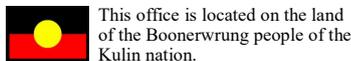




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What's News

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WEDNESDAY
6TH MARCH 2019

IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH
Monday 11th
 Labour Day Holiday
Tuesday 12th
 Curriculum Day (student free day)
Sunday 17th
 Family Day 10am-2pm (at Southern Autistic School)
Thursday 21st
 Public Reporting & School Council Meeting
Monday 25th
 School Photos

APRIL
Tuesday 2nd
 Autism Awareness Day
Thursday 4th
 Post School Options Expo
Friday April 5th
 Last Day Term One

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
Saturday 6th April – Monday 22nd April

Tuesday 23rd April
 First Day Term Two

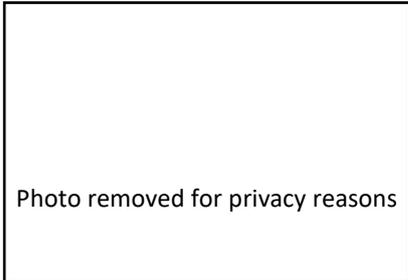


Principal's Report

We are already half-way through the term and it is extremely rewarding to see the learning that is happening in classrooms across the school. It has also been great seeing our new EEPs and Junior students managing transition to school, and within the school environment, so well.

We have had quite a number of new students across all school levels who are also engaging in the learning programs we provide.

Our camping program has started for our senior students with two classes enjoying Blackwood Camp last week. While it was quite hot at times, the reports were that everyone had a great time.



School Council

We are pleased to announce the successful nominations for the vacant School Council positions. The successful parent representatives are Julia Morgan, Hal Korpetutuncu, Monique Nazzari, Laura Critchley and Mikaela Koia. The DET representative is Julia Sadler. We will be having our Public Reporting Meeting on the 21st of March.

School Enrolments

We completed our Census last Thursday so that we accurately report student numbers to DET. We currently have 278 students enrolled, including our 24 EEPs.

Family Day

I am really looking forward to the SAS Family Day on Sunday the 17th of March. Lots of activities have been organised for the whole family and we are all hoping that we will have lovely autumn weather for the day.

Curriculum Day

We have our next Curriculum Day (Student Free Day) on Tuesday the 12th of March where we will be continuing our development of SWPBS (School Wide Positive Behaviour Support), which is a framework for developing students' positive behaviours in a supportive environment.

Bruce McPhate
Principal

"Wrap and Chat!"

Please join our parents every Friday at 9.15am for a good dose of laughter and to help cover books in the Staff Room.





Assistant Principal News

We continue to work with families in the knowledge that the team around the child approach is proven to benefit outcomes for students. In recent years we have provided parent conferences that coincided with professional learning of staff. While the feedback from parents who attended was very positive, a major challenge was overcoming parent availability on the 2 days of the conference. And, like all conferences, the content was more relevant to some than to others. Based on the success of recent parent information sessions, this year we will be running a series of sessions throughout the year. With the support of our Wellbeing team, Leading Teachers and SPOT, we will provide parents and carers with the opportunity to engage in this year's school review, learn about new initiatives and programs being provided in the school and also participate in sessions provided by guest speakers on topics such as NDIS, toileting and nutrition. We will provide times that will allow for attendance of working and non-working parents. More details to come.

With institutional child abuse very much still in the front of our minds, and the front page of all media, the elimination of risk to all our students continues to be a priority for DET schools. Child abuse is a complex and diverse risk to children, ranging from physical and sexual to a lack of provision for the wellbeing of a child. Staff have completed professional learning to enable us to better see the signs of a student at risk and we continue to work closely with our wellbeing team to monitor the health and safety of all.

Justin Walsh
Assistant Principal

Crown Coaches Bus Service—Reminders for Parents /Carers

To help our buses continue to run smoothly each day, please remember:

- If someone new is collecting your child for the first time, please ensure you contact Crown Coaches on 9845 1455. Crown staff will not release a student to people they have not met before or have not been informed about. In addition, please fill in the Authority to Collect form which is available from the SAS office.
- Please call if your child will not be travelling on the bus. It is never too late to inform Crown. You can call 9854 1455 option 1, 24/7 and leave a message or visit Crown Coaches website <https://www.crowncoaches.com.au/contact/for-parents>
- A reminder with regards to bags on the buses. Please keep bags as small as possible as students are not allowed to have bags in the aisle and the buses have a limited amount of room.
- Devices on buses: please ensure devices are charged as the buses do not carry chargers.
- If you change your contact details please advise Crown Coaches in case they need to contact you directly.

We appreciate your cooperation with regards to these matters so that students continue to travel safely to school each day.



EEP and Junior School News

We're now over half way through first term and it's wonderful to see how well students are settling into their classes and developing connections with staff and peers.

Teachers have been focussed on assessing students and writing Individual Learning Plans to target areas for student learning. Discussions with parents about students, interests, strengths, skills, abilities and aspirations in assessment and SSG meetings have contributed to the learning goals in the ILP. The plans go home this week and we welcome parent feedback and discussion on the goals and new ILP format.

This week we also have our first joint Junior and Lower School Parent/Caregiver afternoon tea. We're looking forward to a great turn out and hope the occasion provides an opportunity for our parent community to talk with each other and share ideas. We are planning to have three occasions per term so please take the opportunity and join us to meet and chat with other parents and caregivers.

Students in the Junior school age program go to the school gym twice weekly to participate in Perceptual Motor Program sessions. The program aims to assist the development of children's gross motor skills, with activities involving walking, running, jumping and climbing. Movement activities target skills including balance, spatial awareness and eye/hand coordination. Students show lots of engagement moving around the sequence of activities, which currently includes walking up and down steps, maintaining balance on different surfaces including stepping stones and the balance beam, rolling on the crash mat, crawling through the tunnel, throwing balls and jumping on the mini trampoline.

Kirsten Schmidt
Junior School Leader

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Lower School News

The students in Lower School have been enjoying our specialist programs this term. Over the course of the year, our classes have access to Performing Arts: music with Cate, Visual Arts: art with Lizelle, Swimming with Sharen and Amanda, PE and Bike Ed with Scott and STEM: cooking with Dee.

Our groups are making good use of the instruments that help support the music curriculum. The keyboards and guitars are particular favourites. In PE, the students have been doing some warm up activities that work on their balance and co-ordination, before practising their Bike Ed skills. Lizelle has been helping students explore painting and printing through the story of Brown Bear by Eric Carle. In the kitchen, groups have been learning to make pancakes, pizzas and pinwheels. As well as developing swimming and water safety skills, our students are also practising the important dressing skills needed before and after swimming lessons. It's a very busy time for everyone both inside and out of the classroom.

Kerri Harkness
Lower School Leader

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Upper School News

We had our very first horse riding session this week. It was a great success, as some students got on a horse for the very first time, which is exciting. We also had seasoned riders, who had a little bit of a gallop.

We do have limited spots left, so if you are interested, please get your forms in ASAP, so you don't miss out. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or via email on van.der.nest.denise.d@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Denise Van Der Nest
Upper School Leader

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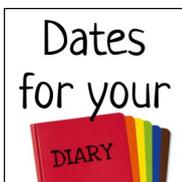
Senior School News

5.03 on camp

The first camp for the year was an exciting one for the students from 5.03. Some of them even found gold! The day out to Sovereign Hill in Ballarat was a huge hit with the students and staff as they explored the underground mine, tried their hand at some old time bowling, panned for gold in the creek, dipped candles, made sweets and marched with the soldiers. Back at Blackwood, they participated in all of the usual fun activities that the camp has to offer including high ropes, archery, and night walks through the local cemetery!

Cindy Longley
Senior School Leader

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March

11 Labour Day
12 Curriculum Day
18 5.02 on Camp

20 5.07 on Camp
26 5.08 Sailing
29 Crazy Hair Day

5.04 on camp

Well it was warm , but when they weren't cuddling up to kangaroos at the Ballarat Wildlife Park, testing their resilience on the high ropes or their aim at archery, the students (and staff) from 5.04 found a great way to cool down at camp!

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2019 Post School Options EXPO

It's on again and hopefully bigger and better than ever! The EXPO is open to all families and it aims to give families an idea of some of the programs that are available once students finish school. More information will be made available in the coming weeks as we lock in organisations.



Thursday 4th April 6-8 pm

This report provides an overview of points of interest for the school community.

Facility Improvements

As part of the Victorian Schools Building Authority (VSBA) master plan for the redevelopment of Southern Autistic School, Hede Architects prepared the masterplan report for VSBA and Aurecon (auditor) review. The report detailed three stages in the masterplan redevelopment. A review meeting with school representatives, Hede Architects, VSBA, DET region and Aurecon was held on 14/2/19. Next step is schematic design (detailed design of Stage 1).

Two new relocatables are now in place and functioning as three classrooms and a music room.

Grants Sub-Committee

Since last School Council meeting received Herbert Allen Bequest (\$1600) and Telstra Grant for Media Arts (\$1200).

Annual Implementation Plan

Taken from current Strategic Plan 2016-2019:

- Curriculum: to embed autism specific differentiated curriculum for each of the phases of schooling
 - ◇ Develop a whole school curriculum plan, demonstrating how curriculum is organised and delivered across the four schools
 - ◇ A review of secondary curriculum to continue to embed LINKS with planning for the provision of VCAL from 2020
- Assessment & Reporting: to ensure assessment is strategically planned and timed to inform and support the provision and evaluation of quality learning plans
 - ◇ Continue to work with the community of practice in developing appropriate modifications to DATE tools, trialling elements of the new tool for selected students during 2019
 - ◇ Continue development of whole school tracking document to collect achievement levels and monitor growth for all students
 - ◇ ILP's to be reviewed to ensure they contain pre-entry level skills based on data, strategies for teaching and evaluation of goal progress to reflect DET guidelines
- Interpersonal development and personal learning: to engage all learners within a learning environment that improves student ability to further develop interpersonal and social skills maximising functional communication
 - ◇ Create a school behaviour matrix, in collaboration with staff, students and parents that are specific, positively stated and reflect the setting of Southern Autistic School

Fundraising

Fundraising meeting held on 13/2/18. Next meeting: Wednesday 13th March

Plans for 2019:

March – Officeworks Mentone BBQ, Family Day 17/3 10am-2pm

April – 2/4 Autism Awareness Day

May – 9/5 Mothers' Day stall, Shoot for Autism, 25/5 Trivia Night

June – Potential Bunnings BBQ

August – 29/8 Fathers' Day stall

September – 7/9 Birthday party SuperZu

November – Annual raffle with mid-Dec draw

Please email southern.autistic.sch@edumail.vic.gov.au if you have any feedback on this report or call Bruce on 9563 8139 if you would like a copy of the School Council minutes.

Next School Council meeting: Thursday 21st March @ 7.00pm

Research in the post NDIS environment

Monash University is conducting two studies to investigate the health, wellbeing, perspectives and support needs of parents in the NDIS environment.

The studies are important to better understand the needs of parents in order to better align services with family need. If you are a parent of a child or young person with a disability or developmental condition, you are warmly invited to participate by completing the short, anonymous online survey.

This project has ethics approval from Monash University and The Victorian Department of Education and Training.

Please follow the relevant link below for more information and to participate:

Mothers: https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0JtDWbcbfIO1T5EV

Fathers: https://monash.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_erkpW0m0BO45gKp



The 'RAZZAMATAZZ' Comedy & Magic Variety Show is back in Melbourne, April 2019, and is jammed packed with fun & laughter for the whole family!

Kids will be amazed by the weird & wonderful gizmos & gadgets from one of the most original & inventive minds in the world of visual & prop comedy, and be left in stitches at the hilarious shenanigans of award-winning comedians & clowns.

Thanks to the generous support & sponsorship from the business communities within the City of Greater Melbourne, **Tickets are COMPLIMENTARY** for children with disabilities, severe & chronic physical & mental illnesses, and for children in less fortunate & vulnerable circumstances.

**Tickets for family members, carers, teachers, etc. are also complimentary.*

WHEN & WHERE

Sunday 28th APRIL 2019 @ 1.00 PM & 4.00 PM

**Show duration approx. 60 minutes with no interval.*

PLENARY HALL, MELBOURNE CONVENTION & EXHIBITION CENTRE:
1 Convention Centre Place, South Wharf, VIC 3006

One Ticket Per Person is Required for Admission. **Excluding babies on laps.*

**PLEASE RETURN THE SLIP BELOW TO THE OFFICE
BY FRIDAY 15TH MARCH**



STUDENTS NAME: _____

CLASS: _____

DATE	TIME	# TICKETS REQUIRED
SUNDAY 28 TH APRIL 2019	1.00 PM	
SUNDAY 28 TH APRIL 2019	4.00 PM	



MAZENOD ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL CLUB



THE MIGHTY PANTHERS WANT YOU TO PLAY AFL!

- **All** abilities have an opportunity to succeed.
- Our success is measured by our player, family and supporter enjoyment as well as wins and losses.
- Our focus is on everyone having an opportunity to improve and grow
- **All ages, males and females welcome**



MAZENOD ALL ABILITIES FOOTBALL CLUB



We foster a respectful and inclusive environment to promote fitness, fun, friendship and a sense of community.

We field two teams each week:

- Mazenod Panthers (White): Focus on inclusion, catering for all levels of physical ability, can cater to limited contact
- Mazenod Panthers (Blue): Catering to higher functioning players.
- The Panthers play in the FIDA football league, which is for ALL abilities.
- We play a 10 game season, with all games played on Sunday
- Within our team structure, we provide off field roles for those interested in being part of the team without necessarily playing

To be eligible, a player must meet two of the following criteria:

- Have attended a Special School
- Have attended a Mainstream School with an aide
- Have proof of a disability pension for an intellectual disability
- Be registered with a disability service
- Over 40 - doctors clearance required
- Under 14 - parental consent required



Training: 4.30pm Wednesdays - @ either Mazenod College (Kernot Ave, Mulgrave) or Central Reserve (cnr Springvale and Waverley Rd, Glen Waverley)

Contact: panthers.recruitment@mazenodfc.com.au
www.mazenodfc.com.au/the-club/mazenod-panthers



FAMILY FUN DAY!

Sunday 17th March. 10am—2pm

On our school grounds

Fun for all ages:

Fire truck visit

Silent disco and games

Train rides

Animal cuddle farm

Sausage sizzle and popcorn

Jumping castle

Face painting

AFL hand-balling

Balloons



....And a coffee van in attendance for the adults



**There is no cost to families for this event.
Siblings, carers, grandparents are welcome.
Please RSVP by using the attached form**



RSVP: FAMILY FUN DAY 2019

Student's name and classroom number:

YES our family will be attending the Family Fun Day

Number of children attending

Number of adults attending

NO our family will not be attending

Please RSVP by 13th March