GR 1 SCIENCEWORKS EXCURSION

Last week both Grade 1 classes headed to Scienceworks for a day of fun activities and active learning. We spent some time watching movies about space in the planetarium before walking around several exhibits. Some of the highlights from the day included laying down and watching a movie on the roof (the planetarium), learning about our athletic abilities in Sportsworks and enjoying a tea party at Alice's Wonderland. Thanks to the parents who came and helped out for the day!

We provide a dynamic learning environment that engages and inspires students to achieve their personal best in an atmosphere of mutual respect and cooperation.
End of term

It is hard to believe that the school year is already half over. With the end of term two drawing near, planning is already underway for next term which will be devoted to the preparation of the school musical, “The Little Mermaid”. Friday June 26 is the last day of term two. As is the norm, all students will be dismissed at 2.30pm on this day which is an hour earlier than usual. Please ensure that all children are collected from school at this earlier time. Other than an early dismissal, the school day will progress as usual with an end of term assembly at 9.00am. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all families a very relaxing, enjoyable and safe holiday period and look forward to welcoming our school community on the first day of term three. School resumes at 9.00am on Monday July 13th.

Parking Zone – Front of School

Unfortunately, the parking area at the front of the school is no longer able to be used. Stonnington Council has received many complaints from local community members who have voiced their concerns regarding students being dropped off in the area and also a series of traffic infringements occurring when students alight from vehicles both before and after school. As a result the council deems the safety risk too great and has therefore instructed the school to take the necessary steps to ensure such hazardous and prohibited access to cease as soon as possible. As a result the area has been secured to avoid any further use of the space.

Musical

Preparations for the musical are progressing very well. Last weekend a group of staff members joined forces with school parents to begin preparing props for the musical production. An impressive number arrived to assist on the day with the end result commendable. The comment at “Monday Morning Staff Briefing” was, “We have a very talented and artistically motivated parent body.” Next we need to consider carefully where to house the colourful props until the event. I would like to thank all school community members who gave their time so generously last weekend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Thank you to all families who have utilised Compass to book parent teacher interviews. The process seems to have been an efficient way to cater for all parent teacher bookings. Please ensure that you meet with your child’s teacher to discuss the progress achieved for the first school semester. Should the allocated times not suit your needs; please arrange an alternative time with appropriate staff members. Parent teacher interview days are Tuesday 23rd June and Wednesday 24th June.

Student Progress Reports

On Friday June 19th all students will receive a progress report for semester one. Please ensure you read the report and share the information with your child. Any questions you may have should be directed to the classroom teacher during your parent teacher interview. You are encouraged to celebrate the efforts and achievements of your child’s primary school experience for the first half of the year. I have thoroughly enjoyed reading the students’ comments around involvement in classroom learning experiences. Compass has been used to generate our whole school student progress reports. The reports are slightly different to the Quick Vic Reports from previous years. We will be seeking your feedback on the new report format before the end of term. In the near future, our plan is to move towards online student reports using the Compass program.

Curriculum Day

In line with all Government Schools, Toorak Primary School will participate in a student free curriculum day on Monday June 22nd. OSHC will operate for children who require supervision on the day. During the day, staff will use the time to plan curriculum programs for term three.

Asbestos Audit

Toorak Primary School has only a small amount of asbestos which is checked regularly to ensure it remains in excellent condition. As part of the Department of Education and Training Health and Safety Management Plan, new labelling will be installed at our school. The labels remind people to contact school reception prior to undertaking any works at the school, to ensure they have up-to-date information from the school’s asbestos register. Asbestos - which was used extensively in building...
materials in the past but is now banned - is considered safe unless damaged or in poor condition. The new labels form part of a comprehensive program to ensure Victorian government schools remain safe. Children’s safety is our number one priority. That is why we are taking this extra step as a precaution. The asbestos audit for Toorak Primary School will take place on July 29th.

The Education State

The State Government of Victoria intends to make Victoria “The Education State”. Over the next two months a consultative process is taking place where Victorians are asked to contribute their ideas as to what the new Education State might look like. If you would like to help shape the Education State please log onto: educationstate.education.vic.gov.au

Julie Manallack
Principal

**Principal Matters**

**Compass - Making Payments**

1. When making a payment for an excursion levy or any other event, click on ‘Event Consent/Payment Required.
2. After clicking on ‘Event Consent/Payment, your child’s events that are ready for payment will be listed. Click on ‘Process Now’ if you wish to proceed with payment and consent.

**Parent Teacher Interviews - Book Today**

Bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews close this Friday 19 June. If you have forgotten your Compass login, or are having difficulties accessing Compass to book your interview, please email the office staff at toorak.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 June.

**Toorak PS Newsletter**

This is our last Toorak PS newsletter in this format. As of next term, the newsletter will be delivered in the form of a blog on our Toorak website. The blog will incorporate news from our classroom teachers as well as our principal and will be uploaded on a continual basis. More information to come in term 3.

**Congratulation Lorraine Sanares**

Congratulations to Lorraine Sanares for achieving a pass with honours (A) in her AMEB preliminary grade piano exam.
Thank you to parents and friends who gave up their time last weekend to help make props for the upcoming musical. There will be more sessions next term and we would welcome any extra help!

Miss Sinker
Teacher of Music

The Little Mermaid Musical will be performed on **Wednesday 16 and Thursday 17 September** at Wesley College, St Kilda Road Campus.
Spatzenschule is running an ‘Entertainment Book’ Fundraiser. The books contain discounts and special offers for many restaurants, cafes, supermarkets, cinemas, theatres, hotels, accommodation, attractions, and activities in our local area. The books cost $65, and will be on display at the office. You can find more information about the book at: http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au

The fundraiser will finish at the end of August 2015 and the collection of the payments and the distribution of the books will be managed by the German Spatzenschule.

Toorak Primary School competed in an Interschool Chess Tournament at St Kilda Primary School on 27th May. Our team finished 5th and qualified for the Victorian Interschool Chess Semi Finals for the 3rd year in a row!

There were some outstanding individual performances from our school. Our highest scorer was Alexi Missailidis with 5.5 /7 points and his brother George was next with 5/7. I remember teaching the basics of chess to George and Alexi in Grade 1, and now that they will soon be moving on to Secondary School I am very pleased with the journey they have been on and the progress they have made. Not only as chess players but as great role models to the younger children in our chess class. Thomas Lin scored 4.5 points and two of our younger players – Grayson Zimperman and Jasper Snell scored 4. A fantastic effort for their first tournament, I am sure Grayson and Jasper will be star players of the future.

The top 5 players will move on to the Semi Finals, but well done to everyone who participated and represented our school. Many champion sports people and teams use chess as part of their strategic training. Novak Djokovic (Tennis), Manny Pacquiao (Boxing), South Sydney Rabbitohs (Rugby League), Houston Rockets (Basketball) - all play chess to develop their critical thinking and strategy.

I have been so pleased to see children’s hard work showing in their Interschool performances, and the positive effect chess is having on their lives!

The Chess Club meets on Friday lunchtimes - if anyone is interested in learning or improving their chess - come along and try it out.

George Zaprudsky
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