

LE PAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dates for Your Diary

FEBRUARY:

Friday, 13th

Senior Sport vs Kingston Heath PS – away

Nominations for School Council open (2 year period, commencing April, 2015)

Monday, 16th

School Council, 4.00 pm

Friday, 20th

Senior Sport vs Heatherton CC - Home

Monday, 23rd

School Council Nominations close.

**** (Check the website for special events in the rest of the term/year as they become known!)



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Garry's Gabble

School Council - Elections

Would you like to make a significant contribution for the good of your own child and the rest of the School? It only takes a little bit of time (no money!). 8 formal meetings per year and an expectation that you might find the time to serve on one of our Sub-Committees in keeping with your interest. Councillors are elected for a 2 year period and we have 3 of those Parent vacancies. We also have a one year position available. Perhaps you'd like to try it for a year and see if you like it? Nominations officially open tomorrow - Friday, 13th February and are available at the School Office. These need to be completed by Monday, 23rd February. After this date we decide whether or not an election is required. Please consider putting yourself forward. An 'Information for Parents' document is included in this Newsletter. Ask Rita Moon, Helga Drpic, (Parent Members) or myself if you wish more information.

Meet the Teacher

Thank-you to those Parents who were able to find the time to attend yesterday afternoon and we hope you found it beneficial. Remember, you do not have to wait for us to organise something formal to speak to your child's teacher. If you have information to give us which will assist us in teaching your child or an issue you wish to discuss, please feel free to make an appointment with the teacher at any stage of the term or year.

Have a great week - Garry

LUNCH ORDERS

NO LUNCH ORDERS TOMORROW – Recommences the first week in March.

YEAR 6 FUNDRAISING - ICY POLES

The Year 6's are selling icy poles. They will be available each day at the beginning of lunchtime.



Chickens!!!



We have been very excited this week watching the chickens hatch and grow. Students (and teachers) have been learning specific chooky vocabulary and writing and reading about the life cycle being enacted in front of their own eyes in the classroom. At the time of writing this four (woops, now five) of the ten eggs have hatched! At the end of their visit the chickens are available to be adopted by families who have suitable housing for them. It is recommended that they be adopted in pairs. If you are interested in adopting some chickens please contact Mrs. Corr for further details. Chickens not adopted will be collected next Friday, 20th so arrangements will need to be made before then.



LE PAGE SCHOOL APP

Don't forget to check your tiqbiz app for the latest newsletter and notices. We would love to hear some feedback about the use and this APP. Please let us know if you still require a hard copy of the Newsletter. Our aim of introducing this APP is to assist in reducing the cost of photocopying and increasing communication from school to home as well as home to school eg absence notification. If you would like further information, please see Heather in the office.



Scholastic Student Book Club

It has been along time since Le Page has offered the Students the Scholastic Student Book Club. The Student Catalogues and order forms will go home tomorrow.

News from Parents & Friends' Club

The date of the first meeting will be announced next week. Watch this space!

Helga Drpic, President

STUDENT BANKING

Has commenced. Banking day is Tuesday.



News from Before & After School Care Program

For information about registering or booking into Before and After School Care, please call the school office on 9583 8342 or Emma on 0414 711 530.

COMMUNITY NEWS



IT'S TIME TO INTRODUCE YOUR DAUGHTER OR SON TO THE WONDERFUL ART OF DANCE!

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* VIKKI WELLS - PH: 0412 555249

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* PAST STUDENTS ACCEPTED INTO THE VICTORIAN COLLEGE OF THE ARTS, STAGE MUSICALS, UNIVERSAL STUDIOS JAPAN & CRUISE SHIP CONTRACTS.



School Council Election 2015 - Information for Parents

What is a school council and what does it do?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within statewide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

Who is on the school council?

For most school councils, there are three possible categories of membership:

- A mandated elected Parent category - more than one-third of the total members must be from this category. Department of Education and Training (DET) employees can be Parent members at their child's school as long as they are not engaged in work at the school.
- A mandated elected DET employee category - members of this category may make up no more than one-third of the total membership of school council. The principal of the school is automatically one of these members.
- An optional Community member category - members are coopted by a decision of the council because of their special skills, interests or experiences. DET employees are not eligible to be Community members.

Generally, the term of office for all members is two years. The term of office of half the members expires each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

Why is Parent membership so important?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

Those parents who become active on a school council find their involvement satisfying in itself and may also find that their children feel a greater sense of belonging.

How can you become involved?

The most obvious way is to vote in the elections, which are held in Term One each year. However, ballots are only held if more people nominate as candidates than there are positions vacant.

In view of this, you might seriously consider

- standing for election as a member of the school council
- encouraging another person to stand for election.

Do I need special experience to be on school council?

No. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

What do you need to do to stand for election?

The principal will issue a Notice of Election and Call for Nominations following the commencement of Term 1 each year. All school council elections must be completed by the end of March unless the usual time line has been varied by the Minister.

If you decide to stand for election, you can arrange for someone to nominate you as a candidate or you can nominate yourself in the Parent category.

DET employees whose child is enrolled in a school in which they are not engaged in work are eligible to nominate for parent membership of the school council at that school.

Once the nomination form is completed, return it to the principal within the time stated on the Notice of Election. You will receive a Nomination Form Receipt following the receipt of your completed nomination.

Generally, if there are more nominations received than there are vacancies on council, a ballot will be conducted during the two weeks after the call for nominations has closed.

Remember

- Ask at the school for help if you would like to stand for election and are not sure what to do
- Consider standing for election to council this year
- Be sure to vote in the elections.

[Contact Garry Martin for further information.](#)