MARCH 17th

ANOTHER LONG WEEKEND OPPORTUNITY
A reminder to parents that tomorrow – Friday 18th March is a PUPIL FREE CURRICULUM DAY.

PREP ENROLMENTS
School tours with parents of 2017 Prep students have commenced - earlier than previous years! As I tour nearly all these parents comment on hearing great things about our school in the local community, which is fantastic. If you have a little one starting next year could I ask you pick up an enrolment form at the office?

EASTER RAFFLE
A sincere thankyou to the families who have already donated Easter Eggs and other items for our Easter raffle as well as selling raffle tickets. The raffle will be drawn at our last assembly on Thursday 24th March starting at 2:00pm before the dismissal for the term at 2:30pm.

SCHOOL COUNCIL ELECTION
This year we had five parent member vacancies on School Council. After the nomination period ended last Monday we filled all 5 parent places. It is with pleasure that I announce the following successful School Council parent members for 2016/2017 - Helen Clark, Leah Davidson, Karyn Mitchell, Marquita Telford and Sasha Kober. It is an exciting time to be a member on School Council with upgrade works commencing mid-year and continuing for 12+ months. On behalf of the school community I congratulate these parents and thank them for their nomination. The next School Council meeting is on Monday 21st March commencing at 7:30pm following sub-committee meetings at 7:00pm.

PLANNING DAYS
Whilst our school structure is based on levels for classes, a strength of our school is our whole school practices in teaching and learning. This approach is based on collegiality and collaboration of the school's staff who share a responsibility for the students of the school. In the first week of term 2 teachers will be released to plan together for half a day to plan the terms lessons aiming to improve literacy and numeracy outcomes, as well as Integrated Studies (inquiry) units of work in line with our school’s two-year scope and sequence planner. Please be aware that in releasing class teachers to plan a rigorous curriculum together, the children will be taught by one of our specialist teachers.

TERM DATES FOR 2016

TERM 1
27th Jan - 24th March

TERM 2
11th April - 24th June

TERM 3
11th July - 16th Sept

TERM 4
3rd Oct - 20th Dec

March
14th Labour Day
18th Curriculum Day
21st School Council Meet
24th Last Day Term
2.30pm finish

April
19th 5/6 Sovereign Hill
TIPS ON TALKING!
Talking about school is the perfect opportunity for parents to engage in some great conversations with their children. Our students have many different learning experiences throughout the day, focusing on different curriculum aspects and learning concepts. Yet, often when asked about their day, the response can be very broad “It was good”, “I played cricket”, “Not much happened”. If you want specifics we need to think of explicit questions about key aspects of the day - “What books did you read/listen to today”? “Did you write a story today? What was it about? How are you trying to improve your writing”? In a broader sense, the links between school achievement and parents’ ability and propensity to engage in conversation with children from a young age is indisputable. The language stimulation they receive when they talk with parents is one factor. The language of first borns is generally more extensive and richer than their siblings who spend less time in one-on-one situations with a parent. In many ways it is through conversations that children get a real sense of us and who we are. It is by talking with our children that we impart some of our knowledge, ideas, wisdom and thoughts as well as how we get a window into their world and how they think. Getting conversations going with some children can be a massive challenge. Busy schedules, homes designed for individual enjoyment rather than group living, and kids that clam up are some of the blockers to conversation that parents meet.

Here are five ideas from Michael Grose (Parent Educator) to help you get more conversation going in your family:

1. **Turn off the TV (and other screens):** Most homes have a range of electronic screens that you compete with to get their attention. Don’t be afraid to take control of those screens and create a little conversational space. Start with a screen-free day each week or screen-free hour each day if you are a home full of screen junkies.

2. **Turn on the TV (and other screens):** If you can’t beat them, join them. Some television programs provide great conversational fodder particularly for older children and teens. This can range from “who’s going to win Australian Idol?”, “what happens to the winners of Australian Idol?” to “what is the point of Australian Idol?”

3. **Have more mealtimes (with the TV off):** The family that eats together talks together... or they should. So make mealtimes special and insist that kids sit until everyone finishes rather than they eat all their peas. Avoid turning mealtimes into food fights that you can’t win.

4. **Move more:** If sitting and chatting is not your child’s thing then try getting them up and moving. Boys will often talk when they walk or play so consider getting some action happening. When their hands are busy the tongues will often loosen up.

5. **Try shoulder-to-shoulder parenting:** Sitting together in a car, washing dishes and playing a game can provide opportunities for talk. Take the eye contact out of the equation and you may find the talk just flows with some kids.

GARDEN HELPERS
If you have been a member of our school community you would have noticed from time to time a petite parent gardening – by that I mean mulching, digging, planting, tidying up and yesterday getting rid of blackberries. This person likes to garden without any fuss or fan fair so on behalf of our school community – thankyou Sue (oops – you know her name now!)

END TO DAYLIGHT SAVING
Daylight saving will end in Victoria on Sunday 3rd April when clocks will go backwards one hour. Don’t know about you but I always seem to sleep better when daylight saving ends? Roll on April 5th!

END OF TERM
Parents are reminded that Term 1 ends on Friday 24th March. Children will be dismissed at 2:30pm following a special assembly commencing at 2:00pm. The second term commences on Monday 11th April.

Graeme Russell
WORKING BEE

Our first working bee is on Friday 18th March 4.00 - 7.00pm. Drinks provided.

KNOX RELAY FOR LIFE

MARCH 19th & 20th 2016

4pm Saturday - 10am Sunday

We would like to invite all members of TBPS community to be involved in this wonderful event and to be a part of our school team. The aim of the relay is to have the tam baton moving around the track for the full event. You can walk at anytime from start to finish. The more people we have involved the better, a team roster is in office if you wish to do some laps, just pop in and add your name.

If you can't attend but would like to donate to this very worthy cause there is a donation box at the school office. All money raised goes to The Cancer Council of Australia for research and support services.

March

15th  Jaycob Robertson
      Scarlett Whiting
      Lachie Kaye

16th  Ava Stackpole

19th  Hannah Matthews
      Kaylee Allen

20th  Callum White
      Dylan Stephens

Baby budgies for sale. $20 each.

Please call Leah on 0413 076 092.
WEEK 7 AWARD WINNERS
TWILIGHT SPORTS – Wednesday 23rd March 2016

We are all looking forward to our Twilight Athletics Sports which are to be held on Wednesday 23rd March. The emphasis on the night will be to join in and have fun. There will be no medals or ribbons presented to winners of events, but all children will be presented with a special certificate of participation at the conclusion of events. We hope to see you there. An outline for the evening will be as follows:

4.55  Students assemble on oval

5.00-6.30  Events

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PLEASE NOTE

- When grade levels are rostered for an Icy Pole PFA will provide these free of charge
- When levels are rostered for Drinks/Rest they can purchase a bottle of water for 50c or have a drink from the taps

Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport
TRIVIA NIGHT
SUPPORTING TBPS PERFORMING ARTS PROGRAMS

Saturday 30th April | 7.30pm | Multipurpose Room

Come back to the decades that taste forgot – the flares were big, the shoulders pads were bigger, and the music was cheesier than a fondue!

$15 PER PERSON

• BYO snacks and drinks
• Dress to impress, there’s a prize for the best
• Silent auction, loads of gold coin games & plenty prizes to be won.
• Booking information to come
• Tables hold a max of 10 people

THEME IS 70/80’s