



# NEWSLETTER No. 2

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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:

**Tue 19th:** World of Maths Incursion

**Thur 21st:** District Swimming

**Tue 26th:** School Photo Day

## 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

**Fri 15th:** Grade 5/6 Sailing/ Water Safety

## March:

**Mon 18th to Fri 22nd:** Book Fair

**Thur 21st:** Harmony Day

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

## April

**Thur 4th:** Parent/ Teacher Interviews  
4.00 - 8.00pm

**Fri 5th:** Parent/ Teacher Interviews  
8.30am - 1.00pm

## Week 3 Term 1 2019

Hello everyone,

Today we held the 2019 swimming carnival in cool blustery conditions. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents/grandparents for being so resilient. It was great to have some nice hot sausages provided for a gold coin donation by the Salvation Army. The day was a great success as we were trialling a new format that proved quite successful in giving everybody the chance to swim in as many events as possible to keep students involved. The first and second place getters for the 50 meter freestyle, backstroke, breast stroke and butterfly will go on to represent the school at the district championships on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> of February at the outdoor pool. Mr O'Brien will announce the team later this week.

Our school playgroup kicks off tomorrow, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, in the hall for 2019. Fiona Clark will be running the playgroup this year. This is a free service for the community parents and children to play and build relationships. Oral language is a key skill that forms the base for reading and writing. Playing and learning to communicate with one's peers is a vital skill in developing oral in children.



Next Tuesday the school has a maths incursion. It should be a fun day of maths involving all areas of the school. I look forward to seeing our student's knowledge and excitement on the day grow and evolve.

Our last school council meeting of the current group of school councillors will be held on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of February. The **Annual General Meeting** of School Council will be held on Thursday, 14<sup>th</sup> of March. At this meeting six vacant positions will be need to be filled by parents and community members. I would ask anyone who is interested in filling these positions to come and speak to Trudie or myself about the role councillors play in guiding the school.

**SOMETHING TO PONDER:** "Persistence and resilience only come from having been given the chance to work through difficult problems." Parents, caregivers and teachers are all in the same boat. We want to teach and nurture our children and students. It is here that the conflict becomes apparent when we have to ask ourselves the questions:

- "When do I pull back and let them struggle and possibly fail".
- "When do I step in and teach/support."
- These questions are important to answer correctly to develop resilience in our children.

Warwick Fraser  
Assistant Principal



### **754 Playgroup:**

Playgroup begins tomorrow (Thursday 14th) and then every Thursday during school terms 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 a 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 and camps, sports or excursion / incursions. If you are unsure weather you have filled this form out or not just contact us at the office.

### **Tips on supporting your children's learning at home:**

Below you will see some helpful tips on helping your child read at home.

1. **Establish a home reading routine.** Read aloud with your children every day. Ten minutes for each child around a book of his/her choice. If English is your second language, read in your home language. If you lack confidence in reading aloud, the fact that you are reading with your child is what matters. Talk about the illustrations and contribute where you can. Share your excitement for reading and this will be the model your child will adopt.
2. **The reader holds the book! There is a lot of power and control in the world of reading. The reader needs to have the power.**
3. **During home reading time, turn off electronic devices and give each child ten minutes of your undivided attention.**
4. **Before you read a book, set your child up for success. Reading is not a test! Reading time is only ten minutes so do some of the following: Keep the introduction short – one minute is enough. Talk about the illustrations and the title. Read the blurb and talk about the author, talk about any unusual words, read a page here and there as your child flicks through the book, discuss the characters. This is a short introduction, not an interrogation. If the book is already a familiar one, then this step is unnecessary.**



### **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 you interest at the Main Office.

We hope to start Classroom Helpers sessions on Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Breakfast Club:**

The Salvation army have stated breakfast club again for 2019. Breakfast club is held every Monday and Thursday morning from the hall between 8.15am - 8.45am.

Any donations of cereal, vegemite, jam, honey or bread would be gratefully accepted.

Once a term the Salvation Army hold a Community Breakfast where all family members are welcome with a gold coin donation.



### **School Photo Day**

All students should have received their photo ordering pack from teachers yesterday. Please ensure that this pack is returned with payment enclosed to school on photo day and given to their classroom teacher. School Photo Day is Tuesday 26th February.