

NEWSLINE

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OUR SCHOOL VALUES

RESPECT, HONESTY, ENJOYMENT, RESILIENCE & SUCCESS

Dates to Remember

December

Wednesday December 6

- Parents & Friends Cupcake Day

Thursday December 7

- Grade 6 Graduation

Friday December 8

- Last canteen day for 2017

Monday December 11

- 11.30am-1.00pm 2018 transition day (grades 1-6 only)
- 6pm Christmas Concert in the Park

Tuesday December 12

- 7pm Parents & Friends Christmas Dinner

Wednesday December 13

- 7pm School Council Sub committees
- 7.30 School Council Meeting

Friday December 15

- 11.30am-1.00pm – Transition day (grades 1-6 students) and final Orientation Session for 2018 Foundation (prep) students

Thursday December 21

- Last day of Term 4 for students – 3.30pm dismissal

Friday December 22

- Last day of Term 4 for staff

January 2018

Wednesday January 31

- First day of school for Grades 1-6 students

February 2018

Thursday February 1

- First day of school for Foundation (Prep) students
- 9.30am Morning tea for new families to 545

Monday February 12

- 2pm Parents & Friends Annual Reporting Meeting

PREP ENROLMENTS FOR 2018 NOW OPEN

Whole School Assembly 8.50am every Monday

School Banking – every Monday

Uniform Shop Open Tuesday & Wednesday 8.30am-9.15am

2017 School Fees

As we near the end of the school year, any families with outstanding school fees are asked to please finalise their accounts as soon as possible.

If there are any concerns in doing so, please do not hesitate to contact either myself or the office staff.

2018 Grade Allocations

In 2018, the schools enrolments will increase slightly. As such, planning for 2018 classes is well underway with the following plans in place:

- **5 Foundation classes (including one modified program)**
- **5 Junior School classes**
- **4 Middle School classes**
- **4 Senior School classes**

2017 – 18 Transition Program

All students are completing two transition sessions in their 2018 grades next Monday December 11 and Friday December 15. This program/process has occurred for a number of years and results in positive outcomes whereby students and teachers begin preparing and planning for the 2018 year. This also ensures that the start of 2018 will be a smooth one with all grades ready and raring to go!

Japanese Assistant – Host Families

One of the highlights every year is meeting our new Japanese Assistant in Term 2. These members of staff provide a unique insight in to the Japanese culture and provide an excellent resource to our Languages Program. These Assistants are carefully screened and we have had nothing but positive experiences with each and every one of them over many, many years.

The school has once again confirmed the allocation of a Japanese Assistant in 2018 and we are seeking families within our school community to provide support in the form of hosting the Assistant in their home for a period of time (usually a term). This is a wonderful opportunity to welcome a person from another culture into your home and from all reports; those who have done so have benefitted as much as the Assistant themselves from the experience!

I strongly recommend that you consider hosting our Assistant next year and if you are interested, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Di Collins at school.

Sister School Assembly

Congratulations to Collins Sensei, Mr Dorber and Ayaka for their efforts in setting up a special assembly

Principal's Report – Brad Evans

Year Book

The 2017 Year Book has arrived! Once again, it is a magnificent production that captures the 2017 school year superbly! The task of putting this Year Book together is an enormous one and it is important to thank Jo Bennett, Staci Scott, Miranda Peverill and Linda Wilson who have made significant contributions in producing this

year's edition.



School Supervision: Children are supervised between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm.

on Wednesday where we interacted with our sister school in Japan, Eda-Nishi Primary School.

This was a wonderful opportunity for both schools to interact and perform to each other and share aspects of their culture.

Rotary Presentations

Last night, I had the pleasure in accompanying Miss Davie, parents and 13 senior school students at a special certificate presentation. These students have worked tirelessly throughout the year in completing the Rotary Community Leadership Award and they are to be congratulated on their efforts.

Thank you must go to Miss Davie, parents and Rotarians, Rod Exton, Lyndon and Carmel Webb who have all supported the students in their pursuit of completing this award.

Grade 6 Graduation

We are all looking forward to the Grade 6 Graduation this **Thursday December 7**. This is the time where we farewell our graduating class of 2017 with a trip down memory lane and I look forward to celebrating this milestone with all of our Grade 6 students, teachers and their families and friends!

Christmas Concert in the Park

Our annual Christmas Concert in the Park will be held on **Monday December 11**. Members of the 545 Community are encouraged to enjoy a picnic style dinner in Victoria Park from 6:00pm. This will be followed by our Concert at 7:00pm. The night will conclude with some farewells and the drawing of our end of year Christmas Raffle.

We hope the weather will be kind and the mosquitoes quiet but we do encourage everyone to wear a generous amount of insect repellent just in case!

Please also remember that, following last year's success, BBQ food and drinks will be on sale throughout the night.

Student Reports

All students will receive their end of year, December Reports on **Monday December 18**. These reports indicate the point of learning for each child as at the end of the 2017 school year. This data will be forwarded on to each child's 2018 teacher (along with other data and work samples) as the 'starting point' for learning next year.

Students have received the results that they deserve and as is the case with all reports, there are results to celebrate and results that will be the focus of future learning and development throughout the next 12 months.

Twilight Netball / Soccer

As the Twilight Soccer and Netball competitions draw to a close, it is timely to thank all of the students, parents, friends and teachers that have supported the students in representing the school in these competitions.

There have been many training sessions conducted throughout the term and lots of matches on a Monday and Thursday night. Everyone has had a lot of fun and

I am sure all students appreciated the efforts of their coaches and managers.

End of Year Buses (Out of Town)

Students that travel on out of town buses will be notified shortly (if not already) as to when this service will end for 2017. Based on numbers travelling, many of these buses will finish operating before the end of the school year.

End of the 2017 School Year

School Council has confirmed that the finishing time on the final day of school for 2017 will be **3:30pm**. Students will have an End of Year Assembly at 3:15pm on **Thursday December 21** followed by the 3:30pm dismissal.

Parents & Friends News Miranda Peverill

Next Parents & Friends Meeting

The next Parents and Friends Meeting will be held on **Monday February 12, 2018 at 2pm**. This will be the Parents & Friends Annual Reporting Meeting. Everyone is most welcome to attend.

Cupcake Day

Parents & Friends will be holding a Cupcake Day Tomorrow **Wednesday December 6**. Cupcakes will be priced at \$1 or \$2 each. Sales from the canteen.

Term 4 Canteen Price List and Roster

The canteen will be open on Wednesday and Friday from 1pm- 1.30pm for snacks only. The price list and roster are as follows:

• Lemonade Icy pole	\$1.00
• Icy Stick	60 cents
• Frozen Yogurt	\$1.30
• Frozen Prima	\$2
• Salt n Vinegar Delites	60 cents
• Popcorn	60 cents

Friday December 8 will be the last day the canteen is in operation for 2018.

Canteen Roster

Wed 6 **	Mel Wilson, Kelly Daymond
Fri 8	Myra Lindrea, Stephen Hartley

Canteen Helpers are needed 1pm-1.45pm

*** Special lunch Day (11.30am-1.45pm)*

Term 4 Swimming Program

TERM 4 - SWIMMING TIMES AND GRADES:

Grade/s	Depart 545	Swim	Depart Pool
GROUP 1: PGS & SC	9.10	9.20 - 10.00	10.20
GROUP 2: PN & SD	9.50	10.00 - 10.40	11.00
GROUP 3: PS & SL	10.40	10.50 - 11.30	11.50
GROUP 4: PBP & SJ	11.20	11.30 - 12.10	12.30

Japanese News

Di Collins

Japanese Word of the Week

The Japanese word of the week is

ぱすこん を つかっても いいですか
pasukon wo tsukatte mo ii desu ka?

May I please use the computer?



Timothy Bristow

creator of
Billy The Brilliant
+
I'm The Best!

The Author

Timothy is an innovative and passionate child educator. His writing is imaginative, engaging and analyses the adventures of being a kid in a playful, yet sensitive manner. Timothy is a primary school teacher working + writing in Western Australia and is unique to this field as he also plays Australian Rules Football at state level for WAFL club - East Fremantle Sharks. This, along with his teaching and writing makes him one very busy role model for our youth today. 'Billy The Brilliant' and 'I'm The Best' are the first of many adventures of Billy, a character that resembles the author himself.

The Stories

Story telling is a gift which keeps giving. The imagery and relatable nurturance that the team at JustZeusBooks bring, with each tale, is magical. Both stories are aimed for audiences, great and small, and encourage all to delve into their own imagination and create a little magic of their own.

'I'm The Best' is a tale which encompasses all that is great and not so great about siblings. Billy and his brother James do everything together, and although they cannot agree on everything, their love of fun, friendship and their grandad inspires all readers to reminisce about their own childhood antics with a brother or sister.

'Billy The Brilliant' explores the hardships that each of us face at some point in our lives and restores three main values in all readers, of all ages.

Ambition: Each of us should strive to reach for the stars and dream big. Having a goal is what keeps us grounded, driven and dedicated to being the best version of ourselves.

Determination: Without determination, dreams cannot be achieved. Striving for greatness through hard work and going for what you want is an essential step in gaining the reward of achievement.

Resilience: A "speed bump" is bound to happen when on your journey at some point. Going through hardship is what makes the reward of achieving that much sweeter. Without resilience, ambition is merely a dream without motivation.

The ability to push through adversity is a true testament to character and Billy is a model individual for every reader to base his or her dreams upon; there's a little bit of Billy in everyone. Like his writing, Timothy speaks with passion, sensitivity and quirky wisdom.

Drawing on his own childhood experiences and the day-to-day stories encompassed with our youth, Timothy puts life into perspective and urges even the most cynical onlooker that magic is real and all of us can create it in our own lives.

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Billy The Bri



JustZeusBoo

Timothy will be visiting our school to speak with students on Thursday December 14

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these students at assembly on Monday December 4, 2017

Grade	Name	Reason
PBP	Chase	For his great effort collecting and recording his own data about pets
	Haylee	For an amazing effort on her writing about drawing chalk pictures
PGS	Melian	For developing the detail she includes when retelling a story
PN	Miles	For being a kind friend to others and for helping out without needing to be asked
	Paige	For her amazing narrative about the bunny at the park
PS	Winter	For using her fingers and subitising to add numbers together
	Kaleb	For his amazing thinking about counting backwards by 5s from 200
JK	Lachlan	For constantly showing the school values
	Meika	For being a lovely friend to all members in the class
JJ	Amelia	For always working hard and trying her best
	Hamish	For his great persuasive writing
JS	Nate	For always being a great leader
	Grace	For working hard on her arguments in persuasive writing
ML	Adam	For his amazing learning with fractions and decimals
	Kaelan	For always demonstrating our school values
	Dustin	For his great reading response picture to 'sailing home' during author studies
MS	Molly	For her amazing work with fractions, decimals and percentage
MT	Georgia	For the wonderful improvement she has made in all areas of writing this year
	Caleb	For always being able to take on extra responsibilities and carry them out in an organised and responsible manner
SC	SC	For the maturity shown by all during some challenging discussions during our Life Journey unit

This week's weekly award winners

Sustainability News – Di Collins



War on Waste continues

New episodes of War on Waste, this year's informative, entertaining and often shocking documentary on waste in Australia, started on Sunday night December 3 and continue for a couple of weeks. Catch it at 7.30 pm on Sunday on ABC TV or on iview.

THE VALLEY SMASH

TRARALGON RECREATION RESERVE
FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

VALLEY SMASH T20 CRICKET MATCH STARTS AT 6.30PM
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VICSWIM Summer Kidz Program is a great way for your child to learn how to swim & stay safe in & around water!

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Summer Pantomime @ The Wedge

For two weeks this summer (Jan 8th - Jan 20th) you have the chance to work with The Australian Shakespeare Company and The Wedge on our school holiday production of *The Wind in the Willows*. How cool is that!

We're looking for enthusiastic young thespians (or anyone that just likes having fun!) between the ages of 7-17 to join our cast.

Want to know more? We're holding an information night on the 8th of December at 5.30pm in the Hua room at The Wedge

Hope to see you there!

2017-2018 Mini Triathlon Series

Dates: Wednesday, November 22nd 2017 - Wednesday, March 7th 2018
Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm

Riviera Triathlon Club in conjunction with the Aqua Energy Complex would like to invite participants to join us for the 2017/18 Sale Mini Triathlon Series. Mini Triathlons are for everyone regardless of age or experience. We encourage active participation and provide the perfect way to learn about the sport in a fun, safe and friendly environment. There will be events for Junior Age Groups (5 years - 12 years) followed by a Senior Event (12+ years). For more information go to our website @ www.rivieratriathlonclub.com.au or for any further enquiries please contact Mick Hatwell on 0457 404 035.

3rd Annual Maffra Christmas Festival

Friday 15th December
5.30pm - 9.00pm
Johnson St, Maffra

- Food & Drink
- Giant Mr & Mrs Claus
- Live Magic Show
- Rides
- Animals
- Street Performers
- Music & Heaps, Heaps More

Late Night Shopping DON'T MISS IT! Tubby the Robot

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Bike Ed – Mr Smith

The Traffic Safety Education program in the Middle School was again very successful.

Firstly, there was the huge task of individually checking bikes and helmets for road worthiness. A big thank you to Peter and Campbell McHugh for coming to the school to do this for us. Secondly, all students attended RACV Street Scene education sessions. The students were given an information sheet to take home and discuss with parents.

Last Thursday the students were given the opportunity to practise their riding skills at the school. They did an amazing job considering the hot weather conditions. The Grade 3 students received a pedestrian safety session at school. Unfortunately, Friday's skills session at Araluen was cancelled due the wet weather. We will try to have a makeup session before the end of the year. Thanks again to our helpers Peter and Campbell McHugh, Suzie Heywood and the teachers involved.