



Footscray Primary News

An Internationally Authorised School



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Friday 23rd February 2018

The yard will be supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm

Students must not be left in the playground before or after school. Any student left unsupervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm will be sent to Camp Australia at a cost to parents/carers.

Lunch eating: 11:00am-11:15am
Yard time: 11.15am-12.00pm
Recess: 2.00pm-2.30pm
School Finish: 3.30pm

**School hours for 2018
Monday-Friday
9.00am-3.30pm**

Important Dates

Monday 26th February
5.45pm School Council

Wednesday 7th March
9am PYP workshop for parents

Friday 9th March
Interschool Cross Country
Whole School Assembly

Monday 12th March
Public Holiday

Tuesday 13th March
Curriculum Day

Tuesday 20th March – Thursday 22nd March
School Photos

Thursday 29th March
Last day Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

Our School Values

Be Respectful

Be responsible

Be Cooperative

Achieve your Personal Best

We need school values to define the ways we all need to behave to achieve our purpose as a school. These values define how we all need to act. I see the values of our school being the anchors for how we speak and behave to one another. We want every child at FPS to achieve their personal best and this week we held Parent Information Sessions so parents are able to support the learning at home. I was pleased with the high level of parent engagement and interest in these sessions.

Year One C Essential Agreement

We respect others. We use kind words, listen and include others.

We keep hands, feet and objects to ourselves.

We help our classmates and share.

We listen giving the 5 Ls.

It's ok to make mistakes, we can learn from them.

We have a growth mindset!

This week when I visited Year One students, I asked them to teach me about their Essential Agreement. Many of them wanted to talk about what it means to have a 'growth mindset'. They talked about the words they would use when things are hard and what it means to expend effort. When our confidence is low we can sometimes stop putting our best effort in to try and overcome challenging situations. Well done Year 1 for sharing such insights about how we can go about to achieve our personal best.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Executive Officer: Philip Fox
President: Mark Hollis
Vice President: Erika Jonsson
Secretary: Raylene Varrone

Office Hours

MON-FRI 8.30am - 4.00pm

Office Staff

Julie: Mon-Fri
Jessie: Mon-Tues, Thurs-Fri
Nicole: Mon-Tues
Rowena: Wed-Fri

Uniform Sales

From week 3, Term 1
Mondays 3.00pm-4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am

PAYMENT DETAILS

Direct Deposit
Footscray Primary School
BSB:063 132
Account number 10090179
Please include a reference with the student(s)' names.

EFTPOS available at the office



Parent Information Sessions on Tuesday

The Parent Information Sessions were well attended this week. The staff presented information that was related to your child's year level and how you can best support them at home with their learning. The PowerPoints for these presentations will be sent out via Compass. If you were unable to attend you can have a look through the information shared and discussed. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact your classroom teacher. I have received lots of positive feedback from parents about these sessions.

What do Class Reps do?

We need classroom representatives to volunteer for classrooms across the school. Class reps have an important role to play supporting the building of positive relationships and helping us to create a strong connected community. They can support with key school events or organise social events at individual year levels to bring families together. There are no prerequisites for the role. We will also have termly catch ups together. These are usually held at drop off time. We need more volunteers and only have six representatives across the twenty classrooms.

Foundation A Helen	Sarah	Year 3/4A Janine	Emma
Foundation B- Hannah	Chantel	Year 3/4B Jessica	Natalia
Foundation C Calum	Heidi	Year 3/4C Joslyn	
Year 1A Priyanka	Meredith	Year 3/4D James	
Year 1B Holly		Year 3/4E Felicity	
Year 1C Geraldine		Year 3/4F Tracey	
Year 2A Binh		Year 5A Caroline	
Year 2B Sarah J		Year 5B Jessica L	
Year 2C Matthew		Year 6A Andrew	
Year 2D Rebecca W		Year 6B Samantha	

Could you please visit the office to add your name to our volunteers' lists. We also need more volunteers for supporting the learning of the Vietnamese language and the sub-committees of school council, especially Buildings and Grounds.

Philip Fox
Principal

School Uniform

Due to the volume of uniform purchases in the office, uniform items will only be sold on Mondays 3.00pm-4.00pm and Thursday 8.30am-9.30am. Alternatively, you may email your order to the school. Once payment has been confirmed the uniform will be packaged for collection. School council will shortly be calling for interested parents and carers to form a uniform committee to discuss policy, costings and availability of uniforms due to increasing student numbers.

Newspapers Needed: Art Room

The Art Room is in need of newspapers as stocks are low. If you have any you could kindly donate, Gabrielle in the Art Room would be very grateful.

School Gates

- Students should not be arriving at school unsupervised before 8:45am
- School gates on Commercial Road will be opened at 8:30am
- Front gates will be opened earlier by Camp Australia
- Please do not enter the school via the staff carpark

Grade 2 News

Vietnamese

During the last 2 weeks, the grade 2 students had been busy learning about Tết, the Lunar New Year. We learnt about how Vietnamese people celebrate the most important holiday of the year and got to decorate our own "Áo dài".

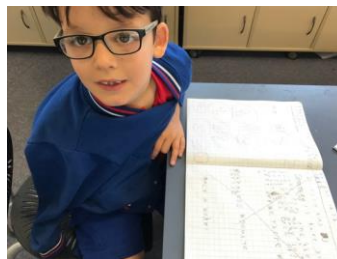
The "Áo dài" is the national costume of Việt Nam. Vietnamese wear "Áo dài" for formal occasions, at school or for work. The children were surprised to find out that "Áo dài" is the school uniform for all high school girls and all female teachers. "Áo dài" is found in every part of Việt Nam, and in overseas Vietnamese communities. The prefix áo classifies the item as clothing. Dài means "long."



Numeracy

Our focus has been on problem solving skills. There are four steps in the problem solving process:

- Understand it: Do I understand what the problem is asking?
- Plan it: Select a strategy or strategies - eg: is it an addition, subtraction, multiplication or division problem? Plan how you intend solving the problem - eg: choose a strategy and draw it.
- Do it: Try your idea
- Check it: Did it work? If so reflect on strategies used. If not, go back to step 1.



Students are encouraged to start with a strategy that they are comfortable with then build on to another one. The strategies that the students have been using the most at the moment are draw a picture/diagram, make a model, and make a list.

From all of the grade 2 teachers, Chúc Mừng Năm Mới, An Khang Thịnh Vượng, Dồi Dào Sức Khỏe.

Kind Regards,
Rebecca, Bình, Sarah, Matthew

Canteen News

Footscray Primary School Canteen would like to invite all new and existing parents, carers and staff to check out the FPS Canteen website www.fpscanteen.com.au While you are there Sign up for the latest FPS canteen happenings at the bottom of the web page to keep up to date.

Here is a link to the [Lunch Order](#) page for daily lunch orders and if you would like to pick up some delicious, cheap Vietnamese After School Takeaway just check the box.

Finally the Canteen now has EFTPOS available for purchases or cash out to make things more convenient.

We look forward to catching up with you all.

FPS Canteen

CALENDAR: Term 1 2018					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 5	26 February School Council	27	28 Foundation students do not attend	1	2
Week 6	5 March	6	7 9am PYP workshop for parents	8	9 Interschool cross country Assembly
Week 7	12 Public Holiday	13 Curriculum Day	14	15	16
Week 8	19	20 School Photos	21 School Photos	22 School Photos	23 Assembly
Week 9	26	27 School Photos Catch-up Day Parent/Teacher Interviews F-2	28 Parent/Teacher Interviews Grade 3-6	29 Last day of Term 1	30 Public Holiday

Student of the Week

STUDENT	GRADE	AWARD	FOR
Aelwyn	34E	Independence	Making a great start to the school year by showing her maturity and independence.
Gus	05B	Tolerance	Gus has demonstrated an understanding of different perspectives in the classroom and showing resilience when misunderstandings occur. Gus has contributed to all class discussions positively and accepted everyone's views and opinions.
Victoria	05A	Thinker	For her regular and thoughtful contributions towards class discussions.
Leo	00A	Thinker	Showing positivity in his learning. He has made great contributions to class discussions. Leo shows his enthusiastic thinking both verbal and non-verbal. He also shows commitment when completing independent and group tasks with creative and inquisitive ideas. Well done on your efforts Leo!
Peter	02A	Commitment	Congratulations, Peter! You have shown your commitment during your learning this week. You have had a lot of success in maths and reading. This will help you grow as a learner. Your commitment is inspiring to those around you! Well done, Peter! Keep it up!
Harley	34B	Reflective	Clearly explaining how he selected the problem-solving strategies to best support him with tackling the numeracy problem set. Harley reflected on what had supported his learning in the past and what strategy was a good fit for the current challenge. He was also able to reflect on his own strengths as a writer before thinking about areas to improve to set a clear goal for himself. Keep up the reflective thinking Harley!
Tesfaalem	01C	Risk-Taker	Being a risk taker in his approach to mathematics this week. He has demonstrated a positive growth mind set when tackling challenging problems and his knowledge of place value has grown as a result.
Simeon	Performing Arts	Commitment	Consistent hard work and setting an example for his peers.
Grade 3/4D	Physical Education	Cooperation	For demonstrating a fantastic attitude and willingness to participate as a team in this week's Netball lesson. Well done, 3/4D!