

Channel Soundings

Term 4 - 4 December 2019

From the Principal

PEACE. We see this word everywhere during the Christmas season. God created a world which was at peace. Disharmony, brokenness and warfare arose as a result of the fall. Our hope comes from the fact that God also appointed a way where biblical peace and shalom can be found. Through the birth, death and resurrection of our Saviour Jesus Christ the restoration of true peace, shalom is made possible. Shalom is enjoyment in one's relationships, with God, with self, with fellows and with nature. We are called to pursue peace, to restore things the way they should be. In our classes we have an opportunity to use this lens and ask these questions:

- Can a broken relationship be restored?
- What is "world peace" and is it our goal?
- What issues of social justice and the need for restoration arise out of the unit being studied?
- How can we be agents of peace in caring for creation?

"Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful" Colossians 3:15.

God bless,
Margaret Louw
Principal



Events Coming Up

- Volunteer and Thank You Assembly - *Thur 5 Dec*
- Triathlon - *Fri 6 Dec*
- Orientation Day for new students and meet the teacher for 2020 - *Tue 10 Dec*

Future Assemblies

Thursday 5 December - Volunteers Thank You Assembly and Morning Tea at **9.05am**
Friday 13 December - Christmas Assembly at **1:45pm**
Wednesday 18 December - Year 6 Leavers Assembly at **1:30pm**

Working With Vulnerable People Card

In preparation for 2020, we would like to inform you that any adult who wants to help in our classrooms throughout the year will need to have a current Working With Vulnerable People card. You can apply for these online. The safety of our students is extremely important to us.

Library Books

It's that time of year again. Please return your library books!



Prep/One Visit Snug Village

Today our Prep/One class travelled by bus to Snug Village.

We sang songs, shared stories and each student gave the residents a butterfly picture painted in preparation for the visit.



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Classes for 2020

We have experienced, and are experiencing continued growth in our school for which we are extremely thankful. This year we had five composite classes, but for 2020 we will have six. What a blessing!

However with growth comes challenges. We have been praying and searching for a new teacher to join our very professional and experienced team. God has answered our prayers, Mrs Heather Ninness will join us for 2020. She has experience as a teacher in Victorian schools as well as within our school system, CST.

Now that we have teachers finalised for 2020, the classes will be:

Kinder - Mrs Day, Mrs Goodfellow

Prep - Mrs Ninness, Mrs Hudson

Year 1/2 - Mrs Hall/Mrs Wyllie, Mrs Townsend

Year 1/2 - Mrs Stephenson, Mrs Evenhuis

Year 3/4 - Mrs Lynch, Mrs Henderson

Year 5/6 - Mr Bosker/Mrs Wyllie, Mrs Boonstra, Mr Philpot

For our students this means a smooth transition within a system they already know. For some it will mean changes in friendships and environment. However, creating two Year 1/2 classes has many benefits for staff and students.

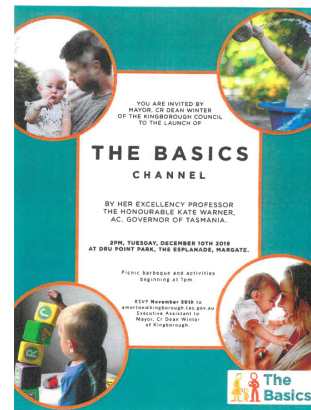
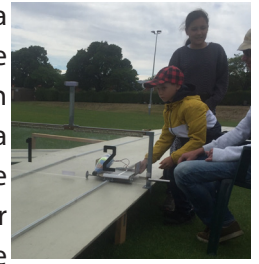
- It creates two learning communities with similar goals using programs and teaching.
- It allows us to place students into a community where they will reach their best potential considering social, emotional and academic needs, resulting in strong classroom cohesion.
- It allows the teachers to work collaboratively, moderate and plan together.

All of these factors have a positive impact on student achievement.

Class lists will be released on Monday 9 December in time for our orientation time on Tuesday 10 December.

National Solar Car Challenge

On the weekend DJ, Huw, Mahlia and Mr Mumford attended the National Solar Car challenge with students from all over Australia plus some from Taiwan. The fastest car was from some Year 12 students from Victoria, while second and third place were won by Taiwanese teams. Our car faired quite well, after we overcame a few technical challenges earlier in the competition. We had some exciting racing, with our car going so fast it came off the track several times, before we were able to work out a solution.



Prayer Points

Pray for teachers as they spend time reflecting on their students whilst writing reports.

Pray for the Montes family as they move interstate next week. We will have an opportunity to farewell Daniel, Isabel, Thomas and Michael on Thursday morning at our Volunteers Assembly.

Thank You for all you have brought to Channel over the last two years.

Praise Points

We welcome Marnina into the Prep/1 class. She has joined us from China.

Please welcome her and her mother as they adjust to a change in culture and language.