



NEWSLETTER No. 1

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Our Vision Statement: 754 Primary School will maximise opportunities for its students to be resilient learners in an ever changing world.

The Values of 754 revolve around: Resilience, Responsibility and Respect. Our whole school approach of School Wide Positive Behaviour Support, is the Framework to support these values.

February:

Mon 11th: Breakfast Club begins

Wed 13th: Swimming Sports Carnival

Tue 19th: World of Maths Incursion

Thur 21st: District Swimming

Tue 26th: School Photo Day

Breakfast Club: Run by the Salvation Army
Monday and Thursday 8.15am - 8.45am

March:

Mon 11th: Labour Day Public Holiday

Wed 13th: Grade 5/6 Sailing/ Water Safety

Thur 14th: Grade 5/6 Sailing/ Water safety
School Council AGM - 6.00pm

Mon 18th to Fri 22nd: Book Fair

Thur 21st: Harmony Day

Mon 25th to Thur 28th: Grade 5/6 Melbourne Camp

754 Community Playgroup:

Every Thursday 9.00am - 11.00am in the hall.

Week 2 Term 1 2019

Good afternoon and welcome to the second week of the 2019!

We have kicked off to a wonderful start to the year – busy, but that is nothing new. As I have walked the yard and visited classrooms, there is a lovely feeling of calm and focus, plus fun and activity in the yard. Yesterday Anngela Bell ran a scavenger hunt across the school for Structured Play and was just about mobbed, by the number of kids wanting to participate – great work, thanks Anngela

There are a few things to keep a look out for this term, in particular the senior area is going to be really busy. They have a Sailing Program happening as well as a camp to Melbourne. All events for the term are posted up on the sign, so be sure to check all the various forms of **communication** that we use, to keep ahead of dates and events.

Our Playgroup is back on deck Thursday the 14th of February. This year being run by Fiona Clark. Fiona has a dual role, she will be working in the junior building, full time, plus, running our Playgroup on a Thursday morning. I look forward to seeing lots of new families here on day 1. Check out our face book site (754 Community Playgroup) for all the details. This is a completely free program to encourage oral communication, link families and general have some easy and quality time between parents and children in a social setting.

School Captain elections have been run in these first few days – and I need to offer a huge congratulations to the 7 students who “put themselves out there” to run for election. All 7 students prepared a speech around the values of the school, plus giving a small profile of themselves and their personal goals. All students of the school attended the special assembly and then the children from grades 3 to 6 cast their votes. Congratulations to Hugo, Ella, Elizabeth and Olivia on becoming the school captains for semester 1 2019. These guys have already run our first whole school assembly, last Monday, and did an excellent job. I am looking forward to working with them this semester.

We are in the process of working with Jo Lochery, who manages our **Website** to make some updates, so I will keep you informed around that. Keep your eye out!

This week Lisa, our Attendance Officer has been contacting students and families who have not been at school, to check in. **Remember our expectation is simply: Every child at school, on time, every day**”. I am thrilled to report that we have had 100% accountability, every day! I hope this continues all year!

School Council – “We need you”! As is the case very year, a number of our school councillor’s term (always 2 years) will conclude. This year we have vacancies for 4 parent positions, 2 staff positions and 2 community member positions – so you can see, “quite a few”! The role of school council is one of governance, with the key role being to support the school and its directions. The council meets on the third Thursday of each month, from 6.00pm to around 7.30pm, here at school. If you have an interest in becoming a member, please feel free to chat to anyone on council, or myself to gain further information. The process is quite simple really and there will be self-nomination forms available at the general office. I look forward to chatting to you about this formal means of getting involved with the school.

We need to **welcome** to 754 Lauren Marshman. Lauren will be working in the 12 building, replacing Ricki-J Saunders. Ricki-J accepted a position at a school in Sale during the holidays, and we are lucky to have Lauren coming on board with us. Lauren has spent the last 2 years working at Wurruck Primary school in the junior area, and has so far fitted in beautifully with our team here at 754. She is very excited about the opportunity to work at a bigger school and to be amongst a team of experienced Junior teachers.

We will also be running “**Booster Groups**” again this year. These groups will be focussed on extending our high flyers in both Literacy and Numeracy in all areas of the school. Again, happy to chat and explain further, any time.

Something to ponder: *Every time someone stops to tell a story and a child listens, a school is established. Quote from The Librarian of Auschwitz, written by Antonio Iturbe*

I am really excited and looking forward to all the fantastic things that we can achieve this year.



Happy to talk anytime

Trudie Nagle
Principal



Kind Donation:

We would like to say thank you to Janelle who today donated bags, stationary, drink bottles and lunch boxes to be given to some of our students. Janelle is a member of the outer Bairnsdale community who just wanted to be able “Give-Back” and put a smile on a few little faces.

Classroom Helpers:

To all Parents and Carers, This term Ms Dobson will be running some workshop sessions to support the volunteer work of parents and carers who would like to assist in the classroom. The course will provide participants with an increased understanding of the development of literacy skills, demonstrate various learning situations to participants so they can act as role models for students in the classroom and train participants in how to provide support for small groups of students. If you would like to attend, please register your interest at the Main Office. We hope to start Classroom Helpers sessions on Wednesday, 20th February. The session will run for approximately 1 hour, over a 4-5 week time frame. We look forward to hearing from you. Ms Dobson Leading Teacher



754 Playgroup:

Just to inform our community that the first playgroup session will begin on February 14th from 9.00am - 11.00am in the school hall. Parents/Carers with children from birth to school age are most welcome to come along. Please see the flyer further down in the newsletter.



CSEF (Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund):

Just a reminder to families that are the holders of a Health Care or Pension Card to come to the office and fill out a CSEF form. This form is in addition to the Drought Relief packages and will give \$125.00 per child to help with the cost of camps, sports or excursion / incursions. If you are unsure whether you have filled this form out or not just contact us at the office.

There is **never** an occasion when violence is an acceptable behaviour.