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FROM THE EXECUTIVE TEAM

2016 START DATE
Please note that the first day for ALL students for 2016 is THURSDAY 28 JANUARY.

CURRICULUM DAYS 2016
Wednesday January 27 (1st day of 2015 school year)
Tuesday March 15 (after Labour Day)
Friday June 12 (day before Queen’s Birthday long weekend)
Thursday August 4 (week 4, term 3)
Monday October 31 (day before Cup Day), as a day in lieu of after-hours professional learning that teachers will undertake outside of their usual working hours.

STEP UP DAY
As the majority of our Year 6 students will be attending Orientation Day at secondary schools and our future Preps will be coming in for an Orientation Day we are having a Step Up day for our current students. This will involve moving to another classroom for the day to ‘practice’ being in the next year level as a form of transition to demystify what may lay ahead. This day, in no way indicates what room or class group students will be in next year.

PLANNING WEEK
Teachers, in teams, will be planning for Term 1 2016 on a designated planning day next week. The major change for students is that their Specialist classes will occur on the one day:

Monday 7 December Year 3/4
Wednesday 9 December Year 1/2
Thursday 10 December Year Prep
Friday 11 December Year 5/6

YEAR 5/6 1:1 DIGITAL DEVICE PROGRAM 2015
Information packages have been sent home to all current year 4 and 5 students, including agreement forms, which we encourage you to read, complete and return by the due date. It is important to understand that this program is a substantial commitment by the school and we encourage your support.

If you require any further information, please contact the school.

Please return the green and blue forms (signed) as soon as possible – by Friday December 11 would be appreciated. The first term rental charge of $50 is also due and is required by January 28.

END OF YEAR NETBOOK RETURNS – 5/6
Our 1:1 netbook program draws to a close for 2015. The collection of all year 5/6 netbooks will take place from Thursday 10 December. All students are expected to have their netbooks, chargers and carry cases at school on Thursday 10 December and Friday 11 December. Students will not be able to take netbooks home from that date onwards.

It is an expectation that netbooks are returned in working order and presentable condition. Any damage to the netbooks, chargers or carry cases will incur costs, which must be paid by the end of the year. There will be no option to purchase the netbooks.

SCHOOL OFFICE
Please note the office is unable to accept payments on Friday 18 December, the last day of term. We will open on January 27, 2015 for Materials & Requisite payments (see below). The office will then be open for normal business from 28 January.

Best wishes,
Phil, Andrew and Pete

STUDENT MATERIAL AND REQUISITES FOR 2016
Pay, collect or delivered straight to your child’s classroom Wednesday 27 January 2015 10am – 5pm
Pay prior to this date via QKR, direct deposit, cheque or cash
A payment receipt must be presented to collect bookpacks

CURRENT NEWS

CHRISTMAS DISCO / PARENTS’ PICNIC
Thursday 10 December, Prep to Year 2 is 4.30pm to 5.30pm and Year 3 to Year 6 is 5.45 to 7pm.
Cost is $2 entry per student and come dressed in your favourite Christmas gear.
The children will be able to take part in the disco suitable for their age.
group, whilst their parents enjoy a café style BBQ outside. A sausage sizzle, cold drinks and ice-creams, at canteen prices, will be available for parents (and students not involved in the disco session), as well as a coffee van.

You are encouraged to bring chairs and/or a blanket and have a peaceful time whilst waiting for children. For safety and security reasons, children will be expected to remain in the gym throughout their disco session. Parents will be invited in at the end of each session to pick up their child(ren). No students will be allowed to leave until a parent has picked them up. Prompt pick-ups are requested.

**PAYMENTS DUE**

YEAR 6 GRADUATION: Overdue
School Disco: 9 December
2016 Book Pack: 27 January
Term 1 2016 Netbook: 27 January

**BARNADOS TOY COLLECTION**

We are asking our school community to donate new toys for children who may not otherwise receive anything. If you would like to participate, please send along a brand new toy for a child of any age. We ask that you do not send weapons or stuffed toys. Please ensure that all gifts are unwrapped and are delivered to school by Friday 11 December.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**AIR-CLAY SCULPTING**

Air-Clay sculpting is a fun and easy way for your child to express their creativity without the mess. Its non-toxic super light and airy material is so soft and smooth without leaving any kind of residue. It’s a great way for your child to get in and have some fun, and bring some of their creations home with them. Tuesday 8 December 3:30-5:30pm $20 per child

Sunbury Neighbourhood House, 531 Elizabeth Dve, Sunbury Call 97406978 for more information.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

We are so excited to announce that Keely C is going to be one of the Hortensia's in the Melbourne season of Matilda the Musical.

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Our swimming carnival will once again be running this year on Tuesday 15 December and will provide opportunity to our up and coming swimmers to make the school team. Years 3 - 5 will participate on the day with those students wanting to swim in the 50m trials kick starting the event. Students have been asked to select 2 events as this is the maximum they can compete as an individual at district level next year if they make the team. I have requested this information so that organisation of the heats is made easier. However, students will be granted the opportunity to swim in all 4 strokes on carnival day if they choose. In most events, timing will decide those moving on to competitions next year. Novelty events will begin shortly after 50m events begin, allowing all to participate in some very imaginative style events both in the middle size and large pool. It is an expectation that all students in Years 3 - 5 participate and attend on the day with hats, house colours and sunscreen. 50m events will begin at 9.30am followed by novelties at 10.00am. Any parents that would like to assist on the day. Please contact Pizza. pizaro.andrew.b@edumail.vic.gov.au