Maintenance on the 1888 (Bell Tower) Building

As indicated last week, maintenance work on the 1888 building is currently underway (The building with the bell tower). Once complete, maintenance work will commence on the internal west wall of the library and the ceiling. Library classes will continue throughout this time and any potential disruption to library classes will be kept to a minimum. All work will be isolated and sealed off from the rest of the library.

Break in

There was a break in at the school last weekend (grades 4, 5 & 6). Vandalism was minimal and investigations are continuing. Your vigilance with regard to these matters is always appreciated.

Parent Representative

All classes should have had their class friendship lists distributed with parent contact information and been contacted by their parent representatives. If anyone has missed out or has any further questions please contact your classroom teacher(s) or Michelle Bove.

Parent/Carer Tours for students commencing school in 2017

A reminder that parent/carer’s that Foundation enrolment tours for the 2017 school year have now commenced. Please contact the school office or visit the school website for further information. Sibling enrolment documents are now available from the office.

Family Maths Night

The biennial Family Maths Night will take place on Wednesday May 18 at 7:00 pm in the gym. For further details please refer to the article in this newsletter. This is a night for families to experience problem-solving activities in non-threatening environment. The Mathematics Association of Victoria will be conducting the evening.

Evacuation Drill

The planned emergency drill was postponed at the last week. It is scheduled to take place in the coming days.

**Principals’ Report continues over page**
**NAPLAN**

NAPLAN assessments occur next week for students in years 3 & 5 across all of Australia (Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday). Students present on these days are expected to do the test unless an exemption or withdrawal form has been filled in and signed by a parent. Students with disabilities and/or who have recently arrived in Australia are eligible for an exemption from the NAPLAN assessments. If parents wish to exempt their child/ren or exercise the option of withdrawing their child/ren from the NAPLAN assessments, forms are available from the office.

If you have any questions or concerns about the NAPLAN assessments in relation to your children please feel free to discuss these with Rebekah Kerr and/or Jeff Lyon.

**Disco Bingo**

In 2016 the annual Trivia Night will be replaced with a games evening with the theme (Disco Bingo) which will be held on the 18th June. Please support this major fundraising event. Further information will be forthcoming in the coming days. Tickets go on sale next week.

**IBAC**

Last week IBAC published its report into Operation Ord. Our school featured in the report, but I want to take this opportunity to say that what happened at this school and in the education system more widely is in the past. All our existing arrangements comply with Department policy and guidelines. The conduct that was uncovered is completely unacceptable and none of those involved work at the school anymore. None of the senior executives involved work at the Department anymore either. There has been a lot of work on behalf of the school and the Department to change the culture and practices that allowed this conduct to take place and I can assure you that we are all working tirelessly to meet the highest standards.

**Banking**

Banking is now on a Thursday. Apologies for the inconvenience with the change of days. Thank you to Rose Presti for her invaluable assistance with the school banking during term 1.

**3/4 CAMP**

Thank you to everyone who has attended and supported the 3/4 camp this year. The change of weather has meant that everyone has needed to rug up but all reports are that everyone is having a wonderful time. A report and photos will be in next week’s newsletter.

**School Photos**

All school photos have been distributed to classrooms. If you are yet to receive photographs please contact Arthur Reed Photograph directly on 03 5243 4390.

Enjoy the week

Jeff & Fiona
Dear Parents and Guardians,

“A love of reading is one of the greatest educational gift you can give your children,” says author Mary Leonhard. To encourage and promote reading, our school is hosting the **MPW SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR with a ‘Monster’ theme.**

- **Where:** MPW library
- **When:** Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2016
- **Times:** 8.30 am – 4.30pm
- **Family Evening:** Wednesday 1st June at 7pm – 9pm.

Here you will find a selection of the books available for your child/ren. In actual fact, everyone in the family will find wonderful books and exciting products at the Book Fair.

All the Book Fair purchases benefit our school. Depending upon sales, the school can receive up to 35% commission in books or 20% commission in cash. The profits from these sales will be used to fulfil our goals to purchase more books for the library, parent reference books and library equipment.

This year at the Book Fair you will also be able to purchase a book and donate it to the MPW Library. The donated book will become a permanent part of the library. Your generosity can make the library a more exciting and stimulating place to the young minds. As a token of appreciation, every gift will be recognised with a bookplate identifying your family or child as the benefactor.

Every student gets to visit the Book Fair and I hope you and other family members will stop by as well. The Book Fair is open to everyone! You can come to the fair during the open hours or join us on our special family evening. Cash, cheque or credit cards are acceptable at the Book Fair.

In the past, on our Family Evenings we had **Clifford The Big Red Dog, Geronimo Stilton, The Very Cranky Bear** visit us. This year our special book character guest is..... can’t tell you, it’s a secret, you’ll have to come along and see! 😊

Students are encouraged to dress-up and get into the ‘MONSTER’ party mood! Come along as a funny or scary monster, witch, dragon or anything else you like... as long as you get into the mood!

We look forward to seeing you at the Book Fair.

Michele & Claudia.
PAPUNYA NEWS!

Just a reminder that the exhibition of Papunya art, Streets of Papunya:

The Reinvention of Papunya Painting is being launched at the RMIT Gallery this Thursday 5th of May and is then open to the public from May the 6th - June 11th. This is an opportunity to see some wonderful art-work and hear about the history and contemporary art from the region. (Two of the artists will be at the gallery on the 6th and 7th of May. They are very excited! It would be great for them to meet some of our families or even just for us to see them at work.)

For more information, follow the link.

https://www.rmit.edu.au/events/all-events/exhibitions/2016/may/streets-of-papunya/

FOUNDATION/ONE OPEN CLASSROOMS

This Friday the 6th May all the Foundation/One classrooms will be open for families of students in these grades to come along and join in the fun of learning. The students have been working hard this year and are looking forward to sharing their work with you. Please see your classroom teacher if you are unsure of the time your child’s classroom will be open. Parents, grandparents and family members are very welcome to attend.

Rooms: 1,2,3 & 4—2:30pm
Rooms: 5 & 6- 09:00am
Room 6: TBA

We look forward to seeing you on Friday,
The Prep/1 team.
COMMUNITY NEWS

LOST
MP3 Player Black. Lost 2 weeks ago if found please return to Beau in Room 13. Thank you

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We have a variety of larger toys that families may not own – ride on cars, scooters, roller coasters, slides, see-saws, mini kitchens and work benches to name a few.
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