Dear parents and carers,

**Beginning of the School Year**

We warmly welcome families back to the 2019 school year. Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly. Compass and the School Newsletter are the two main ways we communicate whole school news to families throughout the year. Please ensure you read the compass updates and the newsletter.

Today I would like to focus on the School value of ‘Personal Best’. What does it mean to be the best that we can be? This is the question we are exploring across the school. As I visit classrooms I see lots of examples of children being their personal best.

Students in Foundation have settled well into school. It was wonderful to visit the classrooms today to see how the students are learning many of the school routines and learning behaviours. In Caitlin’s Foundation classroom the students shared a fundamental relationship building skill of listening. Other Foundation classrooms were meeting their Year 6 Buddies for the very first time and doing some shared reading together. Putting our relationship skills into practice through being with our buddies is a great way for us to be the best that we can be.
For 2019, the office will be open at the following times.

*Monday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Tuesday **8.45am** – 4.00pm
Wednesday 8.30am – 4.00pm
*Thursday 8.30am – 4.00pm
Friday 8.30am – 4.00pm

Uniform Sales*
Mondays 3.00pm – 4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am - 9.30am
If you require uniforms and cannot make these times, please email footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to make other arrangements.

FINANCE
All 2019 statements have now been sent to families either via classrooms or post.
If you have not received a statement please contact the office.
Payment plans and/or financial assistance is available. Please let us know how we can assist.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
If you are in receipt of a concession card within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004, you may be entitled to an annual payment of $125.00 to be used for camps, sports and/or excursion expenses. This amount is paid directly to the school and will be allocated by the school for your child.

BANK DETAILS
Commonwealth Bank
Footscray Primary School
BSB: 063 132
Account number 10090179
*Please include a reference with the student(s)’ names.*

EFTPOS available at the office

Bilingual Education
We have experienced challenges with the recruitment of Vietnamese language teachers. We have advertised broadly including nationally and also made contact with many graduate Schools of Education. At the moment we are providing two hours of Vietnamese language instruction to every child. There is a current shortfall in Year 2 and this will be addressed shortly. I will keep everyone updated via the newsletter of any further news regarding the provision for language learning.

I would like to emphasise that the Vietnam Study tour will go ahead in 2019 and into the future. The sister school relationship and experience is a rich and valuable cultural experience for our students.

Please see the announcement on the following page from David Hook (our School Council President) and myself.

Thank you Nicole
It is with great sadness we would like to advise our families that Nicole from the office has decided to take up another fantastic job opportunity elsewhere. We wish her well and thank her for all of her outstanding achievements here.
Special Thanks to Zoe from Nutshell

We have wonderful families and parents at FPS! Zoe Allnut, a parent at our school, met with myself last year to design our values posters that are visibly displayed around our school. The design highlights Australian native plants.

Why do schools have values? Values are an indicator of how we need to behave to achieve the school’s mission and vision. As a community we need to model these values to our students through our behaviour and actions. I would like to say thank you to Zoe for the design of the school values.

Important Communication - February

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Philip Fox
Principal
School Council Nominations

School Council nominations will be sent out on Monday as a COMPASS alert. Please look out for this communication and consider nominating yourself as a member of Footscray Primary School Council.

Announcing Department of Education and Training School Review.

For a while now, we at Footscray Primary have been facing some challenges, some quite unique. Among other factors, these have been due to the school's rapid expansion in size and also Footscray Primary's role as one of Victoria's bilingual school.

School Council has noted the effect these factors have had on both staff and parent community wellbeing, as well as the bilingual program itself. In light of this, School Council has requested an Independent Review into matters at the school as well as a review of the bilingual program. The Department of Education and Training (DET) has acted in support of this request and appointed an Independent Reviewer, Mr. Grant Rau.

On behalf of School Council we have no doubt you will all make Grant feel welcome when he is present at the school. The review is a valuable opportunity for us to improve as a school and as a community. This will support us to continue to build a positive environment for our children's learning and the community wellbeing.

You will all receive a letter early next week via your children concerning an Open Day where Grant will be at the school and available to talk to parents and staff one on one. Please look out for the letter and try to take part in this process as best you can.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either of us, or any other member of School Council.

Thank you for your attention.

David Hook
School Council President

Philip Fox
School Council EO, Principal

FOSTER CARERS needed!

Can you offer a home for a vulnerable child? Anyone can become a carer. They are couples, singles, from different cultural backgrounds, with or without their own children. They are people who have the desire to give a child a safe and welcoming place to stay.

Next information session will be held in Yarraville on Tuesday 16th April at 6:30pm

For further information please call Deb Lord-Webster on 9396 7400 or email deb.lordwebster@anglicarevic.org.au

You will make all the difference!!!
At FPS, we know that when families are more involved, students are happier. They feel more connected to school, and learn more too.

Volunteer parent class representatives are a vital part of the FPS community. The class rep's role is to create simple, fun ways to connect families with school life.

**What’s involved?**

Every year level has its rewards and challenges, so this is an evolving and varied role! As a guide, you may get involved in:

- Organising simple social gatherings (eg. picnic on the school oval)
- Organising parents to help with in-class reading, or excursions
- Co-ordinating parents to support fundraising (eg. Year level cake stall), and the 2019 FPS Fete
- Meeting with other class reps occasionally to share ideas.

**What else do I need to know?**

- The role of class rep can be shared very effectively between two parents/carers. Sometimes two heads are better than one!
- If the Year level has smaller numbers, one class rep across the classes is suitable.
- Class reps should maintain the confidentiality of teachers, students and other parents/carers at all times.

**How do I find out more?**

The existing class rep community is a great source of support and information. If you’re thinking of getting involved, and have any questions, the below former class reps can help.

- Meredith (Foundation/ Grade 1) 0422 734 361
- Mel (Grade 3/ Grade 5) 0421 844 574

**How do I get involved?**

Please email footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au to register your interest. Please include your name, mobile number, email address, child’s name and class.

2019 class reps will be announced by early March, 2019.

Philip Fox
Principal
### CALENDAR: Term 1 2019

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**FOOTSCRAY PS**

### SIZZLING SUMMER SPORTS

Kelly Sports is back in Term 1 for a SIZZLING SUMMER OF SPORTS!

Our Kelly Sports classes are all inclusive, fun & interactive with a key focus on maximum participation. Each week children will be introduced to new sports & activities in a positive environment. It’s a fantastic way to get your child active while having fun as well as building confidence and social skills!

**How To Get In:**

Please visit www.kellysports.com.au/summer and search for your school.

Our new booking system requires upfront payment to secure your position. For more information, please call the local office.

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**Amanda Hay, Principal—Newtown Primary School**

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**CLASS INFORMATION**

- Only 20 spots available so sign up fast to secure your position
- Multi Sports includes Soccer, Basketball, Cricket & Tennis. We will also incorporate our KPS Modified games children love.
- Cost: $118.40 (inc GST)

*Come & join us every Wednesday straight after school.*
TheirCare, your Quality Out of School Hours Care Provider
Footscray Primary School

About the program

TheirCare provides a stimulating and safe environment for all children and an environment where children come and enjoy their time in their program. During sessions children develop life skills, friendships, confidence and creativity through play.

Footscray Primary School has partnered with TheirCare to provide quality care, flexibility and commitment to deliver on our promise to your school community.

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Service Phone Number: 0447 013 608 operational from the first day of service (14/01/2019)

Your service coordinator will be available during session times. TheirCare support is available during office hours if required on 1300 072 410

How to Enrol
Visit TheirCare website: [www.theircare.com.au](http://www.theircare.com.au) from Friday 6th December
Chess Coaching
At Footscray Primary School
2019
Term 1

Dear Parent,
As you know, chess masters at Chess Australia Pty Ltd have been coaching students at chess lessons around Australia.
The feedback from students, teachers and parents has been fantastic.
Chess Australia Pty Ltd is proud to announce that we will be running chess club lessons starting from Monday February 11, the chess club will operate under the supervision of the International Master and FIDE (International Chess Federation) accredited and registered trainer Leonid Sandler, who was also the captain of the Australian Women’s Chess Olympic Team.
(For more information on Leonid Sandler, visit the web side www.chesscoaching.com.au)
Chess is a mind game that stimulates the brain development. The question that every parent will ask is:

What can chess do for my child?
Our role as educators is to prepare students with skills for life. In order for our students to become independent thinkers and self-starters, they must be equipped with the ability to analyse and reason, be quick problem solvers, strategists and good planners.

The following skills will become part of the students’ way of thinking: Problem Solving, Abstract Analysis, Spatial Aptitude, Verbal Reasoning, Logical and Critical Thinking, Intellectual Maturity, Originality, Cognitive Skill Enhancement, Concentration, Increased Memory Capacity, Organisational Skills, Decision making under pressure and much more.

When: Commencing Monday February 11
Last Lesson Monday April 1
Times: 3.35 pm - 4.30 pm (after school).
Please pick up your child on time to avoid additional fees.

Cost: $95 Payment by cash
Or electronic funds transfer (EFT)
BSB 013440 account number 496191321

Please apply before February 11, payments not later than February 18.

Name: .............................................. Grade: ........
Address: ............................................................
Email: ..............................................................
Phone Numbers:

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www.chesscoaching.com.au
PO Box 9054, South Yarra, Vic 3141, Leonid Sandler: 0412 201 891
leonidsandle-chess@gmail.com
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The 3rd Annual
PIGS PINTS & PINOT

The Plough Hotel's celebration of pork, beer and wine is back, bigger and better than ever. The centrepiece coal burning spit will barbecue all the Western Plains pork you can eat while Footscray’s Hop Nation brewery supplies the beer and Shadowfax does the honours with the wine.

Some of Melbourne’s best local and independent musicians will be on hand to supply the tunes and funds raised by the kid-friendly event are handed over to Footscray’s three local primary schools.

DATE
SAT 23rd MARCH
12PM-4PM

TICKET
$55 PP / KIDS $18
INCLUDES ADMISSION, SNACKS ON ARRIVAL WITH FIRST DRINK, ALL THE PORK AND SALADS YOU CAN EAT AND SWEET TUNES.

MUSIC
JAMES ELLIS & THE JEALOUS GUYS
GEORGIA STATE LINE & PATRICK WILSON
DJ CLIFFHANGER

Tickets available through www.melbournefoodandwine.com.au

Call for Volunteers

The Asylum Seeker Resource Centre (ASRC) in Footscray needs you!

The ASRC is the largest independent human rights organisation for refugees and people seeking asylum in Australia.

We currently support and empower nearly 5,000 refugees and people seeking asylum across more than 40 programs. And we are proudly run by a community of over 1,000 volunteers.

The ASRC urgently needs volunteers across areas including:

- Admin support
- Social work
- Healthcare
- Education & Employment
- Professional mentors
- And many more!

For more information and to apply please visit asrc.org.au/become-a-volunteer

Applications are open until midnight, 18 February.

If you have any questions please contact the ASRC’s Volunteer Engagement Team:

volunteer@asrc.org.au | 9326 6066
JUNIORS
PRE-SEASON TRAINING

As a women's only club, Maribyrnong Swifts FC direct ALL of our resources to developing female footballers. Be part of our unique club culture, with qualified coaching and good facilities. Help make Swifts FC the home of female football in Melbourne's Inner West.

Maribyrnong Swifts FC aspires to be the home of female football in Melbourne's inner West offering quality football programs for girls aged 6yrs to Senior Women. 2019 will see the club continue to develop female players in a positive, inclusive and dynamic environment. We offer qualified coaching, good facilities and a great club culture.

In 2019, we will grow our junior program, where we encourage players of all experience and skills to join. We offer a full junior program following the national curriculum, including the advanced Skill Acquisition Program (SAP), but our main focus is creating a fun, positive and enriching space for girls in football to thrive and develop.

Why Maribyrnong Swifts FC?
The Swifts is a women’s only club, so ALL resources are directed at developing female footballers. Be part of our unique club culture, our inclusive and supportive environment and work with our committed department of football coaches.

Stay connected via our website, social media and Team App pages for instant updates regarding training and club news.

Pre-season Training:
Training begins on Tuesday the 5th of February 2019 for ages under 9's to 14. It will be held at Hansen Reserve.

Days: Tues and Thurs
Time: 6pm - 7.30pm
Location: Hansen Reserve, Roberts St, West Footscray

For further details please refer to Team app, facebook or our website for updates.

Contact Us
www.maribyrnongswiftsfc.com
Team App: https://maribyrnongswiftsfc.teamapp.com
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