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BUPS NEWSLETTER

"Respect, Persistence, Confidence, Organisation, Excellence & Team Work" BUPS Strategic Plan

Tuesday 2nd May, 2023

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Important Dates

Friday	5th May	District Cross Country
Sunday	7th may	HPV Kilsyth
Tuesday	9th May	Prep H & Prep Z Ecolinc excursion
Friday	12th May	HPV Mother's Day breakfast PFA Mother's Day stall Grade 5/6 Interschool sport winter away @ Pakenham
Tuesday	16th May	Prep G Ecolinc excursion
Friday	19th May	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport winter vs Orchard Park PS
Monday	22nd May	School Council Meeting 7pm
Tuesday	23rd May	Grade 5/6M & 5/6H Ecolinc excursion
Wednesday	26th May	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport winter away @ Kurrun PS
Tuesday	30th May	Grade 5/6K & 5/6L Ecolinc excursion
Wednesday	31st May	Division Cross Country
Friday	2nd June	Grade 5/6 Interschool sport winter away @ Officer PS
Friday	9th June	Grade 5/6 Winter Lightning Prem
Monday	12th June	Kings Birthday holiday - no students at school
Tuesday	13th June	Curriculum day - no students at school
Wednesday	21st June	Bups has Talent Reports published on Sentral
Friday	23rd June	Last day of Term 2 - school finishes at 2:30pm

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the past four years we have been implementing a mathematical process called "Number Talks".

Number talks are short, 5-15 minute teaching and learning practices that involve students mentally solving computational problems and talking about the strategies they have used. Number talks are powerful tools for developing computational fluency and conceptual understanding at the same time. They focus on sense making as students use number relationships and structures of numbers to mentally add, subtract, multiply and divide. Teachers then facilitate class discussion in which students explain their reasoning and reflect on the reasoning of others. During this time, teachers visually represent student thinking to reflect the relationships and structures a student has used and make their thinking clear to all students. Students with different approaches to a problem are invited to present their thinking to highlight that there are multiple ways to arrive at a solution, promoting flexibility and confidence in working with numbers.

The power in the Number Talks comes from inspiring each child to think and make sense of the mathematics they are presented. They are never trying to figure out what the teacher wants. Rather they are totally engaged in their own sense making process. Too much of school as experienced by children is learning what they are supposed to be learning. But a Number Talk is an opportunity for children to learn that they can figure things out for themselves in the way that makes sense to them.

We have recently received very positive feedback from our local secondary schools. They are interested in what we do here "as our students are very confident and flexible thinkers and demonstrate excellent problem-solving ability."

We are also very excited as we have been able to secure the services of the original developer of this instructional practice. Sue Dolphin from Mathperspectives USA will be joining us for a week in July. School Council has approved two curriculum days (pupil free days) July 13th and July 14th. In the second week Sue will work in classrooms with teachers in order to coach around our teaching practice.

Please note the July 13th and 14th will be student free days so the students will not be at school. OSHC (before/after school care) will operate on these days.

Vicki Miles

Prep Power



What a FABULOUS first week back we have had in Prep. It was so lovely to see everyone's smiling faces. We would like to say a big CONGRATULATIONS to all the Prep students for competing in their first cross country race. It was terrific to see everyone give it a go and try their best.

In Literacy we continue to revise all the sounds we have learnt and are beginning to segment and blend those sounds together. It is a great idea to keep practising reading your online Decodable Readers, as students are continuing to do this in the classroom.

In Maths students have been busy practicing measuring and comparing the length of different items. As well as consolidating their counting knowledge by practising the concept of more and less.

Don't forget next Tuesday, Prep Z and Prep H have their very first excursion to EcoLinc which we are so excited for. The Prep Team, Alex, Rach & Gabby.



Junior School News

Welcome back to another busy but amazing term in grades 1 and 2.

In reading, students will be learning about resilience through our text based unit of "The most magnificent thing".

Further in the term students will be learning about identity through a book called 'The Hippo-not-amus'.

Students are working through their individualised phonics program, Decodables Australia and we appreciate all the home learning that you are doing to help with this. A reminder to keep on reading to your child or having your child read to you every night. Regular practice makes perfect.

Students will be learning about sentence fluency in writing. This is where students identify what sentences are, what clauses and coordinating conjunctions are and how to identify the different parts of a sentence with the goal to make their sentences more meaningful.

Sentence fluency is about how well written sentences work together to convey ideas as smoothly and clearly as possible.

In maths, we will be focusing on additive strategies with some shape and measurement as well. Students will be working with using materials to help them and will be exposed to many different strategies of addition.

In inquiry, we are learning about 'Light and Sound'. Later this term students will be making their own musical instruments and performing in their own puppet show!

Cheers, Adele, Lachlan, Carla, Kirsty and Naomi.



MIDDLE SCHOOL MADNESS

So far our students have settled back into the routine for school effectively and are coping with the change to cold weather. We managed to finish our 'Frame by Frame unit' of inquiry with each group presenting their spectacular stop motion animations. Our next inquiry unit will take us on a journey through time, investigating how Australia has changed throughout the past 40,000 years.

In mathematics we have been investigating the representation of information as both tables and graphs, and are beginning our work with additive thinking. As we progress our literacy focus has shifted to sentence fluency and looking at the book 'Refugee'.

We are all keen for another wonderful, if a little cold and wet, term 2.

3/4 Team,

Matthew, Michelle, Paige, Hayley and Lauren.

Sensational Seniors Scoop



What a busy start to Term One we have had! We were so impressed to see everyone having a go at the House Cross Country on Thursday. Congratulations to those students who have made it through to District Cross Country on Friday. If your child has made it through, please don't forget to make the \$10 payment and give permission. Grade 56M and 56H will be attending Ecolinc on Tuesday 23rd May to deepen their understanding of animal adaptations. There is also a permission form on Sentral for this. Grade 5/6L and 5/6K will be going the following Tuesday. There is no cost involved in this excursion.

The Winter Interschool Sports will be starting on Friday 20th May. We would love some parent helpers so please let your child's teacher know if you are available to help out. The sports this term will be Football – AFL, Netball, Soccer and Softball. Please make sure you have signed the permission form on Sentral and made the payment for bus travel of \$27.

In Writing, we are focusing on simple sentences, nouns, verbs, clauses and making sure that the students use varied and unique sentence beginnings and making sure that their writing has an effective flow.

In Reading, we are focusing on explaining sequences of images in print texts, analysing strategies authors use to influence the reader, noun groups and classifying adjectives.

In Numeracy, we are focusing on additive strategies. Students are learning to select and apply effective strategies and incorporate reasoning when offering solutions to problems involving additive thinking.

In Inquiry, our new unit is called Making Democracy. Students will be learning about the values of Australian democracy and the key features of the electoral process. They will be learning about the responsibilities of the three levels of government. They will also be learning about the Stolen Generation and the fight for equal rights in Australia. Ben, Karine, James and Bec

Prep 2024 Enrolment Timeline

The Department of Education has now put in a process and timeline for enrolments for Prep students that is state-wide. All families wishing to enrol their child for prep in 2024, will need to adhere to this process and the dates set out in the timeline below.

Late Term 1, 2023	Please visit the website https://www.vic.gov.au/enrolling-foundation-prep for information regarding enrolments for 2024.
	Early Childhood providers to distribute the Education Department 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2024 school year' to families.
Week 1, Term 2, 2023	BUPS will distribute the Education Departments 'Foundation (Prep) Enrolment Information Pack for Parents/Carers for the 2024 school year' via the Sentral for parents app.
	Enrolments for Prep for 2024 open. Families residing in our neighbourhood boundary or, who have siblings at BUPS already, will need to complete and return the BUPS enrolment information, available from the office. Families residing out of our neighbourhood boundary, will need to complete and return the 'Application to Enrol in a Victorian Government School Form', found in the Education Departments Information Pack.
Friday 28th July 2023	All prep enrolments must be submitted by this date.
Friday 11th August 2023	We will notify parents with written notification if their application to enrol for Prep in 2024 has been successful if they reside out of our neighbourhood boundary. Please note, families who live in our neighbourhood boundary and those that have siblings already enrolled at BUPS, will be accepted.
Term 4	Transition session for Prep in 2024 will begin.

If you have a child at school with us who has a sibling starting prep here next year, now is the time to get your enrolment forms in. Please come and collect the enrolment forms from the office during school hours.

Conveyance Allowance

Parents who live 4.8km's or more from the nearest Public School Ground may be eligible to claim conveyance allowance from the department for travel expenses. If you fall into this category please contact the office prior to Wednesday 15th March to either: check your details if you have had a claim in previous years, OR fill out a form if you are new to the school.

SICK BAY ROSTER

Thank you to the Dore family who will be washing the sheets in sick bay this week.



Mother's Day Stall

Friday 12th May 2023

Children will be given the opportunity to attend the stall with their teacher to pick out a little something special for their loved one.

*Please only send a small amount of money

*Gifts will be priced from \$1 - \$15

*Please remember a reusable shopping bag to take your goodies home



UPPER BEACONSFIELD KINDER ASSOCIATION FUNDRAISING EVENT AT OVER THE ROAD RESTAURANT!!!

Ladies' Night

JOIN US & BRING ALONG THE SPECIAL LADIES IN YOUR LIFE FOR A NIGHT OF GAMES, CHATTER & LAUGHTER ALL WHILE SUPPORTING OUR LOCAL KINDERS.

TUESDAY 9TH OF MAY 7PM UNTIL LATE

PURCHASE TICKETS ON TRY BOOKING \$50PP - DINNER PROVIDED /DRINKS AT BAR PRICES

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