Dear Parents and Carers,

Last week it was great to have a visit from the Melbourne Football Club around the Read like a Demon program. Some of our students participated in a football skills session with Melbourne players which they enjoyed greatly.

I would like to thank and congratulate the following people in being nominated and accepting the position on our School council:

Staff Representative – Sam Baker
Parent Representative – Jenny Bradley
Parent Representative – Emma Lewis
Parent Representative – Leah Gray
Parent Representative - Vacant
Community Representative – Vacant

We still have 2 vacant positions—1 parent rep and 1 community rep, if you are interested please contact the school.

Our AGM will be held on Wednesday 29th March at 1.00pm, please let us know if you are able to attend.

Reminder

The front of the school is very busy during pick up/drop off times. Can I ask all parents and carers to take great care when driving near the school.

Often parking spaces are unavailable directly outside the front of the school. You can park on the vacant land opposite the school but please drive on to this area from the road not by the footpath opposite the school.

Supervision of students is from 8.45 in the morning and students being dropped off at school must use the designated gate.

Thank you for your support in keeping all our students safe.

Regards
Kathy Weston
Acting Principal
Therapy News

It's been a busy start to 2017 for OT. This year we are continuing with 'Learn to Play Therapy' which focuses on developing pretend play skills. Pretend play is essential for social interaction, emotional regulation and language development. We are having a great time doing lots of pretend cooking, picnics, shops and restaurants.

We are also working on our writing skills, with OT being a part of the morning literacy program. Classes have enjoyed taking a sensory approach to letter formation. We’ve been able to practice our fine motor skills and use our senses to explore letter sounds.

Mel – Occupational Therapist.

*Activity Idea – Squishy Bags*

Classroom 202

Room 202 have really been enjoying swimming this Term. Here are some of the comments they have made about swimming.

I like jumping in the deep end” said Darius.
"We should go all the time" said Jordan.
"Jack is the best swimming teacher" said Kirsty.
"I like playing games at swimming" said Angel.
"Jack has helped me overcome my fear of the deep end. I can go there all by myself now" said Kayden.
"I like swimming and I'm a good swimmer" said Nelson.
"I like to jump in the deep end and I think Jack is a good teacher" said Dylan.

The students have been exploring Friendship’s in their Inquiry Based Unit sessions in the classroom. We have been discussing what a ‘good/positive friend’ looks like and how friends can influence us and the choices we make. This Inquiry Unit has been very good for the students and has helped to unpack some issues that have arisen, whilst giving them clear strategies to follow should they need them in the future.

Jodie
What’s been happening in Room 303

We have been doing lots of exciting things in our class over the last couple of weeks!

As part of our Inquiry learning topic ‘Me and my Friends’ we learnt about who we are and how we are similar and different to others. We explored the characteristics, roles and responsibilities of friends and friendship by participating in group activities and have created posters. Also we have been very lucky to have our buddies from the Senior campus come to visit us. It has been lovely introducing ourselves and showing the awesome work we have been doing in our class.

Kala

Senior School Captains

A massive congratulations to Shana F—605 and Kuini T—608 on being awarded the school captaincy. Shana and Kuini are fantastic role models across our school: always wearing their uniform, following the rules and expressing kindness to all. They’re already busy at work implementing our SW-PBS barrel draws each Wednesday. Well done on your fantastic applications and dedication to the school.

We have also appointed Senior School Sports Captains. Congratulations to Elysha C—606 and Bailey V—605. Again, their applications were very strong. They’re bringing great ideas into our senior campus, and are implementing basketball training with the support of staff, to make our team competitive during Friday competitions.

Well done to all who applied, and I encourage everyone to continue to demonstrate the whole school SW-PBS values.

Jade Nedic Senior School Leading Teacher
Fundraising News

Help Marnebek School Cranbourne's fundraising effort by purchasing the NEW 2017| 2018 Entertainment™ Book.

The Entertainment™ Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the finest restaurants, cafes, attractions, activities, retailers and hotel accommodation. The Membership entitles buyers to exclusive offers that are virtually restriction-free, and is valid through to 1 June 2018!

NAPLAN 2017

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) 2017 tests will be undertaken by all Australian Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 students on 9, 10 and 11 May, 2017. Students will be tested in Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Reading and Numeracy. The NAPLAN tests are implemented by the Victorian Curriculum and Assessment Authority (VCAA) on behalf of the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA).

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a child’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. The information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and to improve student achievement.

Students with significant intellectual disabilities can be exempted from one or all of the NAPLAN 2017 tests. At Marnebek our students are exempt from all NAPLAN tests. If you would like to discuss your child’s involvement in any of the tests please make an appointment to discuss this with the Leading Teacher in your students area of the school. Sam for juniors, Zinny for middles and Jade for Seniors.

For further information about the NAPLAN tests, please visit the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Kathy Weston

First Aid News

At the beginning of term requests for updated medical plans were sent home with all students who have medical conditions documented at school. Thank you to all those who have returned management plans to me. Those who have not yet returned them, please could you complete them with your doctor as soon as possible so that we have current guidelines to care for your child in case of a medical incident occurring at school. If you have misplaced the forms, give me a call on 5996 3858 and I will organise more to be sent out to you.

Thanks
Deb (Nurse)

Term Dates 2017

| Term 1 |
| 1st February—31st March |

| Term 2 |
| 18th April—30th June |

| Term 3 |
| 17th July—22nd September |

| Term 4 |
| 9th October—22nd December |