

***We are a Child Safe School.  
All children have the right to feel safe and to learn.  
We are committed to protecting the wellbeing of students in our care.***

**IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>Friday 5th May</b>	<i>Interschool Sport vs. Reservoir East (Home game)</i>
<b>Monday 8th May</b>	<b><i>SCHOOL PHOTOS, 9.00AM SHARP—DON'T BE LATE!!!</i></b>
<b>Tuesday 9th May</b>	<i>Prep 2024 School Tours, 10.00am</i>
<b>Wednesday 10th May</b>	<i>Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am</i> <i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i> <i>District Cross Country for selected students only, 9.30am—12.00noon</i>
<b>Thursday 11th May</b>	<i>Canteen open for sales</i> <i>Mother's Day Stall, 9.00am—11.00am</i>
<b>Friday 12th May</b>	<i>Mother's Day Stall, 9.00am—11.00am</i> <i>Mother's Day Raffle drawn</i> <i>Interschool Sport vs. St Joseph the Worker (Home game)</i>
<b>Monday 15th May</b>	<i>Assembly, 3.00pm</i>
<b>Tuesday 16th May</b>	<i>Open Morning, 9.15—11.00am</i> <i>Prep 2024 School Tours, 10.00am</i>
<b>Wednesday 17th May</b>	<i>Playgroup, 9.00am—11.00am</i> <i>Uniform Shop open for sales, 9.00am—10.00am</i>
<b>Thursday 18th May</b>	<i>Canteen open for sales</i>

***From the Principal,***

It's been a mighty start to the Term and our classes are back into their usual flow. This follows a very busy first week with our school being involved in a number of events commemoration ANZAC Day. Our day at the 1000 steps was terrific as we participated in the ceremony and then our students climbed the steps to the very top. As ever, our students completely understood the concept of "representing". They were enthusiastic, respectful and collaborative. It is what we have come to expect, but it is still good to recognise it when it occurs. Well played.

**WOW**

We are excited to be taking part in the WOW (Walk or Wheels Once a Week) program with the City of Darebin.

***What is it?***

WOW is "Walk or Wheel Once a Week". We have selected a day during the week to encourage everyone to walk or travel by wheels to school. This will be FRIDAY. Starting on Friday 5 May, the second week back in Term 2, we will be walking and wheeling for 5 weeks through to Friday 2 June. Each class will have a WOW wall calendar to record the weekly participation. The class who walks & wheels the most will receive the Golden Boot Award!

***When is it?***

Starts in the second week of Term 2. This is on the FRIDAY and goes for 5 weeks until Friday 2 June.

***Why are we taking part in the WOW?***

We are working with the Council who wants to help encourage our school students to walk, ride, scoot or skate to school. It's great to improve health with daily exercise. We want to see more students being active travelling to school plus it helps to decrease the traffic around school. We also want to help improve road safety knowledge. We can all stay safe travelling to school and practice using road safety skills.

- ▶ Remember to use 'Stop, Look, Listen and Think' before you cross the road.
- ▶ Let's remember to slow down before driveways.
- ▶ Remember the safety door - the kerb side when getting out of the car.

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## ***From the Principal (continued)***

### **It's Rich Maths Task Week**

This week our students are engaging in a week of Rich Maths tasks. A Rich Maths task is one in which pretty well everyone in the group can begin, and then work on at their own level of engagement. The tasks are designed so that there are lots of possibilities for the participants to do much more challenging mathematics.

Rich tasks also enable kids to jump in or jump out according to their existing knowledge and they also usually provide the opportunity for students to collaborate around their Maths. Rich Maths tasks are almost always based around a big idea. An example of a big idea is Place Value with a number of understandings that show that a student really gets the major overarching idea. See below for an example.

***THE BASE TEN NUMERATION SYSTEM — The base ten numeration system is a scheme for recording numbers using digits 0-9, groups of ten, and place value.***

#### Whole Numbers

- Numbers can be represented using objects, words, and symbols.
- For any number, the place of a digit tells how many ones, tens, hundreds, and so forth are represented by that digit.
- Each place value to the left of another is ten times greater than the one to the right (e.g.,  $100 = 10 \times 10$ ).

Anyhow have a look at some of the photos of our students participating in the Rich Maths tasks throughout the week. Who says Maths can't be fun?

### **Open Day**

Tuesday May 16<sup>th</sup> will be our 2023 Open Day and we would love it if you could attend. We will be setting up a Coffee Cart in the sensory garden and we would like to invite our parents to join us. It will be run by Tanya (who was with us on the Ride to School Day). She will commence pouring at 9.15am.

Also taking place around this time will be the opportunity for parents to join in our fitness circuit activity. This is similar to the one that all our students do as part of the PE program. So a 10 minute fitness session followed by a hot beverage would seem a reasonable start to the day.

### **10.00-10.55 Visit Classrooms**

Parents are welcome to visit classrooms. We are putting a big emphasis on our Specialist programs so your child's class may be in PE, Performing Arts or Visual Arts. There will be a huge timetable and map showing locations etc near the entrance.

### **Physical Education Overview**

This term our focus for all of the students will be on major games. For our senior students this will be on game and skill practice for A.F.L soccer and basketball. We are lucky enough to (once again) have the Mini -Roos program being delivered through the active -schools program across the school.

Soccer skill focus will be -

- Passing
- Trapping
- Dribbling
- Lateral movements



As with all of the Major Games Units, the emphasis in Junior classes is skewed towards skill acquisition, and senior students look more at game application.

Following on from this will be a unit on basketball delivered in preparation for our Term 3 tournaments. Junior students will once again work more on passing, dribbling and paired skill work and senior students will participate in 3 on 3 games and match practice.



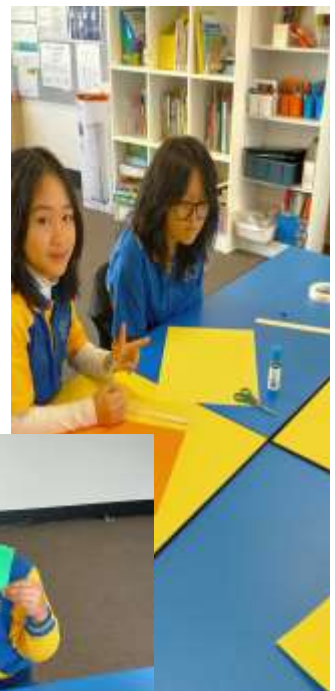
Finally, as ever we will have a fitness component in every session. This will include team circuits, individual circuits and interval training.

***Brett Millott, Principal***





# 1000 Steps







**ANZAC DAY**  
*Let's We Forget*

