



Footscray Primary News

An Internationally Authorised School



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Friday 9th 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

Friday 16th February

Interschool Swimming 4-6
Year 1 Family picnic after school

Tuesday 20th February

Parent evening information session
5.15pm F-Year 2 6.15pm Year 3-6

Friday 9th March

Interschool Cross Country

Monday 13th March

Public Holiday

Tuesday 14th March

Curriculum Day

Tuesday 20th March – Thursday 22nd March

School Photos

Monday 26th March

School Council

Thursday 29th March

Last day Term 1

Dear parents and carers,

1. Student Absences

Last week I wrote about improving student attendance at Footscray Primary School. South Western Region have identified the need to improve student attendance at Footscray Primary School. If families do not follow the process outlined below the absence will be marked as unexplained.

We are now required as directed by the Education Department, to call when there is an unexplained absence. As you can imagine this could be a time consuming process for our staff, taking them away from their core business.

Why do we need to follow up unexplained absences?

We need to follow up to help ensure the safety of school age children during school hours and ensure that school are supported in their duty of care obligations.

What is the process when my child is sick?

Please follow one of the following three ways:

- a. **Compass (preferred method)** Log the absence directly on compass. From Compass home screen click "Add parent approval item". From the pop up window select the reason, enter the brief description, select the start and finish time and click 'save'. The process is slightly different from the phone app – click approvals, click on + (bottom right) and add Approval.
- b. **Telephone** the office on (03) 96871910 and press 1 to leave a message with your child's name, class, date of absences and reason.
- c. **Email** the school on footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

2. You tell Us Forms

You Tell Us forms were due today. Please ensure you have returned 'You Tell Us' forms. It is vital that we receive these forms from parents to ensure we have all important information about your child. If you have not returned the form please request another form.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

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

Finance – Philip, Julie, Mark, Justin

Health, Wellbeing & Canteen – Melissa, Erika

Grounds, Building & Safety – Justin, Caroline

ICT –Aaron, David

Education & Policy (Vietnamese Immersion) – Chau, Kathy, Stacey

Fundraising – Philip, Erika, Hazel, Kiah

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



3. Communication at FPS

We value communication at FPS and two of our core values of the school are respect and responsibility. All conversations need to be respectful and we all have a responsibility to be present during these conversations. As mentioned we have Parent Information sessions on Tuesday 20th February.

	Open Classrooms- Please visit your child's classroom and say hello to your child's teacher	Year Level Presentations
Foundation, Year 1 and Year 2	5:15 pm -5:30 pm	5:30pm – 6:15pm
Years 3-4, Year 5 and Year 6	6:15pm- 6:30pm	6:30pm – 7:15 pm

We will provide an overview of many areas relevant for your child in the year level. If you are not present then it does pose problems for communication about essential organisational matters and ways you can support your child and their learning at home. I am encouraging all parents to attend please. This information is relevant to all families.

School Council Nominations, Members of Sub-committees and Class Representatives

A Parent Volunteer letter has been sent home this week. Please return this ASAP with an indication of an area you would like to support in.

4. PUPIL Free Days

We have four Pupil free days allocated each year at Footscray Primary School. The Pupil Free days for 2018 are:

Tuesday 13th March – Literacy at FPS (This is the Tuesday after the Labour Day Holiday)
Monday 16th April- PYP Workshop Transdisciplinary Learning (Day 1)
Friday 4th May- PYP Workshop Transdisciplinary Learning (Day 2)

See you in the playground!

Philip Fox
Principal

School Uniform

Due to the volume of uniform purchases in the office, with effect from Monday 12th February uniform will only be sold on Mondays 3.00pm-4.00pm and Thursday 8.30am-9.30am. Alternatively, the attached order form can be completed and handed (or emailed) to the office. 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.

Foundation Students Second Week of School



Foundation News

The Foundation students have finished Week 2 of the school year very well. Throughout the week many students have begun to adjust and adapt to the classroom and the routines. Every Friday afternoon all three Foundation classes are given the opportunity to explore their curiosity during student-led Inquiry.

Student-led Inquiry

During student-led Inquiry time the children are also learning to:

- cooperate with others
- share resources
- solve problems on their own
- think creatively
- develop their own inquiries based on their interests

The children are showing much enthusiasm working on a range of projects and they are having such fun while they are learning. They have been showing a very caring attitude towards each other and are making new friends very quickly. They have been displaying the PYP attitudes of independence, cooperation, responsibility and respect.

Reminders

- Please remember to label all uniform and belongings with your child's name.
- Please include a spare change of clothes in a plastic bag at the bottom of your child's school bag in case of accidents.
- Children are encouraged to bring a labelled bottle with water to school each day.
- Please remember to encourage your child to come into the school building on his/her own to help develop their independence.

NO SCHOOL FOR FOUNDATION Wednesdays in February

To help with transition, Foundation students have Wednesdays off school to relax and recoup. This also allows us to individually assess each child in numeracy and literacy.

Please check your child's assessment interview time on the board in the Edwardian or with your child's teacher. This time is for your child. You are welcome to wait in the Edwardian Building or return to collect your child when their interview time is up (interviews go for one hour).



The Young Archie Competition

The Young Archie Competition is a portrait competition for children aged between 5 - 18. The competition takes place every year alongside The Archibald Prize run by The Art Gallery of NSW .

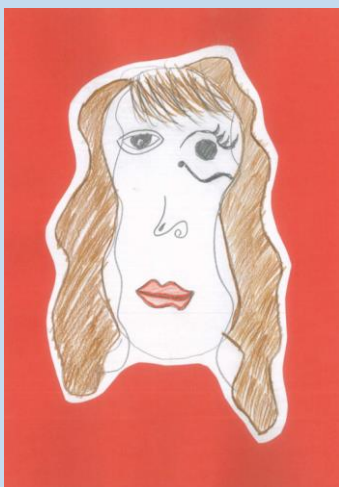
Footscray Primary School is running a school-wide portrait competition to select 10 students to be entered into the Young Archie!

Finalist selected: Week 6, all students welcome to enter their self-portraits from Art.

Talk to Gabrielle in the Art room for more details.



Aelwyn 34E



Nina 34A

Visual Art News

The creativity is flowing in the Art Room already and we've started the year with self-portraiture. We are considering ways to represent ourselves as unique and wonderful individuals.

Foundation students have been inquiring into colour theory and have loved using a mirror to draw themselves.



Louise 00A



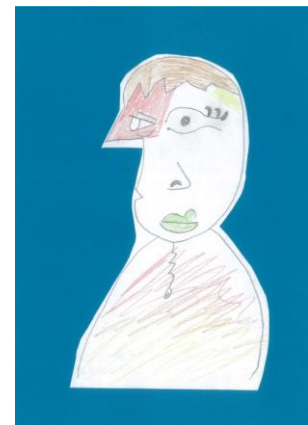
Harry 00B

Students in Grades 1 & 2 have been experimenting with different ways to create vibrant self-portraits that focus on our facial features and expression.

Grade 3/4 started their first class by playing the game roll-a-Picasso to explore new and exciting drawing techniques.



Ethan 34B



Inez 34F

Grades 5 & 6 have been practicing the skill of carbon transfers for their self-portraits.

We have also been investigating painting masters like Pablo Picasso and Vincent Van Gogh as well as several Australian artists who have been finalists in previous years in The Archibald Competition.

Viewing such interesting artists and their works have been serving as great inspiration for students own self-portraits which can be entered into the Footscray Primary School Young Archibald Prize running in Week 6!

FPS Mathletics subscription to be discontinued in 2018

After a review of the data around the use of Mathletics by students both at home and school, FPS will no longer subscribe as a school to the program. On average, the program was only used for 3 hours and 14 minutes per child. After evaluating its usage against the cost, the decision was made to remove it from our school mathematics program budget. Other digital learning platforms including Studyladder, Khan Academy and Prodigy could be used in its place to support the consolidation of mathematical skills and knowledge.

We recognise that families in the community may like to continue to use Mathletics to support home learning. If you would like to investigate an individual account for your child, contact Mathletics directly at <https://au.mathletics.com/home>

Aaron Wood
Leading Teacher



CALENDAR: Term 1 2018

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Week 2	5 February	6	7 Foundation students do not attend	8	9
Week 3	12	13	14 Foundation students do not attend	15	16 Interschool Swimming 3pm Assembly Grade 1 picnic
Week 4	19	20 Information Sessions Evening 5.15pm F-2 6.15pm 3-6	21 Foundation students do not attend	22	23
Week 5	26 School Council	27	28 Foundation students do not attend	1 March	2
Week 6	5 March	6	7	8	9 Interschool cross country Assembly
Week 7	Public Holiday	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 Student-Led Conferences F-2	28 Student-Led Conferences Grade 3-6	29 Last day of Term 1	Public Holiday

Student of the Week

STUDENT	GRADE	AWARD	FOR
Xavi	00B	Respect	Being a respectful learner at all times, listening thoughtfully to others and always making 'good choices'. What a great start to school Xavi! Well done.
Simeon	00C	Confidence	For being a brave student willing to try new idea's in reading and writing. He is beginning to confidently participate in class discussion and adjusting to school life. Well done Simeon.
Arlo	01A	Enthusiasm	Making excellent contributions during class discussions and always making sure our classroom environment is tidy. Congratulations on an excellent start to the year!
Zeno	01B	Creativity	During our writing lessons, Zeno has used his creativity in order to create a fiction story. He had worked on this piece throughout the week. He did not give up and had a go at sounding out words. Well done Zeno! Keep up the good work and amazing imagination!
Khai	01C	Commitment	Congratulations Khai on an excellent start to the year. You have shown commitment to your learning by approaching all learning tasks positively. You are an independent and kind member of our learning community. Thank you Khai!
Christian	02D	Enthusiasm	Christian has started Year 2 with a positive outlook and enthusiasm for each and every experience. He has put his best effort into his writing and I am super impressed to see how much he has learnt since he was in my Foundation class. I am so lucky to be teaching you again! Keep smiling, Christian!
Olive	34A	Confidence	For building confidence as a writer! Olive has demonstrated resilience and commitment to completing her open cycle writing piece. Well done Olive!
The Whole Class	34B	Cooperation	The manner in which everyone has collaborated with one another over the first two weeks. Everyone has demonstrated mutual respect through their interactions. taking the time to listen to each others ideas and share their own thoughts clearly when learning in a variety of different groups. This has allowed for new friendships to form and a fabulous and warm class to be created. I am so excited for the year ahead with 3/4B.
Zach	34C	Cooperation	Always showing excellent listening skills and for commitment to your classroom responsibilities. Well done Zach!
Maya	34D	Open-Minded	For interacting with a wide variety of peers over the past two weeks. Maya has included people in small group and whole group learning tasks. Well done Maya!
Alice	34E	Confidence	Showing strong leadership skills within the class and sharing her knowledge in a thoughtful, considered manner.
Wangari	34F	Enthusiasm	Beginning grade 4 with many smiles and a positive attitude, and being an active participant in the classroom.
Zach	05A	Commitment	For his commitment towards improving his personal narrative writing craft.
Grade 3/4 Students	P.E.	Cooperation	Demonstrating respect, tolerance and cooperation when working with different friends and peers in a new grade. You have all had such a great start to the year. Keep up the fantastic attitude to learning Grade 3/4s!