



Dear Parents,

It was great to be back on Monday and see the smiling faces of the students. It's always a nice feeling to get that hug and a 'I missed you' from the kids. I've been back in Victoria for a week today after 3 months north and this cold weather needs to improve quickly! Many thanks to my replacement Mr Dan Swallow for the time and effort he put in while I was away.

This term we have started to implement the Department's new attendance policy. This new policy has been released state wide and all schools are expected to implement these changes. Roles will be marked by 9:10 am and from this time, any families with an unexplained absences will receive a text message. There will obviously be some teething issues as we progress through these changes. I know that Dan had some information in the newsletters about the lateness of students and the impact this has, and this will be continually monitored throughout the rest of the year.

Communication between school and home is a complete necessity. We are constantly striving to improve this and keep the communication lines open between the classroom and home. Class Dojo, school Facebook page and emails are some examples of this. Please be aware however that during the day classroom teachers do not have constant access to these and if there is an urgent message, please make sure you contact the school office. Please don't expect teachers to reply automatically to these messages.

It really great to be back! (with my mind still on the beach occasionally)

Adam Downes - Principal

GRADUATION FUNDRAISER LUNCH

On Monday 23rd July the Grade 6 students will be preparing silver beet and ricotta pastries with produce grown in our school veggie patch. These are \$3.50 each and Fruit Boxes are also available to order for \$1.50 each. All proceeds will go towards the Grade 6 graduation. If you have misplaced your order form you can write your order on an envelope with students name and grade. Orders must be in by tomorrow, Thursday 19th July.

JSC FUN RUN/WALK



Thanks to all the families who supported the Junior School Council Fun Run/Walk last term. We are happy to announce our final total raised to donate to State Schools Relief is \$1762.00.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
19 th July	Thu	Graduation Fundraiser lunch orders due in
23 rd July	Mon	Graduation Fundraiser lunch - Ricotta & Spinach Pastries
		Parents & Friends Meeting after assembly - all welcome
		School Council meeting - 7:00pm
25 th July	Wed	P&F Chocolate Drive money due in
27 th July	Fri	Book Club orders due in



ICAS Digital Technologies Competition Results

We have received our first lot of results for the ICAS competitions in 2018. The **Digital Technologies ICAS** (International Competitions and Assessments for Schools) competition was entered by a number of Year 3 to 6 students. This is an international competition and students excelling received awards as outlined below.

- High Distinction **Certificate:** the top 1% of participants
- Distinction **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Credit **Certificate:** the next 25% of participants
- Merit **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Participation **Certificate:** for all remaining participants

Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at our end of Term 2 assembly. Results are as follows:

Certificate of High Distinction	Certificate of Distinction	Certificate of Credit	Certificate of Merit	Certificate of Participation
Year 4 Isobel McAllister	Year 4 Kate Edgar Abby Riddell	Year 3 Brody Stevenson Year 4 Heath Kamphuis Year 5 Tom Bolton	Year 3 Daniel Riddell Alika Perry Year 6 Lincoln Sturre	Year 3 William Edgar Deegan Borg Natalie Piechota Year 5 Chris Bolton Maddie Hodgson Ben Hagley Jessica Pettifer Aidan Prior Year 6 Grant Jenkins

A special congratulations to Isobel for her High Distinction award. These certificates are hard to obtain and this is an effort to be proud of. Fantastic work Isobel!

