2016 Secondary Placement

This week all of our year 6 students were notified of their secondary school placement for 2016. For those parents who have not as yet been through the process of secondary school selection, the overview below is something that you can look forward to when your child reaches year 6. For all of our current year 6 students, whilst I know that the thought of secondary school sometimes can be daunting and create feelings of anxiety, these quickly pass once you are there and it can become a very exciting place, with new learning, new friends and new expectations.

Secondary Placement Process

Early each year secondary schools offer information evenings outlining to parents and prospective students the programs they have on offer. The primary school provides a department of Education and Training Form for parents to select, in order of preference, the school they would like their child to attend in year 7. These forms are then sent to each of the secondary colleges. The secondary college makes the decision as to whether or not the student will be accepted. The primary school is notified of the students attending each school and then confirms this in writing via post to the parents of each student.

Generally, students who live within the neighbourhood zone will automatically be accepted into their local secondary college. For those living outside the neighbourhood zone, this is not automatic and most secondary colleges have criteria of order of acceptance, with local students followed by siblings of students already attending and then distance from the secondary college with the nearer students having preference over those that live further away.

A number of secondary schools offer special accelerated learning programs where students sit for assessments and offers of places are given to those students who perform the best. Some secondary schools also offer scholarships in specialist areas such as sport and music. Parents need to apply for these directly to the secondary college. Some secondary colleges have a designated boundary and it is very difficult for students who live outside that boundary to secure a place. Local schools in this category include Frankston High School, Parkdale Secondary College and Mentone Girls’ Secondary. Patterson River SC also has a zone, however it is usual that students attending a primary school within the school zone will be accepted even if their residential address is outside of the zone. Seaford Primary School is within the PRSC zone.

Art Smocks

It is expected that children in all grades will wear art smocks when they attend art lessons or are involved in classroom lessons where they need to protect their school uniform. Whilst some children do have an art smock there are many that don’t. Please check with your child and if they do not have one, can you please send one along to school labelled clearly with your child’s name. An old adult shirt that covers the upper body and the tops of the legs is usually sufficient. If you have more than one appropriate shirt that you could spare, we would be delighted to have a few that can be used by children who for whatever reason are unable to get one of their own.

Concert Raffle

We are now collecting items that can be used in the raffle hampers. A list of the hampers and the grade assigned to each one was printed in last week’s newsletter. In recent years the generosity of our community has been outstanding meaning that we haven’t had the need to purchase any additional items. Please send your donations with your child to their class or drop off at the office. In the week’s newsletter we have attached a sheet of raffle tickets. These are $2 each or 3 for $5. Additional ticket sheets are available from the office. Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Harry, Dante, Cameron, Beau, Lilliana, Noel, Tyrone, Annika, Dalani, Alyssa, Illy and Mason received their sports awards for Interschool sport at assembly last Friday.

Nataya received her Artist of the Month award at assembly last Friday.

Alyssa shared her Best and Fairest netball trophy with us at assembly last Friday.

YEAR 6 AND SPORTS UNIFORM

Just a reminder that the Year 6 uniform for 2016 and the sports uniform for all years 5 and 6 for 2016 must be ordered by 28th August 2015. NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

This uniform is a one off order each year.

Thank You
Uniform Shop Co-Ordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

- Skyed for Sport Birthday Parties Frankston
- Junior Netball & Football Academy also Youngsters Football Academy—Syked for Sports.
- Primary School Relay for Life—Cancer Council
- Romsey Primary School 150 Years celebrations Saturday October 24th 2015 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.
FATHER’ S DAY STALL

The Father’s Day stall will be held
Thursday September 3rd 2015

Gifts will range from $1 - $5.

Children will visit the stall in class groups, choose a gift, which will then be wrapped.

Please discuss with your child what they want to spend and send the money along with them in a named envelope in case it gets lost.

BY THE WAY – if anyone has an hour or two to spare on the morning of Thursday 3rd, we are **seeking helpers for the stall** (must have a working with childrens card).

if you have any time to spare – that would be fantastic & greatly appreciated!

Thankyou
Fundraising Committee
CONCERT RAFFLE

Please see below a list of the hampers and the class that is organising them. We are asking for donations to fill these hampers so that we can make this event a fundraising success. You do not have to donate just for your child’s class, donations for any of the below hampers will be greatly appreciated. Please deliver donations to the Office or your child’s classroom. Raffle tickets are attached to this newsletter and there are more available from the office. Thanks for your continued support.

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2015 CONCERT RAFFLE HAMPERS

THE PAMPER HAMPER – 1/2A

This may include items such as: nail polish, Tim Tams, coffee syrups, tea infusions, lotions & potions, chocolates, gift vouchers, face packs, relaxation CDs, Body butter, candles, devil’s food cake mix, massage oil, skin creams, sleep masks, bed socks.

THE PARTY’S AT MY PLACE! - PRET

Anything to do with Parties &/or entertaining: Paper plates/cups, party favours, serviettes, chips, dips, sweets, cocktail gear, bottle openers, plastic “glasses”, platters, party cds, mini speakers.

SUMMER IS COMING! - 5/6D

Anything to do with the back garden, the BBQ and the Beach!!: Seed/seedlings, picnic gear, trowel, BBQ tongs, table-cloth weights, plant ties, gardening books /mags, ornaments, tape measures, pots, pop-up garden bins, beach hats, sunscreen, beach toys, towels.

SWEET TOOTH - 5/6S

Anything sweet & delicious: Lollies, chocolates, spreads, chocolate biscuits, lolly jars, cake/muffin mix, hot chocolate mix, chocolate or dessert cook books, choc or yoghurt coated nuts/sultanas,

BOREDOM BUSTER - 1/2W

Anything to keep your household amused: Board games, G-rated DVDs, books, cheap video console games, puzzle mags, toys, colouring books, sports/car/fashion magazines, comics, art-crafty stuff, create-it kits, wool & knitting needles, ribbons and bows.

THE MYSTERY HAMPER - 3/4H

Sometimes these hampers are the hardest of all to buy for, but look on it as an opportunity! Include whatever YOU would like to get, and it’s bound to be a success!!! Let your imagination go wild!!

FUN AND FITNESS - 3/4T

This may include items such as: skipping ropes, water bottles, pedometers, twister type games, side-walk chalk, fitness gear/clothing, Frisbees, balls, squash/tennis racquet sets, fitness balls, yoga mats, massage oil, healthy eating books, healthy cooking dvds, relaxation/exercise cds, beach volleyball.
Grade of the Week - Prep

By Skyla and Millie

By Ashley, Samuel and Audrey.

By Blake, Charlie and Renee

By Noah and Oliver

- Creative Area
  Make your own Chinese paper lantern. (see example)

- Modelling Area
  Use the playdough and straws to build your own Chinese Temple.

- Maths Area
  Use the Tangram pieces to make different pictures.

- Construction Area
  Work as a team!
  Use the large wooden blocks to make your own Great Wall of China.
Choose and paste the different decorations onto the material to create a scale for our big dragon.

By Brooke and Alicia

Copy the symbols to write 'Happy New Year' in Chinese.

By Addison and Annabelle

Make a paper dragon. Colour and cut out the template. Carefully fold a piece of coloured paper and join them all together.

By Lachlan and Annabelle

In the word document, click on the (link) blue writing to watch a story about Chinese New Year on YouTube.

By Jemma and Bo