It has been a wonderful couple of weeks and all of you have settled in really well and are working hard. Well done!

Happy Birthday to the students who celebrate their birthday in the next two weeks of February:
14th—Laksh Dave
16th—Brayden Wilson
16th—Joseph Shobbrook
20th—Kodi Montebrown
20th—Isaac Pene
21st—Graydon Keane
21st—Nathan Tay
22nd—Olivia Tallday

Birthday Parties will continue to be held on the last Wednesday of the month at Recess in the Annex Staffroom.

SPECIAL REMINDERS
We ask that all students abide by the following:
- School hats must be worn during Terms 1 and 4 and especially during year 5&6 sport.
- If your child is away please enter their absences on Compass. The school does not accept handwritten notices anymore.
- No student is permitted to be inside the Annex at recess or lunch time without the supervision of a teacher.

Year 5&6 Information Session
We are beginning to receive information from schools advertising Open Days and other important dates. Please read the Annex News for details or check the Transition Display in the Annex Foyer.

If you are thinking about sending your child to a Catholic Secondary School we have an information booklet that has information about all the Catholic schools in the state. Please see your child’s teacher for a copy.

Norwood Secondary Open Night is being held on Wednesday 4th May commencing at 7pm. They are offering plenty of dates for tours. You just need to contact the school office to book a time.

** Transition **
We are really excited to be participating in Maroondah City Council’s Youth Wellbeing and Consultation Project being rolled out in Term 1 this year. Every Primary and Secondary School in Maroondah has been invited to have their Year 5&6 students complete an online Wellbeing Survey during February. Developed by The University of Melbourne, the survey will provide us with solid data regarding the wellbeing of young people in our school, as well as in the broader Maroondah community.

We look forward to utilising this data to increase the wellbeing of our whole school community with the support of Maroondah City Council's Youth Services team. More information can be found on the school website or if you have any questions please contact Andy MacCartney (School Liaison Person) or Sarah Cullen, a member of the Maroondah Youth Services team on 9294 5701.

Important Dates for Student Leadership Process for 2016:
The school captain candidates gave their speeches in front of all the Year 5&6's on Wednesday and did a fantastic job. They were well prepared, spoke clearly and confidently. Good luck to all the students who are preparing speeches and posters for the different leadership positions this week.

Tuesday 10th—Announced School Captains and Specialist Captains
Thursday 10th—JSC Elections
Friday 10th—House Captain Elections

InterSchool Sport
The results against Holy Spirit were:
Cricket: GRPS SI—HS 62 Lost
Hot Shots: GRPS 289—HS 165 Won
Basketball Mixed: GRPS 8—HS 32 Lost
Basketball—Girls: GRPS 16—HS 40 Lost
T-Ball Mixed: GRPS 14—HS 23 Lost
T-Ball Girls: GRPS 16—HS 21 Lost
Valley Stars: GRPS 0—HS 3 Lost
Rounders Mixed: GRPS 03—HS 11 Won
Rounders Girls: GRPS 15—HS 9 Won

Last week we played against Warrandyte (W’w) and the results were:
Cricket: GRPS 65—W w 61 Lost
Hot Shots: GRPS 254—W w 255 Lost
Basketball Mixed: GRPS 20—W w 42 Lost
Basketball—Girls: GRPS 24—W w 72 Lost
T-Ball Mixed: GRPS 9—W w 16 Lost
T-Ball Girls: GRPS 19—W w 16 Won
Valley Stars: GRPS 1—W w 1 Draw
Rounders Mixed: GRPS 22—W w 8 Won
Rounders Girls: GRPS 0—W w 14 Lost

** Please note there has been a change of fixture against Kalinda P.S.:
Sports at GRPS—Hot Shots, Tee-ball (Mixed 6 girls) Volleystars
Sports at Kalinda—Basketball (Mixed and Girls), Rounders (Mixed 6 Girls) and Cricket.

GRPS Cross Country is being held on Tuesday 8th March between 9:00 and 10:40am at school. Any parents that wish to help on the day please see Mr. Henson.

The results against St. Kevin’s were:
Basketball Mixed: GRPS 62—HS 65 Lost
Basketball—Girls: GRPS 16—HS 40 Lost
T-Ball Mixed: GRPS 19—HS 16 Lost
T-Ball Girls: GRPS 23—HS 16 Won
Valley Stars: GRPS 0—HS 3 Lost
Rounders Mixed: GRPS 03—HS 11 Won
Rounders Girls: GRPS 15—HS 9 Won

Last week we played against Eltham North (E’n) and the results were:
Cricket: GRPS 62—E’n 48 Lost
Hot Shots: GRPS 254—E’n 255 Lost
Basketball Mixed: GRPS 14—E’n 23 Lost
Basketball—Girls: GRPS 16—E’n 21 Lost
T-Ball Mixed: GRPS 9—E’n 16 Lost
T-Ball Girls: GRPS 19—E’n 16 Won
Valley Stars: GRPS 1—E’n 1 Draw
Rounders Mixed: GRPS 22—E’n 8 Won
Rounders Girls: GRPS 0—E’n 14 Lost

** Please note there has been a change of fixture against Calderbank P.S.:
Sports at GRPS—Basketball (Mixed and Girls), Rounders (Mixed 6 Girls)

Open-ended Task—Due Friday 26th February.
Please complete all of the following tasks, including the back page.
Remember you have two weeks to complete all tasks. Therefore the teachers are expecting your work to be of a particularly good standard.

1. Community—Maroondah
Most of us live in the City of Maroondah but do we really know much about it? Present information about Maroondah in the form of a brochure. Some headings you can consider may include: A Brief History, Map of the zone, Places to Visit, Main Amenities (Parks and facilities), Population etc.

** Maths Quiz **
1) $45 + 45 - 10 =
2) In AFL, Melbourne scored 6 goals and 11 points. Sydney scored 7 goals and 5 points. Who won?
3) The time is 23:21. The time is ___ __ ___ am/pm
4) $58.36 + 58.4 =
5) $4.6 + 2.05 =
6) Write the number made of: 7 tenths, 5 ones and 8 hundredths
7) 0.58 > 0.48? True or False
8) How many sides does a heptagon have?
9) $9 x 5 - 55 =
10) 31 divided by 5 = ___ remainder ___

General Knowledge Quiz
1) Who is John Monash? What year was he born in?
2) Name 3 Australian marsupials.
3) What is the name of the largest gold nugget found in Australia?
4) When and where was it discovered?
5) What two cities in Australia held the Olympic games?
6) In what year did Port Philip gain its independence from New South Wales?
7) What was the name of the indigenous inhabitants of Melbourne? (Kulin, Mooro or Wangi?)
8) In what year was the city of Melbourne founded?
9) In what year was the first Australian Open championship in Melbourne?
10) Which horse won the inaugural Melbourne Cup? What year was this?

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