Friday 26th October 2018

The yard will be supervised before school from 8.45am and after school until 3.45pm.

Students left unsupervised before 8.45am or after 3.45pm will be sent to Camp Australia at a cost to parents/carers.

Lunch eating: 11:00am–11:15am
Yard time: 11.15am-12.00pm
Recess: 2.00pm-2.30pm
School Finish: 3.30pm

Dear parents and carers,

Meeting with Katie Hall
On Wednesday School Council met with Katie Hall, who is the Labor candidate for Footscray. This was an opportunity for School Council to discuss with Katie the school’s current situation with the Footscray Learning Precinct. This was a very productive meeting that will be the focus of our School Council work over the coming weeks. Thanks to Justin, Joyce, Charles and Wendy for attending the meeting and strongly advocating for the students of Footscray Primary School.

School Enrolment and Student Numbers
Our school developed an enrolment policy two years ago in response to Department of Education enrolment requirements for students in our designated school area. The number of students at our school is closely connected to funding for staffing. It is important that we make a close estimation for student numbers so that the projected budget can cover the staffing profile. Student enrolment numbers will impact on our school budget and resourcing. Could I please request families to contact Jessie in the office to notify if you are leaving the school.

The structure for 2019 has been developed by our consultative team at Footscray Primary School.

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Important Dates

Tuesday 30th October
Year 2 excursion

Tuesday 6th November
Public Holiday – no school

Wednesday 7th November
Foundation 2019 Transition Program

Wednesday 7th November
Year 2 Incursion

Monday 12th November
Year 6 Excursion

Friday 16th November
Art Show 5.00pm-8.00pm
SCHOOL COUNCIL
Executive Officer: Philip Fox
President: Justin Mansfield
Vice President: Joyce Watts
Treasurer: Raylene Varone

School Council Vacancies
There are currently two vacancies for School Council and we would welcome members from our school community. The Finance Committee especially is keen to attract a Treasurer to attend sub-committee meetings.

Office Hours
MON-FRI  8.30am - 4.00pm

Office Staff
Julie: Mon-Fri
Jessie: Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri
Nicole: Tues-Wed
Rowena: Wed-Fri

Uniform Sales
Mondays 3.00pm-4.00pm
Thursdays 8.30am-9.30am

PAYMENT DETAILS
Direct Deposit
Footscray Primary School
BSB:063 132
Account number 10090179
Please include a reference with the student(s)’ names.

EFTPOS available at the office

Class Allocation for 2019
Our Classroom Allocation Policy outlines the process for organisation of classes in 2019 and this is a collaborative process with teachers there are any circumstances that may influence class placement, please make us aware through writing to the Principal as soon as possible. We want to ensure maximum use of prior knowledge that teachers, parents and others have to inform class placement.

Through the case management process we will be discussing students with identified specific needs to plan for their transition to their new classrooms in 2019. A plan for each child will be developed. Could I request parents to email myself with suggestions they felt were useful with previous transitions organised for your child. Our school email is: footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Additional information may relate to:
- **Playground**: Routines and activities, equipment, games in playground. Do they want friends? Who do they know already? Clubs they can join. Lunch routine: Practice using lunch box, container, drink bottle, etc.
- **Calendar**: Use a calendar to show when their visits will be and they will start in the new class.
- **Calming Strategies**: Ensure the child knows where in the new environment they can go to calm or access their sensory tools.

Many individual learning plans have been developed through the case management process this year and the latest plans will be shared with the new classrooms teacher.

Philip Fox
Principal
CSEF (Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund) applications for 2019

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the cost of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. The annual CSEF amount per primary school student is $125.

Application forms for 2019 CSEF are now available. If you applied for CSEF in 2018 and your information has not changed you do not need to complete an application form for 2019. You only need to complete an application form if you are a new student enrolment at Footscray Primary School (enrolled after July 2018), if you have not previously applied for CSEF, or if you have had a change in family circumstances since your last CSEF application was made.

2019 application forms are now available from the office. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

3/4 DEF Newsletter article

Classes 3/4 E, F and D did robot programming on Wednesday, it was so fun because we got to code our robots and learn new things. The first things we learnt were how to go forwards, backwards and sideways. It was quite challenging.
- Rhys, Jonathon and Daniel

We used laptops to code our robots and to complete various challenges. The challenges were hard and not everyone completed them, but they were fun. Our favourite challenge was where we were able to construct and code a dance for our robot to perform.
- Hertha, Mia and Lucy

It was confusing because we had to code it and make it go the right way, but it was fun because we could change the colour.
- Brandon and Wes

We did a robotics class called Robo-kids, it was awesome! We watched a video about “7 minutes of terror”, we programed robots to play rock, paper, scissors football, dance and move in certain ways. It was my favourite robotics class in my whole entire life.
- Jack and Angus

It was a great experience because we got a little taste of what professional programmers such as NASA do. Mr Morgan and Mr Peter were very supportive when we couldn’t do it.
- Bre, Yuna, Klara, Hannah, Jemima, Wangari and Anika

My favourite part was when we programmed the robots to do donuts and awesome dances. I recommend that anyone who likes technology and coding will love it.
- Morgan and Charlie
The Year 6 Exhibition was held on 18 October 2018, with families joining us for a short film festival and art gallery experience. The inquiry underpinning this year’s Exhibition was How We Express Ourselves, and students were inquiring into the central idea that media can be a powerful tool that influences perception and determines choices. Each Exhibition group was tasked with writing and producing a three-minute film exploring the theme of ‘curious’. These films have also been entered into the nationwide ACMI Screen It competition for school-based filmmakers.

After delving into the concept of curious, students were immersed in the process of script creation and development, with expert workshops on topics such as:

- Developing a rich concept – delivered by Kate Cawley;
- Developing an engaging script – delivered by Chris Jacobs;
- Cinematographic techniques – delivered by Simon McIntyre.

Groups worked for the entirety of term three, compiling their shot lists, preparing project plans, scouting for locations, and working on props, costumes, and special effects. The final weeks of term involved editing the raw footage, and adding the post-production elements of film including, music, sound effects, and lighting.
Dear Staff, Students and Parents of FPS,

Just a quick note to say thank you so much for raising funds for our NGO. We really appreciate your efforts in supporting our August Book Drive. If you would like to keep up to date with all Seeds of Hope happenings and/or contribute to future fundraising initiatives, please follow us on Instagram and Facebook.

Muchas Gracias,

The Seeds of Hope, Peru Team.
Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to invite you and your child to attend our Foundation Transition Program. Starting school is an important time for children and families and at Footscray Primary School we believe a positive start to school begins with a successful transition process. Our Foundation Transition Program aims to support children through this process, as well as building the excitement and motivation to learn within our school community.

The planned transition activities have been designed to support our new students with building strong connections to their new school environment. Students will be supported in developing positive relationships with their peers and their teachers.

Whilst students are engaged in these activities, families are invited to attend parent workshops that will explore a range of school readiness topics. These workshops aim to build a strong partnership between home and school, one that will continue to develop through your child’s time here at Footscray Primary School. I strongly encourage all our families to attend these workshops.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or the office on 9687 1910 or via email footscray.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

I look forward to welcoming all our families to the Foundation Transition Program.

Stacey Richards
Acting Principal

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PARENT EVENING:
THE BIG LEAP
from primary to secondary school

Take a journey with your child to gain an understanding of how you can support their big leap from primary to secondary school.

Hear from professionals who’ll introduce strategies to support your child’s negotiation of respectful relationships, and manage bullying and cyber safety.

Speakers:
Libby Hargreaves and Jarrod Bateup
Respectful Relationships, Department of Education and Training

Mariela Beck-Godoy, Student Support Services
Western Melbourne Area, Department Education and Training

Christopher Lynch, Youth Counsellor
Maribyrnong City Council Youth Services

Venue: Phoenix Youth Hub, 72 Buckley Street, Footscray
Date: Thursday 29 November 2018
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Light supper provided


For more information contact:
Mariela Beck-Godoy on 0419 298 841 or
Christopher Lynch on 9091 4700