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Term 1: Week 5—2nd March, 2012

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#### Calendar Dates TERM ONE

#### WEEK 6

Monday 5th March
SCHOOL CLOSURE STAFF PROFESSIONAL
LEARNING
ICT & FEEDBACK

#### **Tuesday 6th March**

- 3.35 Staff meeting
- 7.15 Annual General Meeting of Parent Advisory Board in Hall

#### Wednesday 7th March

- 7.45 Wellbeing meeting
- 3.35 Level Planning mtg

#### **Thursday 8th March**

- Teaching & Learning Network— Meegan
- Deputy Network—Emma M
- 7.00pm Reconciliation—Parent Info session @ St A's

#### **WEEK 7**

CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK

Monday 12th March

**SCHOOL CLOSURE** 

**Labour Day Holiday** 

#### Tuesday 13th March

• 3.35 Staff meeting

#### Wednesday 14th March

- Principals meeting—Jan
- 3.35 Level Planning

#### Wednesday 15th March

- 7.45am Leadership mtg
- 3.35 Level Planning

Thursday 16th March

Friday 17th March
7.00pm Family Movie Night in
Hall

#### **Dates for Diary:**

Monday 5th March
SCHOOL CLOSURE STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEARNING
ICT & FEEDBACK

**Tuesday 6th March** 

7.15pm in Hall—Annual General Meeting of Parent Advisory Board

#### Thursday 8th March

7.00pm Parent information session for Reconciliation with Elio Capra @ St Augustine's in Hall

Monday 12th March
Public Holiday—Labour Day

Friday 16th March

7.00pm Family Movie Night in Hall

Thursday 22nd March

7.00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation @ SFX Church

Saturday 24th March Working Bee from 9.00-4.00pm

Thursday 29th March

3.20pm End of Term One for students

Friday 30th March SCHOOL CLOSURE

STAFF PL—MATHS

Wednesday 18th April

**School Photos** 

Wednesday 25th April

**Anzac Day** 

Tuesday 15th May—Thursday 17th May

**NAPLAN Testing** 

Sunday 20th May

Sacrament of Eucharist 12.00midday @

**SFX Church** 

Friday 25th May

Grandparents and Special Visitors Day 9.00—11.00

Monday 11th June Oueen's Birthday Holiday

**Tuesday 26th June** 

Parent/Teacher Interviews Students finish @ 1.00pm;

Interviews commence @ 2.00pm

Friday 29th June
3.20pm End Term Two

Tuesday 28th August Fathers Day Breakfast

Monday 3rd September
SCHOOL CLOSURE—Staff PL with Catholic
Cluster

Friday 21 September End Term Three

Wednesday 10th October Athletics Carnival

Wednesday 24th October Sacrament of Confirmation 7.00pm @ SFX

Friday 26th October SCHOOL CLOSURE—Staff PL R.E.

Monday 5th November SCHOOL CLOSURE—Staff PL—ICT

Tuesday 6th November
Public Holiday—Melbourne Cup

Wednesday 14th November Art Show Opening Night

Thursday 15th November Art Show Day Two

Tuesday 18th December Students finish @ 3.20

Wednesday 19th December Staff finish

Note: new date in calendar—Monday 3rd September—Staff PL

### Running Club News

We are looking for volunteers to co-ordinate the running club before school each Thursday from term 2 this year. The children run from 8.10 to 8.30am. If you can help Please contact the school office.



#### REFLECTION



As we step into this new season, Restore our spirits. Renew our passion for sharing your wisdom And nurture our compassion for those in need of greater support. Transform us as we seek to transform: Guide us as we seek to guide; Open our minds and hearts As we seek to open minds and hearts To the Good News of justice and peace. Help us listen more deeply To the world and to your Word, So we can walk with those in our care. Attentive to the Wisdom that Calls us all to the Kingdom of God.

#### Dear Parents,

On Wednesday morning we farewelled our Grade 5/6 students and teachers as they headed off to the Urban Camp in Parkville. There was much excitement amongst the children as they handed over their bags to the driver and boarded the bus bound for their first stop: the Australian Academy for the Moving Image in Federation Square. Here the children had an opportunity to make movies which they have been scripting during their Literacy lessons since the beginning of the year. Having had an opportunity to speak with Meegan and Emma during the course of the day I can report that the film making was a huge success and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Going by all accounts from camp last night, the energy levels present shouldn't be dampened at all by the rain!

I would like to sincerely thank the parents who have given up their time to attend the camp and provide the extra supervision required to make such events so successful. The staff and students definitely appreciate your generosity. Naturally, of course, no major event would be successful without much fore planning and organisation. Therefore, I want to thank the school staff who have put many months into organising all aspects of the days and nights away and who have, like the parent helpers, given of their own personal time to attend the camp—meaning that they have also had to re-organise their family routines and children! Thank you teachers and parents for all you have done to ensure the camp will be successful and long remembered.

A number of students across the school, including most of the Grade 3's, are currently preparing for the Sacrament of Reconciliation which will be held on Thursday 22nd March. This evening is preceded by the Parent Information session which is coming up next Thursday 8th March at 7.00pm in our Hall.

Also next week is the Annual General Meeting of the Parent Advisory Board. All parents are invited to attend this meeting which will be held in the Hall starting at 7.15pm. You need not fear that attendance at the meeting will mean you will go home suddenly finding yourself holding a position on the Board that you didn't anticipate! We welcome everyone to come along and participate in the meeting and provide opinions and consultation in the decision making process of the school.

chool Closure—Staff Professional Learning

Remember that this Monday 5th March is the first School Closure for Staff Professional Learning this year. Staff will be working through the Leadership for Contemporary Learning Action Research Project that we have undertaken this year.

orking Bee

The first Working Bee for this term is set to be held on Saturday 24th March from 9.00-4.00pm. This will give families a whole day to drop in and spend time working through a variety of tasks. More details will follow in the coming weeks.

amily Movie Night

Remember the Family Movie Night which is on Friday 16th March. The movie will start at 7.00 and snacks will be available for sale, so set the date aside, put on your pj's and bring along your pillows for a fun night at the movies in our Hall. This evening was extremely successful last year and our Hall was just about bursting at the seams—so be sure to arrive early to secure your places!

Proliments 2013 and 2014
Enrolments for 2013 and 2014 are open. We already have a number of enrolments for both years. If you are interested in booking a tour for Prep 2013, please contact the School Office on 9781 3007.

econd Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand Uniform Shop will be open on TUES-DAY and FRIDAY from 8.40 - 9.00am.

Have a great week.

Jan de Koning Principal

idz Moves

Every Wednesday afternoon from 3.30pm to 4.30pm.

Cost is \$5.00 per session. If you wish your child to participate please leave envelope with name and money at the School Office.

#### Mathematics:

I know, I know! It's week three and this is my first maths rant! Sorry! In case you haven't noticed I've been knee deep in ankle biters (1/2's). I missed the cut last week for the newsletter so I'll make it up to you this week with a full card of maths goodies.

First of all here is a code you may have seen before.

A, E, I, O, U, L, N, R, S, T	1
D, G	2
B, C, M, P	3
F, H, V, W, Y	4
K	5
J, X	8
Q, Z	10

If you exchanged each letter of your name for a number, what would the code be?

Mine is Derek so my code is 2 1 1 1 5. The numbers add up to 10 which is not much!! What is your name worth using this code?

Try some other names - what names are worth the most and which are worth the least? Are longer names always worth more?

Can you work out why certain letters are worth a lot and why others are only worth one?

This is an example of an activity that encourages thinking processes around mathematical concepts.

#### One for the ladies!

Extensive research now concludes that there is negligible difference between boys and girls when it comes to learning mathematics. Previously it was believed that due to the physical biology of women they were more limited than man to learn maths. However the latest research concludes;

"We found that boys -- as well as girls -- tend to do better in math when raised in countries where females have better equality, and that's new and important," says Kane. "It makes sense that when women are well-educated and earn a good income, the math scores of their children of both genders benefit." (Debunking Myths about Gender and Mathematics Performance, 2011)

#### Maths joke:

A mathematical biologist spends his vacation hiking in the New Zealand highlands. One day, he encounters a farmer with a large herd of sheep. Thinking he'd like a pet he asked the farmer, "How much for one of your sheep?"

"They aren't for sale", the farmer replied.

The math biologist pondered for a moment and then said, "If I can tell you the exact number of sheep in your herd will you give me one as a reward?"

Curious, the farmer agreed to which the math biologist states, "387".

The farmer is silent for a moment then says, "You're right. I hate to lose any of my sheep, but I promised. One of them is yours. Have your pick!"

The math biologist grabbed one of the animals, and was about to leave, when the farmer says, "Wait! If I can guess your profession I get the animal back."

"That's fair enough." replied the math biologist.

"You must be a mathematical biologist," said the farmer.

The man is stunned. "You're right. But how could you know?"

"That's easy: You gave me the precise number of sheep without counting - and then you picked my dog..."

### Beep! Beep! Mighty Maths!

The opportunity has arisen to take a few more steps in our maths teaching at the school. We are introducing a new maths program called Mighty Maths. This is designed to provide other opportunities in mathematical learning for students at St Augustine's. At this stage the program will run on a Monday and Friday every week for some students.

Students attending the sessions will complete tasks associated with the fundamentals of mathematical learning as well as problem solving strategies, mathematic investigations and mathematical task analyses.

Most students will be away from classes for 15-20 mins only on a Monday or Friday morning to provide as minimal disruption to their learning as possible. Some groups will run during the middle maths block from between 20-40 mins.

## **Upcoming Events**

## PLEASE KEEP A LOOK OUT IN YOUR CHILDS BAG FOR ORDER FORMS/RAFFLE TICKETS REGARDING THE BELOW EVENTS / FUNDRAISERS

DON'T FORGOT \$2 TUESDAY'S

**Every Tuesday** 

(Except Tuesday 27th March)

OUR TARGET FOR THIS YEAR

\$23,000

Raised to date:

\$425.00

### **Catholic Parish Raffle**

Tickets will be sent home
Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March

Special lunch day HOT DOGS



Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March



The canteen will be open on the night.



Monday 19th March

Easter Raffle tickets will be sent home



Tuesday 27th March

Hot Cross Bun morning (instead of snack morning)



Tuesday 27th March

Wrapping of Easter Baskets.
All are welcome to help wrap,

have a chat and a cuppa (toddlers welcome too!)



PARENTS ADVISORY BOARD

SOCIAL & FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE



#### Results of Games Played on 25 February, 2012

Grade 1 Boys (Under 8)	Grade 2 Boys (Under 10) SA Magic 17 defeated Lightning Power 10		
SA Magic 24 defeated Allstar Oaks 0			
SA Magic Scorers	SA Magic Scorers		
Nathan Boyes 4	Jarrad Hall 1		
Nicholas Harvey 10	Steven Dimopoulos 6		
Kai Rispin 10	Jack Natalizio 4		
	Shannon Benwell 2		
	Kristian Li Rosi 4		
Coaches Comments:	Coaches Comments:		
Great show of team work. Training is paying	Fantastic game guys. Good passing and great		
off.	defence,Go Magic		
Coach: Matt Boyes	Coach: Adam Proud		
Team Manager: Sharon Rispin	Team Manager: Michael Natalizio		

Grade 3 Boys (Under 10)	Girls Team (Under 10)
BYE	Allstars Angels 18 defeated SA Magic 10
	SA Magic Scorers Jessica Bennetts Hannah Boyes Emma Dalgleish
Coach Daniel Swainston Team Manager: Sharon Allars	Coaches Comments: Good effort girls in very hot conditions. Your second half was fantastic. Keep working on defence and rebounds. Coach: Scott Bennetts Team Manager: Kim Bennetts





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- Contemporary
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- Competitions &

#### Exams

Private Coaching

Phone Today to enrol now for 2012 and a free trial lesson



## Take the heat off your power bills this summer with the Sustainable Homes Program

Weekend double header - "Energy / Garden" in March!

Local facilitator Graeme Ambrose, home energy expert

When: Saturday, 17 March and Saturday, 24 March

10:30am to 12:30pm

Where: Langwarrin Community Centre

Call 9789 7653 to book in

Cost: Only \$20 for 2 sessions

Plus you get a FREE resource book valued at \$30!



Join others who have begun the journey to transform their homes to save energy, water, waste and their hip pocket!







"Fabulous program, more of the same please"

"The tips for saving energy and money were most useful"

"I've been very impressed with the whole series"

"Great interactive session, everyone asked a lot of questions"

Facts to help you save money on energy, food and water bills
Garden tips
Relaxed social setting, enjoyable activities











# Aussie Hoops Oz Ball Introduction to Basketball Participation Program 2012



Great introductory program designed to provide players aged 5-10 years with a fun, non-competitive basketball environment.

Players take part in skills, drills, fun games and activities, with coaches and players from the Frankston Blues.

Emphasis is on fun & participation!!

-	Program 1	Program 2	Program 3	Aussie Hoops is run over three programs throughout the year and each program offers 2
China to the state of the state	-Rego Day: 04 Mar -Session 1: 04 Mar -Session 2: 18 Mar -Session 3: 25 Mar -Session 4: 22 Apr -Session 5: 29 Apr -Session 6: 06 May -Session 7: 13 May -Session 9: 27 May -Session 10: 03 Jun	-Rego Day: 03 Jun -Session 1: 17 Jun -Session 2: 24 Jun -Session 3: 22 Jul -Session 4: 29 Jul -Session 5: 05 Aug -Session 6: 12 Aug -Session 7: 19 Aug -Session 8: 26 Aug -Session 9: 02 Sep -Session 10: 09 Sep	-Session 6: 18 Nov -Session 7: 25 Nov -Session 8: 02 Dec -Session 9: 09 Dec	sessions:  9.30am – 10.15am  10.20am – 11.05am.  Please indicate on the registration form which session you wish your child to participate in by circling the appropriate session below.  All sessions are conducted at the Frankston Basketball Centre. Players are asked to wear appropriate footwear, bring a water bottle and their rubber basketball.

#### **REGISTRATION DAY TIME:** 9.00am

Sessions held at Frankston Basketball Centre, Bardia Ave, Seaford (Mel Ref 99F8) each Sunday morning between 9.30am – 10.15 or 10.20am – 11.05am

**COST:** \$55.00 includes Draw string Bag, Basketball and a Reversible Singlet. You can also register by completing the form on the reverse side and mail with cheque to FDBA, P.O. Box 472, Frankston, 3199.

For more information, contact the FDBA Office. Phone 97768999 or e-mail bluesdevelopment@frankstonbasketball.asn.au

Program 1: Mar - Jun	Program 2: Jun - Sep Progr		ram 3: Sep - Dec	
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Name:				Date of Birth:
School Grade: School:			Gender:	M F
Email:				
Phone:(h)			(m)	
Parent/guardian:		T-shirt	t size:	
Does your child have any existing hea	Ith conditions	we should be a	ware of?	If so, please note: