PRINCIPAL’S REPORT 11th March 2016

From the Principal’s Desk

Anaphylaxis
All the staff are busy completing their online Anaphylaxis training. This is a compulsory model that we must all complete. There is a bit more training still to come for a couple of staff members involving the use of the epipens. It is important that all parents inform Karen if their child is anaphylactic, has asthma or is allergic. That way we can make a plan to support the child in case anything happens at school.

Assemblies
The school assemblies are going well. Students are awarded for their contributions to the school and classroom.

A reminder that parents are welcome to attend the assemblies.

School Review
We have a School Review coming up early in term two. This involves setting directions for the next three years and celebrating what the school has achieved in the previous three years. It is a lot of work to bring the review process together – School Self Evaluation, (thanks to Sue Page who wrote the document) surveys and data analysis but we are looking like we are on track for the day.

Graduating Students.
Three of our students will be graduating this year: Ben, Therressa, and Brendan. The process to support their next steps into post school options involves the appointment of Futures for Young Adults’ facilitators. Our facilitators have been appointed and if you have any questions about post-school options please feel free to see me or make an appointment to see Angela, our Leading Teacher who is responsible for this area.

Paint Spot Donation
Thanks to Paint Spot of Mornington who donated 14 wallpaper books to the school. Brendan, our Art Teacher ensured that every class received a book. Feedback is that the students love leafing through them and teachers have come up with some creative ways to use the pages. Thanks to Paint Spot for their donation.

Melbourne United basketball team
A big thanks to the Melbourne United basketball team for their recent involvement in our school. Warrick and Tom from the team visited the school on Wednesday afternoon and took the students through a fun basketball training session. Thanks for the donation of basketballs from the team. I think United will become our schools favourite basketball team! A big thanks to Brendan, Head of Sports, for organising the visit.

David Newport
Acting Principal
A big hello from the students and staff in Room 6.

This year there are 8 students in this classroom, Bailey, Chris, Keely, Jack, Brendan, Will, Billy and we welcome our new student Chloe!

It is going to be a very busy year for Brendan who turns 18 in May and will be graduating in December! We have had 4 birthdays so far - Bailey turned 13 with Jack, Will and Billy all recently celebrating their 15th birthdays! We have enjoyed some lovely party lunches and delicious birthday cakes, even a piñata for some fun at Wills birthday!!

The students are enjoying swimming on Fridays - a big thankyou to the instructors and helpers at Kings pool - it has been very rewarding.

Each day the students enjoy participating in a range of activities such as board games and threading to help fine motor development, colour match, classifying, sorting and maths skills. Dominoes are an excellent game but also to make domino chasers!

The students have also welcomed Brendan Smith who teaches Art on Mondays and Phys Ed every Thursday. He is broadening their range of skills and developing and encouraging their participation and enjoyment during lesson times. It was fun to have a ‘Saints’ player visits our room recently - he looked at our work and gave every one an autograph!

Jason from ‘Musica Viva’ has introduced further drumming skills and more recently-learning to play and strum guitars!

Please come up and visit our room if you are in the school - we enjoy showing off our skills and achievements!
Easter Raffle

Its Easter raffle time again!

Great prizes to be won Including a $50.00 voucher from Coles, Family pass to Moonlit Sanctuary, Family pass to Jurassic Creatures valued at $105.00, Easter eggs, soft toys and more.
Tickets are $1.00 each
Drawn on Thursday 24th March (last day of term)

Easter Hat Parade

Join in the fun of our Easter Hat Parade! great prizes for the best hat and everyone that participates will receive a small prize

Also Prizes for -Best Hat on Parade
- Funniest Hat
- Most Colourful
- Most Original

Parade on Thursday 24th March @ 9.45am (last day of term)
Come along and join in the fun, all welcome!

Thank you to Paint Spot in Mornington who donated wallpaper samples to our school, these will come in handy for Art & Craft classes

Don’t forget this Monday the 14th March is a public holiday no students required at school on this day
This year our school is registered to take part in the 2016 National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence” on Friday the 18th March. The focus for 2016 is “Talking about Bullying”. (You can find lots of info on the Bullying No Way website). The students will prepare for the day in their own classrooms by engaging in discussions, watching videos and completing activities according to individual needs, experiences and abilities.

Due to our Swimming Program on Friday’s we will celebrate the special day with a short Assembly in the afternoon. The students will participate in a visually supported game “OK or NOT OK” to prompt discussion and awareness, a Circle Dance, watch a video and present our school mural “BULLYING NO WAY”. Each student will also receive a wrist-band.

We thank you for your support in our efforts to ensure that our school is a happy and safe learning environment for all of our students,

Regards Angela Holland
Melbourne United Basketball Club Visit

This week we were fortunate enough to have a visit from Warrick Giddey from the Melbourne United Basketball Club.

Warrick is a former player from the Melbourne Tigers and is now the Community and Schools Officer at Melbourne United. All of the school where involved and had a great time participating in a clinic to improve their skills and ball handling.

Thankfully the rain stayed away and everyone enjoyed themselves.

Next month the entire school will be involved in the Premier's Active April initiative. This sees students and staff committing to half an hour of physical activity every day for the month of April. Each student has been signed up to this and will receive a card with their details on it. This card has some goodies that come with it, so please read it carefully. As a result of us making this commitment, we have been lucky enough to win a visit from an athlete from the Victorian Institute of Sport. The athlete's name is Kelly Hetherington and she competes in middle distance running events—mostly the 800m. This is another great opportunity for our students to meet such a
AWARDS

PRINCIPAL’S AWARD: Hayden—For being a great office messenger and greeting the office staff each morning

MUSIC AWARD: Imogen—For playing all the notes on the Xylophone & doing all the actions in the songs

PE AWARD: Jemma—For her energy and “Have a go” approach to P.E

ART AWARD: Skyla—For her hard work on everything she does in art

ESMART AWARD: Teleah—For kindly sharing the class IPad & computer and packing it all away neatly

ROOM 1 AWARD: Jemma—Dedication towards classroom jobs. Well done Jemma!

ROOM 2 AWARD: Imogen—Fantastic swimming and getting ready for swimming on time.

ROOM 3/4 AWARD: Lachlan—For a great attitude and approach to his work

ROOM 5 AWARD: Taj—For doing a fantastic job using his PEC’s