Key Dates

School Assembly
Friday 15th February
@9am
All parents welcome

Friday 15th February
23M – 56R Swimming
Don’t forget clothing to swim in

Tuesday 19th February
Welcome Family BBQ 6-7pm
Foundation Information
Session 5-6pm

Wednesday 20th February
⇒ Foundation Students
⇒ Rest Day
⇒ Swimming Testing @ Maffra Pool Grade 3-6

Friday 22nd February
⇒ House Swimming
⇒ Sports Grade 3-6
⇒ Uniform Shop Open 9-10am

Wednesday 27th February
⇒ Foundation Students
⇒ Rest Day

Friday 1st March
HDSSA Swimming Sports

Wednesday 6th March
⇒ Foundation Students
⇒ Rest Day

Monday 11th March
Labour Day Public Holiday

Friday 22nd March
School Photos

News From The Acting Principal

Dear Families,

We have been learning a lot over the past few weeks. Here are some pictures of our learning behaviours.
The new building update:

Update below;

**Schedule for upcoming works:**

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<td>Levelling of the soil</td>
<td>Early next week</td>
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<td>Drilling holes for concrete footings</td>
<td>Monday 11th</td>
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<td>Install concrete footings</td>
<td>Thursday 14th / Friday 15th</td>
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<td>Deliver buildings day 1</td>
<td>Tuesday 19th</td>
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<td>Deliver buildings days 2</td>
<td>Wednesday 20th</td>
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<td>Assembly and ongoing works to finish the buildings</td>
<td>Following the 20th until all site works are complete.</td>
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If there are any significant changes to the above dates, we will send through an update.

Safety first at all times on site. Please keep away from the work site, the vehicles and the fencing.

The Grove representative gave us the following update:

Once the buildings are landed, there will be a number of weeks to complete services connections, roof and external cladding joins, internal finishing, site works and general tidy up.

Our original programme stated May, we expect this to come in a few weeks earlier, assume mid April, all things going well.

Once the buildings are landed, we should have a better idea of the time frame. We’ll keep you updated as we progress.

Coming up:
- **Foundation BBQ Tuesday 19th February**
- **Information night 5-6**
- **Welcome BBQ – 6-7**

_Warm Regards,_
_Caroline Fletcher_

**Important Dates for Swimming!!!**

- **Wednesday 20th Feb** – Swimming Testing Day (all day at [Maffra Pool](#)). All Grade 5&6, and the majority of the middle years
- **Friday 22nd Feb** – House Swimming Sports (all day at [Stratford Pool](#)).

For both days we will require a number of parent helpers and it would be greatly appreciated, if possible, that you could assist us in some small way on the day.

Notes for both swimming days have gone home and there is a parent help slip at the bottom of each sheet that can be filled out.

**Did you hear the news....**

Mrs Porter had a baby girl

Congratulations to Emily and Kelvin Porter on the arrival of

_Ava Patricia Porter_

Born at 4.01pm 6lb 8oz.
**Student Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who have been recognised for their achievements, behaviour and attitude over the last week.

### Well Done Awards

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<td>Lola</td>
<td>for being a mate during class activities and while getting to know her class buddies.</td>
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<td>FA</td>
<td>Pearl Wilson</td>
<td>for bounce back award for a bumpy day on Thursday. You managed to keep focused and get through a tough day!</td>
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<td>Mack Howard</td>
<td>for Think Proud, act proud, be proud award for an excellent start to your school life Mack. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>FG</td>
<td>Noah Russell</td>
<td>for being his best in his learning, You have come back so ready to learn! Well done Noah.</td>
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<td>Amelia Hornby</td>
<td>for thinking Proud acting Proud and being Proud of coming to school, its like you have been here for years Amelia!</td>
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<td>1M</td>
<td>Lydi Meredith</td>
<td>for being her best, showing active listening and engaging in classroom discussions confidently. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>Riley Lestrange</td>
<td>for being his best, showing active listening and engaging in classroom discussions confidently. Keep it up!</td>
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<td>12D</td>
<td>Billy Shillinglaw</td>
<td>for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud of connections he made about his favourite book ‘Collingwood’. Well done Billy!</td>
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<td>Lilah Freeman</td>
<td>for being her best and settling in well for her first week at BCS. Great job Lilah!</td>
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<td>23R</td>
<td>Angus Robinson</td>
<td>for being your best: for putting in 100% all week.</td>
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<td>for being their best by having an excellent start to the new year.</td>
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<td>34G</td>
<td>Allyra Anderson</td>
<td>for thinking proud, acting proud and being proud of her learning, her team and the school.</td>
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<td>3/4 Gangsters</td>
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<td>for being their best and making a positive start to their year of learning and their year together as a team.</td>
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<td>34E</td>
<td>Isobel Barton</td>
<td>for being her best by always trying her hardest in everything she does</td>
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<td>Cooper Miller</td>
<td>for bouncing back when the learning became difficult</td>
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<td>Mitch Coridas</td>
<td>for being his best and being focussed on all aspects of his learning</td>
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<td>Darcy Duncan</td>
<td>for bouncing back with a smile when things were a little difficult</td>
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<td>Brooklyn Little</td>
<td>for being his best by outstanding work in a paired activity about ‘Acceptance’</td>
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<td>Will Johns</td>
<td>for being his best by being a respectful student</td>
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Classroom Spotlight - FG - Miss Gibbs

What’s been happening in FG

We have just been having a ball getting to know one another in FG!!

We have been busy learning lots of letter sounds as well as numbers!! Have a look at some of our amazing learning!

We have also started our unit learning topic of Dreamtime Stories by reading the dreamtime “How the birds got their colours” then we made colourful birds!

We have also been sharing some of our favourite books with the class and have started a “FG’s Favourite books” boxes in our class, here are just a few!

We are looking forward to the rest of the year together.
School Council Elections 2018 Parent Information

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state-wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?
There are three categories of membership:
• A mandated elected Parent category – more than one third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child’s school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
• A mandated elected DET employee category – members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The Principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
• An optional Community member category – members are co-opted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?
Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.
Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?
The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term 1 each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.
In view of this, you might seriously consider
• standing for election as a member of the school council
• encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?
No. What you do need is an interest in your child’s school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school’s future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?
If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.
DEECD employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.
Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt in the mail following the receipt of your completed nomination.
Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted after the call for nominations has closed.

Please ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do.
Do consider standing for election to council this year and be sure to vote in the elections.

Please refer to the letter sent home today for more information.
Notices sent home

- Weekly Reminder
- P & F Newsletter
- 3-6 Swimming Sports Note
- Swimming Reminder note - clothed swimming Friday
- Swimming Testing note Grade 3-6 (not all 3-6 students attending)

Canteen News

Our Canteen Volunteer Roster for Terms 1 & 2 was sent home last week, we thank everyone that has filled in when they are available for Canteen Duty...we are in the final stages of collating all the responses and will be confirming dates with volunteers by the end of this week! Please keep in mind if you missed out this time there will be another roster coming out towards the end of June for Terms 3 & 4.

‼️ Could existing students please update your class on the front of your Lunch Wallets, having to do this for you takes time away from making your lunches; resulting in late lunches!

✳️ Please remember if you misplace your canteen menu go to the school website, there is a copy of the current canteen menu on there.

Enjoy!
Miriam & Amanda

What is the Maffra Makers Market?

For 3 years, Boisdale has hosted the Maffra Makers market in the Memorial Hall in Maffra. This market has been highly successful, raising invaluable funds for the school ($18,000 over 3 years).

We have a small BUT highly dedicated team who help with this BUT we need more help!

The Market happens mid Term 4, with early preparations getting underway now. There is then a quiet period before it becomes busier around September. If you would be willing to be involved, please contact the school either via facebook, a phone call or an email to anderson.pat.s@edumail.vic.gov.au. Our first meeting will be soon! Date to be advised.

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