



1st Newsletter Publication, 16/02/2024

A message from the Principal

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Dear parents,

It is lovely to be back at school after my holiday to the Middle East. I am super impressed by how settled all the classes are and the children have been very well behaved in the school yard at recess and lunch time.

Curriculum Day– Monday February 19th

We have our second curriculum day on Monday February 19th. Our staff will be completing a whole day of professional learning focusing on the teaching of mathematics. We are a school that has a very strong focus in literacy and numeracy and it is important that our teachers continue to enhance their professional knowledge so we can best teach our children. Please contact BIG Childcare if you require your child to attend their program for the day.

Easter Raffle

Our Easter raffle tickets will be going home this week. It would be greatly appreciated if you can support our raffle by selling your raffle tickets and donating an Easter Egg for our hampers. All Easter Eggs can be dropped off to the office area. BIG Childcare will be donating a prize for the raffle which I will share in our next newsletter.

School Camps

We have our school camps happening at the end of this term and the start of next term. I want to assure parents that we have made the camp as affordable as possible. Camp prices and bus prices have increased. Our students will be doing awesome activities which will primarily be led by camp staff. The children will be doing two days of activities and sleeping at the camp overnight. We need our families to support our camps for them to continue into the future.

School Tours

I am amazed at how many school tours for 2025 I am already completing. If you are an existing parent at our school all you need is to come to the office and pick up an enrolment form for a younger sibling to be enrolled. For all new prospective parents, we ask that they call the school on 9390 3388 and book a time for a school tour.

Hats

We have had some hot days and we would like to remind parents that hats are required to be worn by students in term 1. If students are not wearing hats they will be directed to play in an undercover area.

School Building Project

For the first time in a very long time our building site is buzzing with activity. The roof to the hall is being installed and the area where our new hard courts will be is having significant work done on it. We have been told by the VSBA that our hard courts will be ready by the end of May and that they will try and complete this job earlier to give additional play space for our students. I have requested that the VSBA provide fortnightly updates in our school newsletter to keep parents informed about our project.

School Oval

We will be using a timetable of use for our school oval in 2024. The grade 5 and 6 students will have access the oval three lunchtimes during the week while the Prep to Grade 4 students will have access to the oval on two lunchtimes. The students are also completing a PE lesson each week which our students are enjoying very much.

Regards Chris.



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Term 1 2024

February 19th	Curriculum Day– Pupil Free
February 20th	Prep Students start full time
February 29th	Casual Clothes Day
March 11th	Labour Day Public Holiday
March 13th	NAPLAN begins
March 25th	Grade 6 Camp
March 28th	Food Fight Fun Run
	Last Day of Term 1– 2.30pm finish
April 15th	First Day of Term 2
	Grade 5 Camp
April 16	Grade 4 Camp
May 8th	School Photos
May 9th and 10Tth	Mother's Day Stall

School Council

February 16th	Nominations open– 1 position to fill
February 23rd	Nominations close
February 28th	School Council Election (if required)
March 13th	School Council Election Close

Please call Chris on 9390 3388 if you have any questions regarding school council or for information on how to nominate. I also would like to remind parents that you do not have to be a member of school council to contribute to school council or our parents committee which will be a lot more active in 2024.

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Grade in Focus: Grade 6.

Summer break goes quick right!?! And, here we are in the blink of an eye. We kick off term 1, 2024 with a couple of grade 6 holiday reflections and a Hockey Clinic to usher in grade 6 PE for 2024.

That was my holidays

I remember the salty smell of the sea water crashing against the boat that, was my holidays.

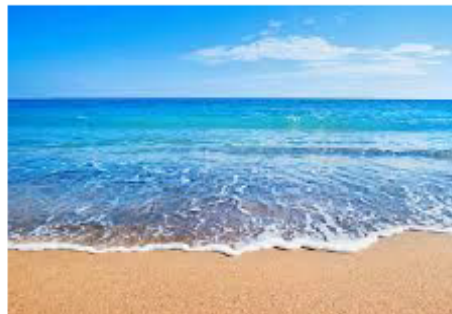
I remember the hot sizzling sausages when they got off the BBQ they were so hot that they were still sizzling in my mouth they tasted remarkable, that was my holidays.

I remember the sound of waves crashing along the rocks and the sand, that was my holidays.

I remember the soft feeling of the leather seats at the movies, that was my holidays.

I remember the zooming fast wheels on the roller blades and skates and the people going around the ring multiple times, that was my holidays.

By Kaitlyn 6SV



That Was My Holiday by Nani 6SV

I Remember Playing indoor games with my Family, which I lost
...that was my holiday.



I Remember going to The Werribee Zoo on the safari And I saw
a 6 Meter Giraffe...

that was my holiday.



I Remember going to the soccer pitch
with friends and family...that was my holiday.



I Remember playing soccer with Nate and we had great fun...
that was my holiday.



That was...

I remember tasting delectable foods at my favourite restaurant.

That was my holiday.

I remember hearing chilly, icy waves splashing onto the soft, golden sand.

That was my holiday.

I remember seeing pitch black while the waterslide aggressively threw me around like the Earth was rumbling.

That was my holiday.

I remember feeling an incredible gust of wind hitting me after a long and exhausting car ride.

That was my holiday.

I remember smelling the smoky flavours of the juicy sausages on the barbeques.

That was my holiday.

Natasha 6SV



That was my holiday! Zarah Albury 6 DC

Remember the bumpy take off as I went for my two-week holiday to Adelaide to catch up with family.

Remember the smell of the salty ocean as I swam alongside my aunties and sister. That was my holiday.

Remember the cheesy, hot pizza as I dug my teeth into the hard base, nearly breaking my teeth on the night we went out for a fun dinner. That was my holiday.

Remember the bangs of the pool balls as I succeeded and won against my grandad, who lives in a cramped elder home.

Remember seeing my older sister Paige cook the best dish I have ever had for the dinner party that my grandma does to keep herself busy.

That was my holiday!

That was my holidays by Rosanna Kuang 6 DC

I remember eating the scrumptious, salty chicken filled with tasty flavour that made my mouth water at my mum's amazing birthday.

That was my Japanese barbecue.

I remember screaming crazily on the fun, scary rides that went up and down, rapidly while the fierce, refreshing wind blew in my face.

That was my amusement park trip.

I remember the shocked expression on my face when I saw the brand-new gifts wrapped neatly in gorgeous, festive wrapping paper.

That was my Christmas.

I remember the enjoyable screams of fun when I threw soft, warm pillows at my family and friends for insane happiness. That was my sleepover.

I remember the strong smell of powerful smoke after the bright, colourful fireworks shot swiftly into the clear skies for New Year's Day.

That was my holidays.

By Rosanna K.

Grade 6 PE is up and running with a sticky situation and Hockey Clinic to get the ball rolling!!

Our Hockey Clinic

On Wednesday the 14th of February the grade sixes had a hockey clinic with a senior hockey player and a Victorian state team player from PEGS Hockey Club, Sue and Maggie. We were taught the basic fundamentals of field hockey. First of all, there was a quick and easy game of scare-crow tiggy. Now we had a real challenge. We were taught how to hold the stick and control the ball. Most of us have never touched a twig (hockey stick) and a hockey ball so we had to get used to it. There was even a rob the nest hockey version. Lastly, we grabbed a partner and repeatedly passed the hockey ball to each other. After the clinic was done, we showed our gratitude by thanking them for coming to our lovely school. You should consider signing your kid up for PEGS Hockey Club.

By Anthony and Johnny, 6SV |





If the smiling faces in FJN are anything to go by, you know our Foundation pupils have had a wonderful start to their first year in Primary School. Welcome aboard the good-ship TLPS, "Ahoy there me hearties!"





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Learning with games and rewards is motivational and engaging and therefore more effective. Game based learning should be within a controlled environment that guides the student to appropriate resources that are both structured and multi-sensory (doing, hearing, seeing simultaneously).

Concepts should be introduced with strategies and develop the 5 core elements of language in a structured progression. Learning rules and strategies explain the core concepts of language allowing students to understand the spoken and written information.

There are many important elements to reading development:

- Phonological processing
- Sound-letter correspondences
- Decoding
- Encoding
- Synthesising
- Spelling
- Orthographic mapping
- Morphology

Your child will be using an online reading and spelling program called **Nessy Program**, in the classroom this year. The **Nessy Program** is designed to help children learn letters and sounds which further supports their reading and spelling. This content is taught through a range of games on the online platform.

- Learning happens when it is fun and motivational
- Learning happens when it is structured and guided
- Learning happens when it is explained in a way that uses learning strengths



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