PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS

October
Wednesday 26th - World Teachers Day

November
Wednesday 2nd - Foundation night
Sunday 20th - 2017 Foundation Welcome Mass
Tuesday 22nd - Subway Lunch
Tuesday 22nd - PA Meeting wrap up @ 7.15 pm

December
Friday 2nd - 2017 Foundation Orientation Morning Tea
Wednesday 14th - Grade 6 Graduation Dinner
   (2016 Grade 5 mum to organise)
Thursday 15th - End of Term Sausage Sizzle

****Last day of term is Thursday 15th December @ 3.20pm****

2nd Hand Uniform Shop Dates Term 4

Open every second Friday from 2:30PM to 3:20PM in the portable room behind the Foundation area, the shop is well stocked this year. Most items sell for $5 - $10.
It is run by the very experienced and dedicated mums Lisa Matuszewicz, Kate Whitwell and Veronique Moutia.
Next dates are as follows:
Friday 21 October 2016
Friday 4 November 2016
Friday 18 November 2016
Friday 2 Friday 2016
Message from PA President

Term 4 has started off with a bang with the kids disco and the father-son camp. It is hard to believe that this is the last term for the year. We have enjoyed quite a few events throughout the year which have only been successful due to everyone’s contributions. As we are approaching the end of the year where everyone’s time gets busier and our lives get crazier with Christmas fast approaching, we would really appreciate any help with the remaining events for the rest of the year.

Thank you
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RECENT EVENTS

Kids Disco

The first event in Term 4 was the Kids Disco on Friday 7 October, coordinated by Claire Scanlon and Lori di Natale. This year’s disco was a success with the hall transformed into a mini Rio Olympic carnival atmosphere, decorated with flashing fairy lights, dancing divas, Olympic torches, green & gold balloons and plenty of flag bunting of all the Olympic countries, some made by our clever 1/2 artists. Whilst the girls came dressed ‘carnival style’ with sparkling dresses and feather boas, the boys preferred the sporty ‘Olympic’ look. They all danced the night away to the DJ’s remix hits and in the spotlight of the super cool revolving disco lights.

Thank you to all the parent helpers on the night, apart from thanking the organisers Claire Scanlon and Lori di Natale, we wish to extend our thank you to the following for their help with setting up the hall beforehand and clearing up afterwards:

Sam Morris, Nathan Scanlon, Mary Keady, Josie Ferraro, Bianca Taylor, Veronique Moutia, Noura Atluri, Rachel Pirani, Cecilia Schock, Rob Gardiner, Michelle Gardiner, Romila Gomez and Kim Tomasello.
**PA training session on Google Drive.** While the children were having fun at the disco, a number of parents attended a training session on Google Drive, conducted by Rob Gardiner and Brian Martin. It was a successful night and all the participants were very happy with the outcome. We have decided to repeat the event at a future date with dates TBA.

**Father Son Camp** was a great success. Dads and boys from across the school attended and had wonderful fun at The Summit Adventure Park in Gippsland. Activities included a zip line, rock climbing and a Giant Swing as well as a night-time campfire to help keep warm in the slightly unseasonal weather. There was an atmosphere of teamwork and camaraderie and many new friends were made by both boys and Dads. All returned home on Sunday afternoon with many good memories and talking already about next year!

“Camp was great. Weather was better there than in Melbourne and, in the main, we kept out of the rain Saturday afternoon” - Russell James

Thank you to Russell James and Lori Dinatale in the organisation of this camp, which we all know is a huge effort with so many things to do!
UPCOMING EVENTS

World Teachers’ Day  Friday 28th October

*World Teachers’ Day* is celebrated annually in over 100 countries. Due to a number of teachers being absent on Friday, World Teachers’ Day will be celebrated on Wednesday by providing the teachers with a special morning tea. This day allows students, parents and community members to show their appreciation for all the hard work, dedication and the valuable contribution that our teachers make to the education and development of our children.

Foundation Orientation 8 & 17 November

These sessions are held for the 2017 Foundation children and their families. Each year the parents of the current year Foundation children organise a *Morning Tea* to welcome the new families.

There will also be a **Foundation Mass on 20 November** followed by a BBQ which will also be organised by the 2016 Foundation parents.

Subway Lunch Tuesday 22 November

This will be the last Subway lunch for 2016. Thank you to Bianca Taylor and Maria Raucci for coordinating the Subway this year. This is a huge job and their organisational skills led to its success.

Grade 6 Graduation Dinner Wednesday 14 December

This event is a celebration of our 2016 grade 6 students’ graduation which is held in the School Hall and it’s organised by the grade 5 parents. This year Priscilla Hansen has volunteered to coordinate the dinner, and we are confident there will be many other parents who will be willing to assist. There are many things to do, so if your child is in grade 5 this year and you want to be involved, please contact Priscilla Hansen to find out more.

End of Term Sausage Sizzle – Thursday 15th December

A big thank you to Dave and Nicole Cochrane who once again will set up the barbie and cook the sausages for our kids’ last day of school! There is always a lot to do to ensure this event runs smoothly so please reserve this date on diary and come along to help out, being the last day of school it’s an exciting day to be around and say goodbye and wish a Merry Christmas to all.