Dear Parents and Friends

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2015 STUDENT LEADERS
On Monday 2nd February Kingston Mayor Geoff Gledhill attended our school assembly to present our 2015 school leaders with their badges. Congratulations to the following students:

School Captains: Danielle and Dan
School Vice Captains: Bella and Tristan
Kingsford Smith House Captains: Jade and Zach
Kingsford Smith Vice House Captain: Ben
Hawker House Captains: Jessica and Luke
Hawker Vice House Captain: Luke
Flynn House Captains: Holly and Cooper
Flynn Vice House Captain: Dylan
Hinkler House Captain: Isabella and Bailey
Hinkler Vice House Captain: Ashleigh
Kids’ Café: Anthony and Guy
Green Gang: Kiera and Brae

HOUSE SWIMMING
Congratulations to Miss Laycock for organising another hugely successful House Swimming Sports today. Thank you to the teachers from Year 3 – 6 who supported the day with marshalling, timing, crowd control and scoring. Also, a BIG thank you to all the wonderful parents that came to assist or to support our students swimming. The highlight of the day was the final Teachers v Students race! In a very tight finish with Miss L and Anthony swimming against each other in the final leg, Anthony managed to touch the wall just ahead of Miss L!

PARENT COMMUNICATION
This year you will have noticed some changes in our parent communication arrangements. Instead of a weekly newsletter, we have changed to a fortnightly whole school newsletter, alternating with fortnightly Year Level newsletters. You would have received these last week. Paper copies were sent out of all newsletters, but look out for electronic versions in the future.

We are looking at an update of our website and newsletter production which will hopefully mean a smoother process for us and easier access for you!

SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT TIME
Remember that classrooms are open from 8:45am for students to enter. We encourage all students to arrive at this time to enable the completion of activities such as unpacking bags, handing in notices and changing take-home books. This will ensure students are ready to start learning at 9:00am sharp.

Have a great week,
Kendra
Kendra Parker—PRINCIPAL
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

What a flying start to the year we have had. So many achievements and accomplishments already and we are still in February!

At Mentone Park we promote a safe, cooperative and stimulating learning environment and this has assisted in the smooth start to the year that we have experienced.

Students are aware of their rights and responsibilities and have been doing a wonderful job following our 5 basic school rules. The students understand the importance of having consistent rules in place, to keep themselves and others safe and enable them to learn in an orderly, respectful environment with plenty of support from both classmates and staff.

You will find the 5 basic school rules below. I encourage you to read these and discuss them with your child/children.

The rules follow and promote our Mentone Park Primary School values – teamwork, integrity, excellence and respect.

SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS

Thank you to those families who have paid their School Contributions or put in their forms to pay by instalments. Statements will be sent home over the next week as a reminder for those families who may have forgotten.

Remember—if you are having difficulties with payment please contact me to discuss payment options. It is always best to do this at the start of the year, rather than have us chasing you for money later in the year.

KIDS CRAZY CARNIVAL

The Kids Crazy Carnival is only 5 weeks away and there is a lot of behind the scenes work happening already. Weekly newsletters will come home on Fridays with each week’s challenge. Please get behind this great event and major school fundraiser by donating the challenge items each week. Also, look out soon for calls for volunteers to work on stalls and help with running this fantastic whole school event. If you have any ideas for the fete or can support with sponsorship or donations, please contact the school office.

OSHC

Hello and welcome to term one of 2015! We all hope you had wonderful holidays. We know that the children who attended our holiday program did! We went on an excursion to Southland to see Penguins. We had parties, face painting, dancing, musical games, candle making & plaster workshops and much more!

Our holiday program was a huge success, with up to 37 children attending a day!!

We are looking forward to another exciting term, with Carole, Joanna & Leah joining Anicca for the term. Please remember you all need to fill in a booking form for 2015. If you haven’t already please do so asap so we can have a place for your child on your required days!

Happy term one!

Anicca and the OSHC team

KIDS’ CONNECT

SCHOOL RULES

There are FIVE basic school rules at Mentone Park:

1. Move and play safely.
2. Care for yourself and others properly.
3. Resolve problems calmly, sensibly and fairly.
4. Respect others through your speech and manners.
5. Work as well as you can and allow others to do the same.
Dear parents, students and fellow colleagues...

**ARE YOU A SPORTING STAR?**

I think so and I would love to know how you are all reaching your goals and what weekly achievements you are making in your chosen field of sport.

Whether it's completing a new gym class, beating a P.B. training and competing in a local marathon, getting into the basketball finals or simply enjoying the company of your family and friends in weekly tennis matches.

We all have goals, we all aim to keep fit and healthy and throughout the year I would love to celebrate your achievements by selecting a Mentone Park Sporting Star of the Week.

Your photo will be placed in our special Sporting Star of the Week banner and demonstrate how many of us are achieving our own personal healthy and active goals.

Our first Sporting Star of the Week goes to a family who demonstrates a healthy living philosophy, encouraging each other in their own special sporting goals.

During the holidays the **Allen family** had various goals they achieved with Leah (Year 4) beating P.Bs and coming first in her triathlon events.

Following her efforts, Bruce (father) not only completed a demanding 5km swim in great time but got straight back up to participate in Lorne’s Pier to Pub 1.2km swim.

Congratulations Leah and Bruce on your sporting achievements so far, all the best for the year ahead!

I look forward to hearing from the rest of our Mentone Park community and celebrating another fantastic sporting achievement!!

All the best for 2015 everyone!

Miss.L

**ART ROOM NEWS**

Welcome back. I’m sure your children have been buzzing since being back at school. As the art program is now up and running through all grades, I’m just writing to remind you that each child will be required to wear an art smock to art class each week. The art smock is there to protect your student’s clothing from accidental spills. If your child does not have a smock already, an old t-shirt, old shirt or apron will be fine. The main area of mess is usually at the front of them, or in their lap, so if you could supply an item to protect your child’s clothing it would be much appreciated.

Unfortunately if they don’t have a smock soon they will be unable to participate in painting, clay and other messy art activities.

Thank you for your understanding. Looking forward to having some wonderful art pieces up on the display boards soon.

Regards
Mrs Searles
Art Teacher

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Welcome back. The Library is now open for borrowing and students with library bags have already taken books out. Please make sure your child has a library bag so that they may borrow on a regular basis. Reading books of choice at home is very important and allows the child to take ownership of their own reading.

We are also in need of parent helpers in the library on a Friday from 9-1pm to help with placing books away, covering new resources and general library maintenance. If you are able to assist, please drop by on a Friday from 9-1pm and meet in the library.

Thank you for your assistance.

Regards
Mrs Searles

**SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking resumes next Wednesday the 18th February. We are still looking for one or two more volunteers to help with school banking on Wednesday mornings for 15 to 20 minutes. If you are interested please leave your details at the school office.

**PFA – CLASS CONTACT LISTS**

The PFA are finalising the class contact lists, if you have not yet returned the form and wish to have your details on the list please return your form by Monday 16th February.

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

This week your child would have received the first Scholastic Book Club catalogue for the year. Scholastic Book Club is a fantastic way for the school to raise funds to purchase classroom reading material. Last year we raised hundreds of dollars which was used on books and other school supplies. This year there is a new ordering system, and if you prefer you are now able to order and pay online which eliminates the need to return payment and forms to the school. (See Book Clubs LOOP flyer on the last page of this newsletter.) If possible could you please have your orders in within a week. Also if anyone is interested in becoming the book club representative, my son is in Grade 6 so I will be looking at handing the role over within the year. Its a very flexible role with most of the work performed at home in your own spare time. Please leave your details at the office if you are interested.

Kathryn Harvey
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**Activities**

- **Week 1**
  - **Monday**: Beach swimming program all week
  - **Tuesday**: Life Ed van all week
  - **Wednesday**: Yoga program commences – Finance Committee
  - **Thursday**: Education Committee Community P'ships Information Night Level 3 6:00 – 7:00pm Parent Forum 7:00 – 7:30pm
  - **Friday**: School Photos

- **Week 2**
  - **Monday**: B&G Committee School Council
  - **Tuesday**: Marine Ambassadors Program
  - **Wednesday**: District Swimming
  - **Thursday**: Dr Barb – Science Invisit Level 4
  - **Friday**: PFA AGM

- **Week 3**
  - **Monday**: B&G Committee School Council
  - **Tuesday**: Family Life – Year 6
  - **Wednesday**: School Photos PFA AGM – 9:00am
  - **Thursday**: Finance Committee
  - **Friday**: *Saturday – Working Bee*

- **Week 4**
  - **Monday**: B&G Committee School Council Whole School Family Wellness Day
  - **Tuesday**: Family Life – Year 6
  - **Wednesday**: GATEWAYS
  - **Thursday**: Education Committee Community P'ships
  - **Friday**: Region Swimming (TBC)
Welcome back to the Kids’ Café for 2015.

As I’m sure you’ll all be aware by now we are making big changes in the Café this year. We struggled last year with volunteers and have decided that the menu needed an overhaul, partly because we have to find ways to streamline the workload and partly because it just needs a change.

This has meant that we are running a limited menu this term and some of the “old faithfuls” are unavailable. Please bear with us, it doesn’t mean that some things are gone forever but it does mean that there are new foods and drinks for the kids to try over the coming weeks. You might like to see this as an opportunity to encourage your kids to try something new.

As always any ideas you might have for a new menu item would be greatly appreciated. We have already introduced a few gluten free items and hope to expand the choices in the future. There are also new drink and snack options that have less sugar and sodium than our current lines. All of these changes are being made in order to bring you the healthiest lunches possible in a manageable way for the school so that the Kids’ Café can continue long into the future.

Please remember to order on QKR. Manual orders will no longer be accepted. Thank you!

This week we are looking for volunteers from all grades to help out in the Café. The class roster for the rest of this term is as follows;

February
- 13th - everyone welcome
- 20th - PS & 3 / 4 G
- 27th - PM & 3 / 4 O

March
- 6th - 10 & 3 / 4 S
- 13th - 1B & 3 / 4 H
- 20th - closed for fete preparation
- Thurs 26th - cleaning day, all welcome
- 27th - closed, last day of term

On Tuesday we had a café cleaning day. I’d like to say a huge thank you Rachael, mum of Kade in Prep S and Jenny, mum of Isobel 1B and Gabby Prep S for all their hard work in getting the café ready for the start of the year. THANK YOU!

I look forward to seeing you in the café.

Liz & the Kids’ Café Team

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**Mentone Park is first to Launch Electronic Forms in QkR!**

Recently QkR! By MasterCard launched an electronic form option along with payments on the QkR app.

Master Card was very pleased to see that Mentone Park was the first school to use the electronic form as a permission form attached to the Grade 5/6 Beach Swimming program.

The technical team in Dublin and the MasterCard Labs team in New York, Sydney and Melbourne are watching with interest to see how successful they are.

Adding electronic forms to payments dramatically addresses the laborious, but necessary administration tasks in schools, freeing Office Managers, admin staff and teachers to concentrate on their core work of creating a rich learning environment for students.

Electronic forms and payments provide a convenient and effective way for parents to ensure their child is up-to-date with school activities.

Yvonne Hemphill (Grade 5 mum) experienced the ease of using electronic forms with the Grade 5/6 Beach Swimming payment and stated, “It’s WONDERFUL, really convenient and secure.”

Support your school by using QkR mobile payment and form options.

**PIANO LESSONS AT SCHOOL**

Piano lessons are available at school for grades 3 to 6 students. Your child will need to have a piano or keyboard at home to practise on.

Please ring -
Teacher - Mrs Jocelyn Millard B.S.Ed.
Ph. 9583 6172
Mob. 0418 629 586
Learn music here at school

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at Mentone Park Primary School.

Creative Music for Schools conducts a music program here at school each week.

Small group classes or one-on-one lessons give children an excellent grounding in music where they will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument.

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Little Athletics Victoria

Who can do Little Athletics?

Little Athletics Victoria venues are able to offer for children from 5 to 18 years of age, with many Centres able to enter to athletes with a disability. No matter what your skill or ability Little Athletics is all about family, fun and fitness and making sure you can be your best.

How will I learn?

Many Centres incorporate to help you learn and develop your skills so you can get the best out of your participation with Little Athletics. Locally in the Hawthorn unit, we have a fun packed program that is and personalised.

How are the benefits?

If you are fit, makes you feel good about yourself and you can feel good about yourself and you can feel good about yourself. Your team will increase your knowledge and performance.

What does my mum, dad or family have to do?

And for most gym just you and your family. This is a truly amazing opportunity for your family to become involved and a part of the Little Athletics family. Organising, coaching, officiating and improving your skills will be made easy.

How do I join?

Simply ask your local centre or venue run by a dedicated Hawthorn family. You can join at any time and have fun and become a part of the Little Athletics family!
CORNISH COLLEGE COUNTRY CARNIVAL

WHEN: Saturday 21 February, 2015
WHERE: Cornish College, 65 Riverend Rd Bangholme
TIME: 11.00am – 4.00pm

ACTIVITIES:
- Enjoy unlimited rides with our wristband offer (available online at http://www.ticketebo.com.au/cornishcarnival or purchase on the day).
- Enjoy delicious refreshments and treats including Turkish gozlemes, pizzas, Dutch poffejors and freshly baked scones.
- Market stalls including Fantastic fun for all the family with plenty of entertainment or the kids.
- Enjoy the butterfly experience, see the snake man and bring your pooch along to enter into the dog jumping competition.

There is a Carnival entry fee of $2 per person which will be donated to U.N.O.H (Urban neighbourhood of Hope). Visit www.unoh.org for more information.

CENTRAL BAYSIDE COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES
ORAL HEALTH SERVICE

YOUR CHILD’S DENTAL HEALTH

Central Bayside Community Oral Health Service is currently offering dental examinations and treatment to children attending your school. Formally the School Dental Service located at Parkdale, is now part of the Community Oral Health Service.

My child has visited the Oral Health Services (formally School Dental Service) before:
If your child has previously been seen by the Oral Health Services or the school dental program you will receive a letter offering you an opportunity to make an appointment when your child is due for their next check up. In this case, no action is required.

My child has never visited the School Dental Program:
Please contact Central Bayside Oral Health Service on 9837 6568 for an appointment.

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CLARINDA ART & CRAFT MARKET - 28 February, 2015 10am – 2pm
Meet our new stallholder - Christine, a qualified teacher with working with kids check.
Did you know a cute little business has been growing steadily in 2014 in nearby Huntingdale? It’s time to tell you all about it.

The Little Caravan

Set in a 1960's Voixut Ambassador caravan, we hold "Craftsmore" and parties for children and teens on Saturday afternoons, inc school holidays. Crafts workshops for grown ups are also available in 2015. They are on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons by arrangement. For the price of a movie and coffee, you can have a night out with friends and go home with a stunning handmade accomplishment.

Experiences a mini version of My Little Caravan style craftsmanship at our "pop-up event" on the 8th Saturday of the month at Clarinda Market.

We have new stallholders as well as some of our regulars, like Annette with jams and pickles; Dennis with herbs, lewol with baby clothes and Dawn with fushsia. Free entry, air conditioning and light refreshments available. More information from Veeda 9544 1101.

Aspendale Gardens Community Service

Contact us for information and bookings or visit www.aspendalegardens.org.au

OCCASIONAL CARE - CASUAL OR PERMANENT BKINGS

The section times for Occasional Care this year have changed. Section will now be held as follows:
- Tuesday (during school term) (beginning Tuesday 10th February): 12.00pm to 1.00pm.
- Thursday (beginning Thursday 19th February): 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Cost per session payable upon booking:
- Members: $8.00 per child, $15.00 per family (max members $35.00 per child);
- Non Members: $15.00 per child, $40.00 per family (max members $45.00 per child).

For more information, contact our Office.

PLATINUM

Our Centre now has plum group sessions on Wednesdays and Thursdays, 9.30am to 11.30am. Activities include: music and sing, imaginative play, and art and craft activities.

Cost: $55.00 per hour.

Bookings are essential and can be made at the office. Payment must be made at the time of booking to secure your place.

YOGA

Monday, 2pm to 3pm - General Yoga (suitable for beginners and intermediate students).

Thursday, 2pm to 3pm - Gentle Yoga (suitable for anyone with restricted mobility or flexibility, seniors & beginners).

Please bring your own mat if you have one, a drink and towel.

Cost: $10.00 casual or $40.00 for 6 classes. Seniors receive a $5 discount. Bookings essential: 9537 3953

IT COURSES

iPad for Beginners

This course runs from Tuesday 17 February to 21 March from 12.30pm to 3.00pm and is aimed at beginners with very little experience. Bring your own iPod and learn how to use the most useful apps. Cost: $45

Expand your Computer Skills (Windows 7)

This course runs from Friday 13 February to 27 March from 12.30pm to 2pm. Each week you will focus on a new computer software package and learn new skills. Cost: $40

Email: office@aspendalegardens.org.au

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Term 1, 2015


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Your 2015 prep students are eligible to receive a free racquet
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