students who nominated for these leadership roles.

Congratulations to Brianna H and Matthew C who have been elected as School Captains. I am confident that they will enjoy the role as they assist with public events, ie welcoming visitors, assisting at school assemblies, chairing Junior School Council and leading the student community through their leadership roles in all school activities and in the playground.

The House Captains and Vice-Captains are responsible, with the help of staff, for leading and coordinating house teams (swimming sports, athletics, senior sport and yard duty).

We are very pleased to welcome Mary Wooldridge, Member for Doncaster, Shadow Minister for Mental Health, Drug Abuse and Aged Care to our assembly next Friday. Mary will present the badges to the elected Grade 6 students.

Later this week I will be calling for nominations for School Council. All government schools in Victoria have school councils. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school. In the performance of their role, school councils are able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Within guidelines provided by the Department of Education and Training (DE&T), a school council has responsibilities for developing such things as:

- The school strategic plan which sets out the main goals and priorities of the school for three years.
- The school's budget which shares out the available resources to make sure that the plans of the strategic plan are carried out.
- The general educational policy of the school.
- The physical appearance and maintenance of the school's buildings and grounds.
- The student code of conduct which provides a safe and orderly environment for learning.
- An annual report on the school's achievements.

Parents on School Council provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school. Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging. The timeline will be as follows -

- Friday 9 February Call for nominations
- Friday 16 February Nominations close—display list of candidates, nominator and seconder
- Friday 23 February Distribute ballot papers by this date
- Friday 2 March Close of ballot
- Monday 5 March Count votes and declare the poll

Regards - **Kevin Sertori, Principal**