

# The Communicator

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## Principal's Message

### Absences from school

At Coatesville Primary School we follow up on student absences on the first day a student is absent without notice from parents. We do this to ensure the safety of all students and to enable us to account for the whereabouts of every child. To ensure that we can fulfil this requirement we ask that parents notify us of absences as soon as possible as per our *Attendance Policy* (excerpt shown below) we ask that parents help by:

**“4.14 ensuring that their child arrives on time in line with the Ready, Set, Learn program** (if students arrive after 9am that they are sent to the office to receive a late pass)

**4.15 contacting the school via the absence phone line on 9570 1652 or at [coatesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:coatesville.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au) if their child is absent from school” (on the day of absence or earlier if possible)**

Thank you in advance for your cooperation with this matter.

### Traffic safety

It has come to our attention that some parents have been parking in the driveways of both our car parks during drop off and pick up times. These driveways are our only mode of emergency vehicle access and need to be kept clear at all times.

### Carnival

With only 10 more sleeps until the Coatesville Carnival, below is a quick carnival checklist to help get prepared for the big day!

- Have you got your Carnival badge?
- Have you bought your unlimited rides wristband?
- Have you donated your lucky jar?
- Have you signed up as a volunteer?
- Have you organised your hamper donation?
- Have you donated your 2<sup>nd</sup> hand goods?
- Have you chosen your recipe to bake for the cake stall



## Coatesville PS Mission Statement

To nurture the educational journey of all within the school community, so that we “aspire higher”, through an engaging and relevant inquiry based curriculum that empowers us to be internationally minded, life long learners.

## Whole School Values

Respect Achievement  
Harmony Cooperation  
Responsibility



This week we are focussing on the **CURRICULUM PLANNING AND ASSESSMENT** initiative.

Under this initiative, schools embed a culture of curriculum planning and assessment by adjusting practice to suit individual student needs so that all students can reach their potential.

At Coatesville Primary School in 2017 we are building practice excellence in the following ways:

- Embedding the new Victorian Curriculum into our IB-PYP Units of Inquiry
- Creating connections with local schools through the Stonington and Glen Eira (SaGE) network in relation to the Science Technology Engineering and Maths (STEM) curriculum
- Accessing IB-PYP professional development focusing on assessment to improve teacher capacity to understand student learning needs
- Working with local schools to moderate assessment data in Maths and English.

**Michael Jones- Principal**

## Assistant Principal Report

Yesterday afternoon our 2017 Preps and their families had a fun and entertaining evening at Crocs Play Centre. The purpose of this evening was to build positive relationships between our staff, parents and students in an environment outside of school. Positive relationships are the heart of what makes a school extraordinary and we value the time and effort our staff and families put into making our school extraordinary.

There were many smiles from parents as they made new connections and lots of smiles and laughs from our preppies who loved running, jumping and dancing their way around the Crocs Play Centre!

Thank you to everyone who attended.



**Kirsty Page - Assistant Principal**

## Diary Dates

### February

27<sup>th</sup> Preps begin full time

### March

1<sup>st</sup> District Swimming Carnival

4<sup>th</sup> Coatesville Carnival

6<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Immigration Museum Excursion

6<sup>th</sup> Prep Reading Session 9.15-10.15am

10<sup>th</sup> Division Swimming

13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day  
NO SCHOOL

17<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
NO SCHOOL

23<sup>rd</sup> School Photos

24<sup>th</sup> Cross Country

27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair

## **Recorders in Grades 3 – 6**

Students in Grades 3 – 6 will play the recorder this semester. Thank you to those Grade 3 parents who have returned the order form for their child's recorder. No further orders will be taken after Thursday as I will be placing a bulk order on Friday afternoon. If any new students from higher years need to order a recorder they may obtain an order form from the Music room.

## **Instrumental Lessons**

Thank you to those parents who booked in promptly for instrumental lessons. All instrumental lessons will be held in the afternoon beginning at 1.00pm. Some lessons may be given after school.

### Drum Kit

The drum kit program with Jesse is now full.

### Guitar

Guitar lessons began with Mr. Duchesne last week. There are timeslots available for a few more students at this stage.

### Keyboard

Keyboard lessons are to be booked directly with PMI. Please take one of their colourful, A5 fliers from the display stand in the school foyer and fax or post your booking.

## **Choirs**

The Senior Choir will meet this week to begin preparing their item for the school carnival on the afternoon of March 4<sup>th</sup>. A notice will go home to parents with information about times and dress. We will not be wearing the Senior Choir uniform on this occasion. Thank you to Ms. K. Macdonald and Mrs. Gianello for preparing the choir for this event.

Junior Choir is now full. A waiting list has been created as explained in the Junior Choir notice.



**Christine Rainford and Kelly Macdonald - Performing Arts Teachers**

## PLANT STALL

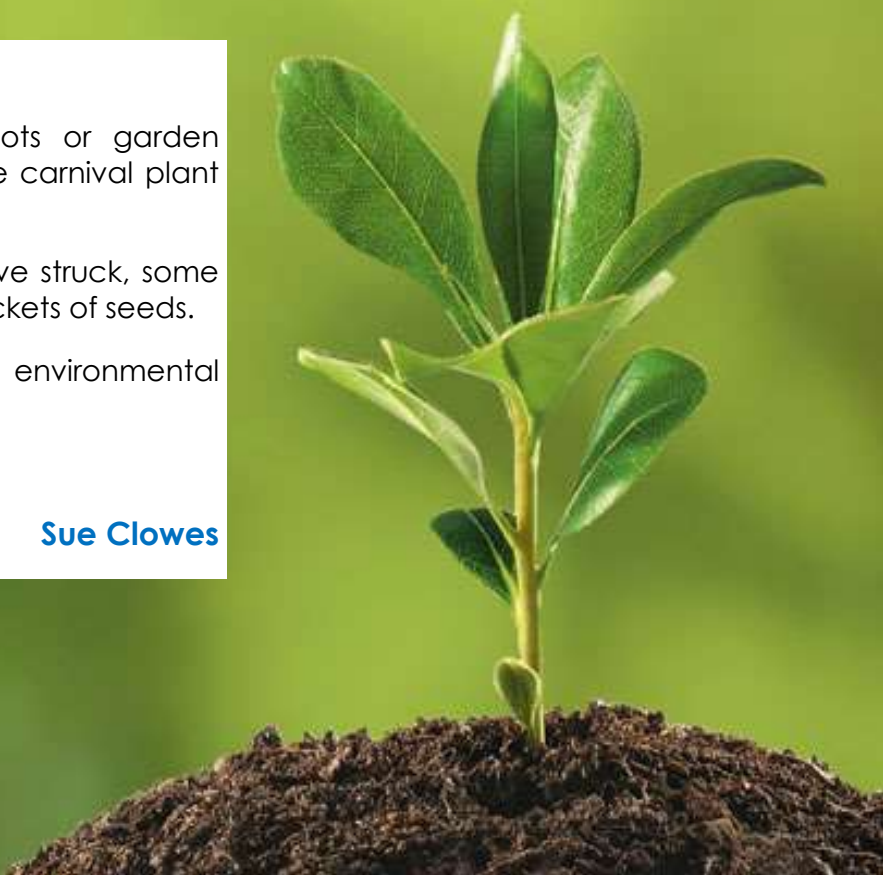
If you could spare some plants, pots or garden equipment to add to our stock for the carnival plant stall we would be extremely grateful.

You may have a few cuttings you have struck, some extra herbs, bulbs, potted plants or packets of seeds.

Please bring your donations to the environmental garden.

Thank you

**Sue Clowes**



## Canteen - Week of 27<sup>th</sup> February

**Monday** – Ali Dind

**Tuesday** – Lorraine Wright

**Wednesday** – Amie Keane

**Thursday** – Brylie Singh

**Friday** – Tammy Cohen, Kelli Benson, Kerri Fulton, Sam Finney

# UNLIMITED RIDE WRISTBANDS

Carnival rides include:

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purchased on  
the day will cost  
\$40**

To book your wristbands please pay on the QKR app or complete this form & return with payment to Coatesville Primary School Office, 21 Mackie Rd, Bentleigh East, 3165

NAME .....

Contact Phone No.....

Name of Child/ren .....

Grade/s (If attending Coatesville PS).....

I would like to make payment of \$ ..... for ..... wristbands @ \$35 ea

I have enclosed a cheque      cash      QKR (Please Circle)

**OR**

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Expiry date: \_\_ / \_\_

Cardholders Name.....

Amount \$ .....

Signature .....



# BADGES ON SALE NOW!

## PRIZE

### 32GB iPod touch

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lightning to USB cable

The lucky number will be drawn at  
the Carnival on  
Saturday 4th March 4.00pm.

Winner must be present to claim the  
prize, otherwise it will be redrawn.

Badges can also be purchased on  
Carnival day.

## \$1 PER BADGE - 6 COLOURS TO COLLECT



**Badges will be on sale during  
lunch time at the office.**

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