



The weeks are rolling by pretty quickly, and I feel a mid-term update is in order!

Book Week

This year we will celebrate Book Week on Friday 31st August, with a book character dress up parade. During the week leading up to this students will be involved in a range of quizzes and sessions building upon the theme "Find your treasure." We have delayed the date of the book character parade by one week, in the hope that the hall will be opened by this date. Stay tuned for details.

2019 Planning

Earlier this week our future 2019 Prep students received confirmation of their enrolment. If you, or families you know of, are still due to enroll for 2019, at the prep or other grade levels, please ask them to contact the office. We are not only processing enquiries and enrolments for the prep level, but also for other families that have moved into our area. If you are aware that you are not going to be returning to FNPS in 2019, informing us of this will help us with planning, as we are currently looking at options for 2019 grade structures.

2019 Prep Transition Program

Once we've confirmed the acceptance of Prep enrolments for 2019, we will send out information regarding the transition program. This program will run during November on Thursday mornings. More details will be shared closer to the date.

Pick My Project

With the support of a family within our school community, FNPS has a submission in Pick My Project. Please follow the link to vote for our project.

<https://pickmyproject.vic.gov.au/rounds/pick-my-project/ideas/footscray-north-tree-planting-and-greening-project>

Voting can be tricky, this is what to do:

- 1. Follow the link in the post*
- 2. Click the 'Add to Shortlist' button on top right*
- 3. Choose your registration method and register*
- 4. The project should now be added to your shortlist to vote.*
- 5. If you are outside of Footscray area (like I was), you might have to click the 'Outside of my area' button on the project page to select Footscray as your area.*
- 6. Check your email and mobile phone to verify your registration.*

Lunch Box 3011 North

This week the Lunch Box will offer lunchtime CASH sales. Only snack sized items will be available and will rotated each week. The items will range in price up to \$2.50. Students will be able to purchase items from the 5/6 building between 1.40-2.00 on Thursdays and Fridays. As this will be a new process for our students we will talk to them about this before Thursday

Buildings and Grounds

The redevelopment along the northern edge of the grounds has taken a short break, whilst the contractors wait for the arrival of some materials. With input from the project manager, we are hoping to minimize the need to extend the proposed timelines. The upgrade to the windows in the hall should begin shortly, with the hall re-opening shortly after.

Parent Opinion Survey

Currently 33 of the 125 families invited to complete the Parent Opinion Survey have done so. We will resend the link to these families today, so please keep an eye out for the email from the school's email account. We are hopeful it isn't ending up in your junk mail folder, please just in case it has.

Absences and Lateness

For your child to make optimal gains in learning and feel connected with his/her peer group, it is essential that he/she attends school on a regular basis. We communicate this information about attendance and punctuality because we understand its importance for the learning and wellbeing of every child. Students with consistently excellent attendance records are more likely to take advantage of the best learning opportunities.

At Footscray North Primary School, we classify a child as late if they arrive at school after 8:45am. Children are expected to fill in a late pass if they arrive after the bell. If a child is 15 minutes late everyday, by the end of the year this is equivalent to 8 days away. Please ensure that your child is on time for school every day. Our lesson structure dictates that most of the instruction is done in the first 10 to 15 minutes of class so if a student misses this it is hard to catch up. The yard is supervised from 8.30-8.45am each day. Arriving before 8.45am allows your child a smooth transition into school for the day.

Over the weekend Katy Lawley shared with us the news of the birth of her, baby, a girl named Millie Grace. We send our congratulations to Katy and her family at this time.

Kay Willmott
Acting Principal

Save the date!

Concert – Thursday 25th October – Quinn Auditorium at Caroline Chisholm College (corner Darnley Ave and Churchill Ave, Braybrook)

Curriculum Day – Monday 5th November – no children required at school. Camp Australia will NOT be offered on this day.

5/6 Camp – 19th-21st November

P-6 Swimming program (10 day program) Monday 3rd December – Friday 14th December