Principal's Report

Welcome everyone to an exciting year of learning in 2017.

Our aim is to create a safe and caring environment where all students can reach their full academic potential. We have high expectations of our learners and encourage students to be actively involved in their learning by reflecting on their achievements, setting and working to achieve their new learning goals. This year we will focus on developing a GROWTH MINDSET in students, staff and families where effort and learning progress is celebrated.

The positive partnership between school and home is vital in the learning journey of each child. An integral part of the partnership is developing strong communication between students, parents and school. We have a number of procedures and resources in place to provide parents with current information. Please ensure that you:

- Have provided the office with a current email address so that we can send you the fortnightly school newsletter.
- Have downloaded the current schoolbag app for your phone, to get any alerts, emergency information, notifications and forms, and altered your child's grade level.
- Have completed the online CareMonkey health details and contacts for each child.
- Inform the office in writing when your child has been absent.
- Inform the office of any changes to the bus requirements.
- Inform the office and class teacher if there are any changes to your child's medical condition.
- Update your family contact phone numbers and address if there are any changes.
- Read the Unit and class newsletters that are distributed at least once a term.
- Read and write in the student diary to support communication between the classroom teacher and parents.

Chat to the classroom teacher, other staff, Carrie Rowe or myself if you wish to share information or have a concern. I am usually in the school yard before and after school each day.

There are other useful student resources, Unit blogs and forms available for families on the school website.

School assemblies are held each Friday fortnight at approximately 3pm, where we celebrate student effort and achievement, and share information about upcoming events.

New Families
We have 56 new preps starting with Mrs Watson, Miss Baxter and Mrs Ballard. The extensive Transition program that we offer in term 4 for the kinder children certainly assists with the smooth settling in period at the start of the year. Welcome to the other new students who also started this year throughout the school. We have 36 new families to our school this year, so please introduce yourself so that they make positive relationships quickly.

Staffing
Welcome to our nine new staff who have easily settled into our school community. The large number of new staff bring expertise and ideas which will complement our learning community.

Chrissy Torney 5/6T
Carly Ainsworth 3/4A
Joel Edwards 3/4E
Megan McGay 1/2M
Kate Baxter Prep K
Meg Watson Prep W
Narelle Pekin Integration
Jodie Moroney Integration
Tamie Adcock Administration

School Uniforms
A reminder that following our school uniform policy all school shoes need to be mostly black or white (laces also). Most students look great but a few have fluorescent shoes or laces. Also, for safety reasons, school shoes need to be done up. Jewellery is not to be worn, nail polish is to be clear only, hair ties should be in school colours and socks should be white. Please check the school website if you are unsure of the policy, and remedy this ASAP.

Car Parking and Road Crossing
As all parents know, the road outside our school is very busy in the ‘drop off and pick up’ times. Williams Road is narrow with no footpaths. Please park as far off the road as possible perpendicular to the fence and don’t double park. Also please walk with your child/children across the road rather than sit in the car. I want everyone to be safe, but with cars and students crossing a busy and narrow road, close parental supervision is a necessity.

Over the school holidays I had further meetings with representatives from the City of Greater Geelong and the Education Department. They have suggested some alternative plans including surfacing of the road and some footpathing. It’s not an ideal solution but one to be considered. More information will be provided once the surveyors give us their report.

Before and After School Care
School Support Services has provide after school care (3:30-6:30pm) and before school care service (7:00-9am). The yard is unsupervised until 8:45am however we have a few regular families who drop their children off at school too early. These families should consider the before school care service. School Support Services can be contacted on 0488 662 783 or http://www.schoolsupportservices.com.au

Building Works
To reduce mud in classrooms and to provide greater play areas we had extensive concreting of paths completed around the two new portables which house the 3/4 Unit. A big expense but necessary. Another reason why we need fundraising events!

Emergency Procedures
The Education Department requires us to have emergency procedure plans which we practise for a variety of emergency events. Which could include:
It’s shaping up to be a great year!

Welcome Family Picnic and Information Night

The Parent Information Night will be held at school on **Tuesday February 7th** between 6-7pm. You are invited to come into the classroom for a short information session presented by the teachers to learn more about the classroom routines, and curriculum expectations for school and home. There will also be time for your child to show you around their classroom. Information will be sent home this week.

This will be an ideal opportunity to meet parents of students who are in your child’s class and to meet some of the new families at our school.

New Lunch Order Online system

We offer a delivery of lunch orders one day a week, on Fridays. We offer a delivery of lunch orders one day a week, on Fridays. This year we have arranged for a new provider who offers an Online ordering and payment system. The orders must be finalised by 9am Thursday, for delivery the next day. The website is [www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au](http://www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au)

The lunch order menu is attached with this newsletter and will soon be placed on the school website.

**Bus Stops**

Students using either of the two school buses before or after school are required to be supervised by an adult and reminded to wait off the road at the bus stops to ensure their safety. Please be aware that some bus stops are next to private property which should not be entered or the gardens walked on.

**2017 Staffing**

**Prep Unit**

- Meg Watson (Unit Leader)
- Sonja Ballard
- Katie Baxter

**1/2 Unit**

- Adam Lavars (Unit Leader)
- Cory Hauster
- Megan McGay
- Val Kent
- Nik Gemmill (Integration)
- Narelle Pekin (Integration)
- Jodie Moroney (Integration)

**Specialists**

- Casey Burrill – Art/Music teacher
- James Ritchie – PE teacher
- Carrie Rowe - LOTE Japanese & Teaching & Learning Coach
- Sue Hartnett – Reading Recovery Teacher
- Georgie Giglio - Personal Capabilities and Literacy support.
- Claire Macrae – School funded Speech Pathologist

**Office**

- Julie Makin – Principal
- Carrie Rowe – Assistant Principal & Teaching and Learning Coach
- Jo Turnbull – Business Manager
- Barb Luehman – Administration Officer
- Tamie Adcock – Administration Officer
- Geoff Thompson – Maintenance

**Event Calendar**

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**Notes sent home**

**Listed below are notes that will be sent home over the next week:**

- 2017 Excursion Pre Payment Scheme notice- all families.
- Parent Information Evening information - all yr 1-6 families

**Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.**

**Before & After School Care Information**

The Before & After School Care Program is run through [School Support Services](http://www.schoolsupportservices.com.au). Enrolment form for the Before & After School Care program, you will need to complete the following:


This completed form needs to be returned to bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au

**To reserve your bookings for 2017 you will need to contact:**

- OSHC Programs- Bookings and Enrolments ph: 0488 662 783
- Further information on fees and enrolments is also available on the website. Katelyn our OSHC co coordinator runs Before School Care from 7am-8:50am each school morning and After School Care runs from 3:30pm–6:30pm each school night. If you are interested in booking a session for your child/ren, please email bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au. Thank you kindly,

Lynn McTavish, School Support Services, Operations Manager. M: 0488 662 783

E: lynn@schoolsupportservices.com.au

Julie Makin, Principal
Mt Duneed Regional Primary School
Delivered on Fridays

Wraps
Vegetarian Salad Wrap $4.95 (V)
Chicken & Salad Wrap $4.50
Ham & Salad Wrap $4.50
Salad consists of the items below and any of them can be removed or increased in quantity at your order at no extra cost.
Beetroot, Carrot, Cheese, Cucumber & Tomato

Snacks
Home Made Muffin $1.25
Popcorn $1.25 (v)
Homemade Chocolate Brownie $2.00

Gluten Free Products
Home Made Penne Napoli 9 (GF) $4.50 (V)
Home Made Spaghetti Bolognaise (GF) $4.50

Sushi
Rice Paper Roll 2 pkt - Teriyaki Chicken $5.50
Rice Paper Roll 2 pkt - Vegetarian with sauce $5.50 (V)
Teriyaki Chicken Sushi 2 pkt $5.50
Tuna Sushi 2 pkt $5.50

Hot Food
Home Made Lasagne $4.50
Home Made Penne Napoli $4.50 (V)
Home Made Spaghetti Bolognaise $4.50
Fried Rice $4.50
Homemade Zucchini Slice $4.00 (V)
Good Eating Beef Pie $4.00
Homemade Sausage Roll $3.50
Homemade Veggie Roll(V) $3.50

Hot Snack
Good Eating Party Pie $1.25
Homemade Party Sausage or Veggie Roll (v)$1.25
Spinach & Ricotta Filo $1.25 (V)

Drinks
Big M 200ml Chocolate or Strawberry $2.25
Just Juice orange/apple/apple & blackcurrant $2.25
Sauce sachet 20 cents

www.ouronlinecanteen.com.au orders need to be placed by the Thursday morning with a 9am cut off as all food is prepared fresh to order.

TERM 1 2017 IS A SUNSMART TERM
All students must have a sunsmart approved wide brimmed, navy hat to wear when outside.
NO HAT, NO PLAY.

ICY POLES on sale Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday @ Lunch time during Term 1 & 4.

ABSENCES - A reminder to parents, please remember that if your child is absent from school for any reason, a skoolbag absence notification, signed note, diary entry, email or phone call, stating the reason and the date of the absence MUST be sent to the school office. The MDRPS email address is: mt.duneed.regional.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
If you know your child will be absent, prior notification with the absence dates can be sent to the office.

PARENT REMINDER - All students MUST be signed in at the office if they arrive at school after the morning bell has gone, once signed in they may then go to their classroom. Students must also be signed out at the office if they are being collected from school early.