Dear Parents and Carers,
Welcome to the 2017 school year.
I hope everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and New Year.
We have had a fantastic start to the year at Marnebek, the students have settled well into their new classes.
I would like to welcome the following staff to Marnebek.
Danielle, Lorraine and Fiona – junior school
Geordie, Jodie, Larissa, Shalomi, Aleesha, Chloe – middle school
Kathy, Jacquie, and Shaylee - senior school
Paul – Performing Arts

The 2017 Leadership Team
While Karen is on leave I will be continuing as Acting Principal.
Assistant Principal Rhett Watts will be working across both campuses.
Our Leading Teachers are:
Sam Baker – Junior School Leader.
Michelle Zintchenko (Zinny) – Middle School Leader.
Jade Nedic – Senior School Leader.
Lisa Quick – Student Wellbeing and Therapy Leader.
Jacqui Lamden – acting leading Teacher seniors and Careers.
Please contact the relevant person above if you have any queries.
We are looking forward to continuing working with parents in 2017.
We will be continuing to run our parent information sessions and special parent activities/events again this year. Lisa Quick will be coordinating this area.
Our Prep Parent support program has already started, please contact Lisa if you’re a parent of a Prep student and would like to be involved.
Please watch out for information about these events in future newsletters.
This year we are also expanding our volunteer program to support our English and Literacy programs across the school.
We encourage parents to be part of this program.
Our English / Literacy Program will run from 9 to 10 from Monday to Thursday.
Sam Baker will be coordinating the volunteer program. All volunteers that come into our school will need their Working with Children check.
There will be further information in the next newsletter about this new program.

Kathy Weston
Acting Principal
PE NEWS
Students will have the opportunity to try out for the Rope Rocketeers skipping team at main campus plus another team will be established this year at the senior campus. Student leaders have been selected for the Let's Play program that runs at main campus and will start brainstorming their activity ideas this week. There is a new program called Aero-base commencing at the main campus and this involves students learning aerobic routines which are then filmed and entered into a state competition. If the team is chosen as finalists, then they perform at a city venue in July. I will be coming around to talk to students at the main campus this week and seeking expressions of interest from students. Thanks, Dee on behalf of the PE team

Sewing goodies wanted!
At the Senior Campus we are doing some sewing/craft activities and would really appreciate any donations of material, buttons, cottons, appliques, ribbons, etc. If you could send these to school for collection, we will be starting very soon on some projects.
Please forward any donations to the office at the senior campus.
With many thanks from Kathy Moore and 604.

2017 Units of Inquiry at Marnebek School

Term 1 – Friendship: Me and my friends
Term 2 – Travelling through my community
Term 3 – On the farm: farm to plate
Term 4 – Dinosaurs: the Jurassic period
SUNSMART

Hello Parents, we are seeking your help to make your children safe. From UV rays by providing hats, sunscreen & sunnies.

People can reduce the risk of skin cancer by following the five SunSmart steps recommended by the Cancer Council to:

1. slip on sun protective clothing
2. slop on sunscreen
3. slap on a hat
4. seek shade
   slide on sunglasses:

Sun protection measures will help protect your children when UV index levels are 3 or above.

PLEASE BE AWARE THAT UV RADIATION:

- cannot be seen or felt,
- can be reflected off surfaces such as buildings, asphalt, concrete, water, sand and snow
- can pass through light clouds

A reminder to all that Victorian Laws have changed regarding smoking around schools.

Smoking has been banned on the grounds of and within 4 meters of an entrance to all schools.

Term Dates 2017

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Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover Arrangements and Private Property Brought to Schools.

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

In some circumstances, medical or other expenses will be paid by the Department where it is likely, that the Department is liable for negligent (careless) acts of its staff or volunteers. More information about the claims process is available below.

Schools can access a whole-school policy through the Victorian Managed Insurance Authority should their school councils decide to purchase such coverage on behalf of all students.

Whilst not compulsory, the department does not recommend schools take steps to ascertain the views of school communities on whether or not to purchase a whole-of-school student accident policy or ambulance cover.

Where there is no whole-of-school policy in place, it is the responsibility of parents or guardians to look into their preferred options in this regard. The Department cannot provide advice to parents or guardians on the purchase of individual student policy or cover.

Private property brought to school by students, staff or visitors is not insured and the department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. This includes mobile phones, calculators, sporting equipment, ipads/ipods, any gaming equipment, and cars parked on school premises.

As the department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property, students and staff should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.
**SCHEDULE 4: NOTICE OF ELECTION AND CALL FOR NOMINATIONS**

An election is to be conducted for members of the school council of Marnebek School Cranbourne.

Nomination forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4.00 pm on 23/2/2017.

The ballot will close at 4.00 pm on 06/03/2017.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be posted at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category open for election are as follows:

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Kathy Weston
Acting Principal

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**REMINDER TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS**

Student pick up and drop off areas’

Pick up and drop off areas for students are clearly marked by:

A gate has been installed from the footpath to the Junior School where all students can be collected and dropped off in the morning and afternoon.

BER students enter through a gate further on.

Signage at the front of the school indicate areas of student pick up and drop off areas.

There is an unmarked and unmanned pedestrian crossing encouraging parents to escort students to and from their vehicles teaching appropriate road safety.

(This is not a drive way so DO NOT park, drive on or up it)

Staff will be in the vicinity of the Junior School playground to supervise students between 8.45am-9.10am and 3.00pm-3.15pm. When students arrive they are to go straight to their classrooms.

Please be aware that there is no supervision of children until 8.45am. It is the parents/carers responsibility to ensure their child is supervised.

Please ensure road rules are adhered to: there is a speed limit of 40 km along New Holland Drive, no double parking and time limits are to be adhered to ensuring safety of all.