

*From Sarah McIlroy  
Global Awareness Leader,*

*Dear Parents*

What a great start we've had to Term 2. It's been lovely to see so many smiling faces each morning, and students so engaged in their learning in classrooms. This week we look at all of the goings-on over the last week, and look forward to spoiling some of the special people in our lives on Sunday for Mother's Day.

### Garden Update

You may have noticed already that our veggie garden is in full bloom! Thanks to the work of our fabulous parent helper Robyn Craig and our very eager Gardening Club, the garden is looking better than ever. We currently have beautiful sunflowers, a range of herbs, and have harvested a bucketful of olives. Last week, we installed some wire climbing frames for our newly planted snow peas. This week we are potting some broccoli, spinach and lettuce and adding to our lovely nasturtium collection.



### Marine Ambassador Workshop

Last week, our 6 dedicated Marine Ambassadors made the trek to St Louis Primary School to learn all about current issues affecting our marine environment. Together with ambassadors from two other schools, they practised delivering a lesson to Year 1 students, to inspire and inform them about how they could be a friend to our delicate bays and oceans. When it came time to deliver the lesson, our ambassadors really shone! They were confident and enthusiastic, and are looking forward to teaching some of our own younger students in the future. Well done to Amy, Cooper, Ben, Jazzy and Alyssa on a terrific first workshop.



Speaking of community events, Mother's Day is fast approaching. As we know, we still live in slightly different times, and as a result of this our Mother's Day community event will look different this year. We would like to invite the people in our student's lives who they will thank on Mother's Day to visit our school on the afternoon of Friday the 7th of May, from 2pm until 3:30pm. All students across the school will be working on a special activity and we hope that this is a time for families to work together on the activity. If you are unable to attend, your child will still join in the activity with their classroom teacher and their classmates.

### District Cross Country

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May our District Cross Country was a great success. We had 47 runners complete the 2 or 3km course, all of whom did a wonderful job of representing our



school. Special congratulations to our 2 District Champions- Holly Savic (4M) and Jack Murphy (5M), with 15 students in total progressing to the next stage. Thank you to Mrs Scott for all of her hard work in training our students and organising the day, and the multitude of parents who came out to support the team. Well done runners!

### NAPLAN Assessments

The NAPLAN assessments will take place this term for our Year Three and Year Five students, starting on the 12th of May. The assessments test different components of our students' literacy and numeracy skills. All of the assessments, except for the Year Three Writing test, take place in an online environment. The assessments help us as a school to reflect on the strengths and areas for improvement of our teaching and learning program. If your child is in Year Three or Year Five and you have questions about the assessments, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

### 2022 Enrolments

We are enjoying taking interested families on tours of our school at the moment. It is a privilege to meet with new families and show them the teaching and learning taking place each day at our school. If one of your children is due to start school in 2022, please collect an enrolment form from the office and return it once completed. This helps us with our forward planning. If you have a neighbour or a friend who is interested in their child joining our school community, please direct their enquiry to the school office and Ms Prosser will help them out.

**Warm regards**

**Sarah McIlroy**

**Global Awareness Leader**

## DIARY DATES 2021

### May

Friday 7	W3	Mother's Day Activity Afternoon 2.00pm – 3.30pm
Wednesday 12	W4	Yr 4 Rumberg Camp 12/05-14/05 Foundation Healesville Sanctuary Excursion
Thursday 13		Yr 1 Coal Creek Excursion
Monday 24	W6	Yr 4-6 House Athletics Carnival
Tuesday 25		Yr 5 Melbourne Museum Exc
Friday 28	W7	Life Ed Van 28/5 – 9/6

### June

Tuesday 1	W7	Division Cross Country Carnival
Monday 14	W9	Queen's Birthday Holiday
Friday 25	W10	<b>End Term 2 – 2.30pm finish</b>

### July

Monday 12	W1	<b>Term 3 begins</b>
Tuesday 13	W1	Yr 5 Coonawarra Camp

## Year 6 Wellbeing

Over the last week we have been exploring the topic of resilience. Our Year 6 students are facing increasing challenges as they move through a transitional part of their life. Throughout classroom discussion, we have identified some of the challenges they are facing which include: moving to high school, public speaking and friendship issues. We agreed that these situations would be unavoidable moving forward and that we need to equip ourselves with strategies to help us navigate these issues.

These strategies included:

- Speaking to a friend or adult
- Breathing strategies
- Being prepared
- Positive self-talk

We will continue to support all of our students in implementing these strategies.

## Year Six team

## Premiers' Reading Challenge



The Premiers' Reading Challenge is again under way and already we have over 200 students registered, which is fantastic. This program is a great way for students to share and record their reading experiences from both home and school. This year students will be provided with their own login details to record the books they read online.

All students completing the challenge receive a certificate and book to encourage their continued love of reading. If you have not registered yet there is still plenty of time to do so by picking up a form from your classroom teacher and dropping it in to the box outside the office. If you have any queries please speak to Leanne Peterson (Year 5) or Sarah Cornell (Year 2).

## LIBRARY HELP WANTED

Anyone who is available to help with covering books for the library, please contact Melissa McSweeney.

Thankyou

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## Performing Arts news

# Our biannual school concerts

We have now set the dates for our school concerts late in Term Three. Please put them into your calendar. Students at each year level get the opportunity to perform on the stage in our school hall. Each year level has a separate concert which will go for 45mins in duration. Year 5 and 6 students perform a musical together, over two different nights. Information regarding ticket sales will be passed on to you closer to Term Three. Performance items will be practised throughout the year during Performing Arts sessions. We have booked **tiered seating**, to be installed in our hall, to make viewing your child easier. We will also provide the opportunity for you to purchase a **DVD for each concert**. We are very proud of our students and really look forward to teaching them many songs, dances and dramatic performances throughout the year.

**The concerts will be held on the following dates in Term Three:**

Date	Time	Year Level
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> August	5:00pm; 6:00pm & 7:00pm	Foundation, 2 & 4
Wed 1st September	6:00pm; 7:00pm	1 & 3
Tues 7th September	5:30pm	5 & 6
Thurs 9th September	7:00pm	5 & 6

### **Junior Choir** with Ms. Tideman

Junior Choir practice is being held every Wednesday lunchtime from 1:00pm for students in Years 1, 2 and 3. Students arrive in the Performing Arts room and then we continue into the gym in order to spread out. No auditions are necessary, as all students are welcome! We use choir folders that stay at school, however song lyrics can easily be Googled at home if students would like to practice the songs. Students are able to come and try it out for a few weeks to see if they like it.

### **Senior Choir** with Ms. Matthews

Our Senior Choir is coordinated by Ms Matthews and is made up of students from Year 4, 5 and 6. It is held on Thursday lunchtime. Students get the opportunity to sing the National Anthem at assembly each week and learn a variety of songs each term. If anyone is interested in joining, they can attend a few practice sessions with Ms. Matthews.



**Ms Tideman**, Specialist Leader