Diary Dates

TONIGHT
School Council Meeting

Wednesday 18th
No Foundation Class

Friday 20th
Nominations for School Council Close

Wednesday 25th
No Foundation Class
Thursday 26th
Reptile Incursion 3 – 6
Sausage Sizzle
Friday 27th
District Swimming Event
Excursion Levy Due

MARCH
Wednesday 4th
Parent Club Meeting
Monday 9th
Public Holiday
Friday 13th
Craft Power F-2
The Sanctuary 3-6
Young Leaders Day
Friday 20th
Monster Day F-2
Monday 23rd
No Assembly
Friday 27th
End of Term 1
1.10 Assembly
2.30 Dismissal
OOSH Available
Sunday 29th
Harvest & Craft Market

From The Principal’s Desk

We have been very pleased with the start to 2015. Our students have returned to school happy and ready to learn and that has been evidenced by the number of nominations for our Weekly Star Student Award, with the maximum number of nominations achieved for the first time in many months. This settled beginning has also been shown in the playground as noted by our school captains in their report. So thank you to all parents for your part in getting your children ready for school, well rested, well fed and motivated.

It is also pleasing to note that many parents have taken up the option to download the free app for TIQBIZ, thereby getting regular updates on school news and reminders. At the moment we have only committed to the cost of the basic version so some functionality is unavailable but we believe the basic version suits our needs at present rather than paying out more money to upgrade.

The school council elections process has begun with nominations for vacant positions closing this coming Friday afternoon. A supportive and functioning School Council is integral to the smooth operation of the school, and I urge all parents to consider nominating for the vacant positions. It is an opportunity to have an insight into school operations and into the state school system itself.

Just by way of information, the Grade 6 students sell icy poles for 50 cents (max. 2 per child) on days (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri) where the Melbourne forecast is for temperatures of 30 degrees Celsius or more. Every Wednesday, regardless of the forecast ice-creams are sold as part of Wendelicious for $2. Both of these go towards the total fundraising for the Grade 6 Graduation, the target for which is around $2500 annually.

I am pleased to say that after many months of technical hitches and web hosting issues our new website is finally up and running at the correct link http://www.coldstreamps.vic.edu.au/

Please note however that given the delays much of the current information relates to 2014 (or earlier), and we will work to rectify this over the next few weeks. Regardless, I think if you access the site you will note it is much more dynamic and contemporary than what went before it, and a far better promotional vehicle for our school.

The first week of March brings the opportunity for parents to have an initial
Notes You May Have Missed

Excursion Timeline for 2015  Years 3 to 6
School Council Elections 2015  Whole School
Art News  Giant Flags  Years 3 to 6
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Attendance Champions

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Student Stars of the Week

Teagan  4/5SB

School Captain’s Report

Hi we’re Megan and Deacon, and we are your School Captain’s for 2015. We would like to introduce you to the very first School Captain’s report for this year. We are very proud to be given these leadership roles, and we are happy to represent you with all the other leaders. We have started this year with the arrival of two live chickens and 12 eggs. We have had a fantastic time watching the eggs hatch this week. We have so many sports events coming up that we can’t wait for, like kayaking and the Grade 6 games against the Year 7’s at Lilydale High. The junior students have been studying Monsters and F/1M have been doing Monster activities with their buddies. We are pleased to see everyone happy in the playground and enjoying school. Hope you have a fantastic year, Megan and Deacon

OOSH Happenings

Thank you to the Coleman family for their very kind donation of bits and bobs for our program, craft materials are most welcome as the kids love these activities. We have just finished our beach theme week and now we move onto celebrating Chinese New Year – The Year of The Sheep/Goat. We have a couple of evenings that our numbers are building so please remember to book your children in if you require our service. We would like to welcome our new Foundation children to our program and look forward to spending some time with you. Thanks to our families that are up to date with their accounts as this helps us to provide a smooth service for our families. See you soon at OOSH Denise, Leanne, Barb, Emilie & Scott

Parent Club News

SAUSAGE SIZZLE The price list for this year’s BBQs is on the last page of the newsletter. Remember our next lunch is on Thursday 26th February, we welcome helpers at 12.15. We are asking families of students in grade 5/6 M to donate items for the cake stall.
Salad Morning Tea

Students that looked after the vegie garden last year were invited to attend a morning tea yesterday where they could taste the ‘fruits’ or vegies of their labour.

ART NEWS

As part of our exciting Art program the senior school (grades 3-6) will be using fabric dyes to decorate material. Students may bring along an old t-shirt or item of clothing to dye but it must be 100% cotton and it needs to be washed to remove the fabric protection to allow the dye to penetrate the fibres. If you wish to assist with the fun please feel free to do so.

Anita Morrow

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From the Principal’s Desk (cont....)

meeting with teachers. Full details of booking arrangements etc will be included in next week’s newsletter and on Tiqbiz.

There are now only five and a half weeks until the Gateway Harvest and Craft Market (Sunday March 29). Keep your eyes open for information and requests for assistance. As you know we will need to garner everyone’s assistance to make the Market a success, so please make sure you keep this date free.

Starting this Thursday Lunchtime and continuing most Thursdays, we will be conducting fun activities for house points. Activities may test academic or sporting ability, some will be in teams, some individual (some with names drawn from a hat), some will be limited to certain grade levels, and others will be open to all students. These activities will be run by house captains under teacher direction with the first being paper plane making, which will be open to all students.

Have a gorgeous week.

Peter Donaldson

PRINCIPAL
SAUSAGE SIZZLE PRICE LIST

2015

Sausage in Bread $2.00
Assorted Fruit Juice $1.50
Bottled Water $1.00
Cake Stall Items .30c
Slinky Apples .50c

Please ensure your child has their lunch box with them to carry their purchases.