

# The Communicator

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## Principal's Message

This week we welcomed our Preps to assembly for the first time which coincides with them starting school full time as of March 1<sup>st</sup>. The Preps listened attentively and sat so quietly, it looked like they had been at assembly for years, well done Preps!



## Traffic Safety

Our crossing supervisors Vernon (Cecil St) and Rosa (Mackie Rd) are doing their best to keep everyone safe when crossing the road, however some people are making their jobs very difficult by not crossing safely. Vernon asked me to remind everyone of the following things:



1. Please cross only at the supervised crossing, some parents are crossing in heavy traffic not at the crossing, this is dangerous
2. Children and parents need to dismount bikes and scooters and walk across the crossing

## 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

# Carnival

We only have 3 more sleeps to go until Carnival and the excitement is building around the school. Don't forget:

- Have you got your Carnival badge?
- Have you donated your lucky jar?
- Have you signed up as 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



This week we are focusing on the **BUILDING LEADERSHIP TEAMS** initiative.

Under this initiative, schools will strengthen their succession planning, develop the capabilities of their leadership teams in using evidence and proven coaching and feedback methods, build a culture that is focused on improved performance, and strengthen the induction of new teachers into the professional learning culture of their school.

At Coatesville Primary School in 2017 we are building leadership teams in the following ways:

-Developing our Teaching and Learning Leaders through accessing professional learning from the Bastow Institute and through engaging network wide initiatives

-Accessing Coaching for Leadership Teams for our Leadership Team via the Bastow Institute.

-Embedding a culture of peer observation and feedback for all teachers so that they can critically evaluate their practice and improve their capacity to improve student outcomes

-Continuing to build on the coaching program that focuses on improving teacher practice by targeting specific teacher driven goals.

- Development of a revised staff induction program that explicitly targets teaching of Literacy and Numeracy

# Diary Dates

## March

- 4<sup>th</sup> Coatesville Carnival
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade 5 Immigration Museum Excursion
- 7<sup>th</sup> Prep Reading Session 9.15-10.15am
- 10<sup>th</sup> Division Swimming
- 13<sup>th</sup> Labour Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 14<sup>th</sup> Grade 4 Incursion – Project Rockit
- 14-15<sup>th</sup> Grade 5-6 Swimming Program
- 17<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
NO SCHOOL
- 21-22<sup>nd</sup> Grade 5-6 Swimming Program
- 23<sup>rd</sup> School Photos
- 24<sup>th</sup> Cross Country
- 27<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- 31<sup>st</sup> Last Day of Term 1  
2.30pm Finish

**Michael Jones- Principal**

# Student Representative Council

Coatesville Primary School is committed to empowering students through promoting student voice and choice and building school pride in the school and wider community. One of the avenues for student voice to be heard and valued is through a vibrant Student Representative Council.

Our goal is to empower our students by drawing on student voice to affect or change the decision-making processes within our school. Through the weekly classroom, SRC and Action team meetings students are consulted for their opinions on changes and their ideas and opinions will continuously be sought through surveys, discussions and collaboration with the student body.

At Coatesville PS the Student Representative Council (SRC) is made up of a group of students from Grade 3 to Grade 6, one male and one female from each Grade, who are voted into the SRC by their class members. Their key role is to represent student views from within our school. These 40 students, including 4 school captains, meet weekly to discuss, debate and decide on their collective views about what is important to our school community. This year 2 House Captains representatives will participate in the SRC meetings to represent their leadership team.

As well as this, each SRC member nominates themselves for an Action Team (Student Wellbeing, Student Voice, Building Communities and Sustainability) which are led by the school captains and facilitated by teachers who coach students on how to initiate change and implement authentic student-action. Throughout the year, teachers and students work in balance with each other in the different action teams. The teachers facilitate students' ideas and opinions and encourage them to take risks and have a collective voice for change.



Grade 3



Grade 4



Grade 5



Grade 6



School Captains

## Around the School - PE

Interschool sport tomorrow, Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> March will now be played at home against Oakleigh South. Softball will be played at Bailey Reserve and cricket at Mackie Reserve. All other sports will be at school.

Luke Bertucci – PE Teacher

## Sustainability

### PLANT STALL

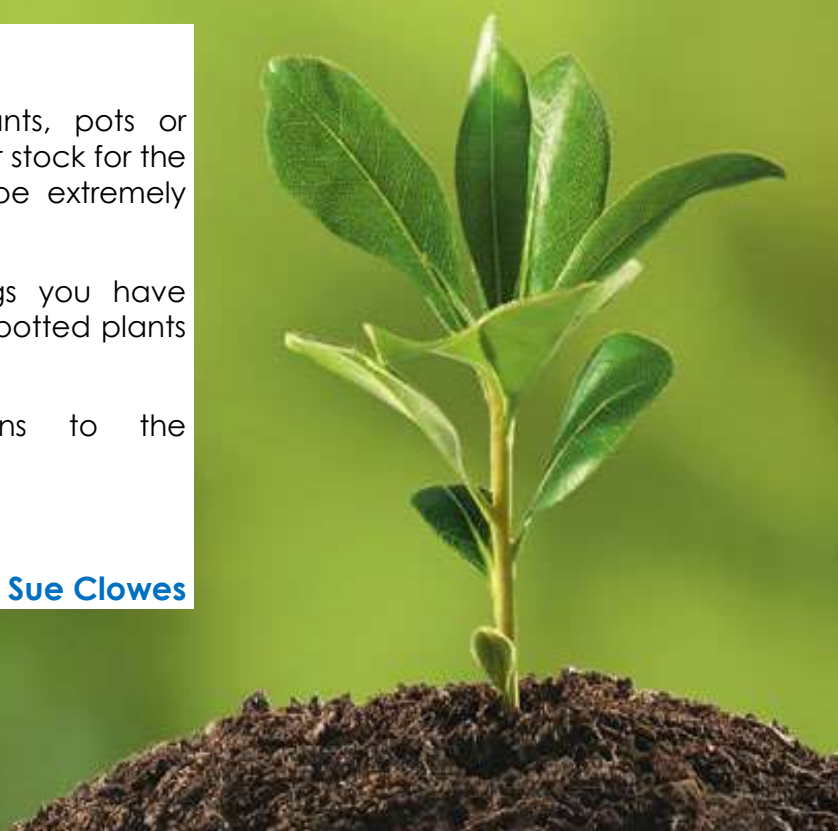
If you could spare some plants, pots or garden equipment to add to our stock for the carnival plant stall we would be extremely grateful.

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 6<sup>th</sup> March

**Monday** – Irene Lamb

**Tuesday** – Cindy Perzuck

**Wednesday** – Help required

**Thursday** – Paula Hawkins

**Friday** – Sam Finney, Ali Dind

Please note that there is no chargrilled chicken wraps or burgers available this week. Apologies for the inconvenience.





# Carnival Online Auction!

- Sign up to Handbid using the instructions below to bid on auction items
- Handbid will close at 4.00pm on Saturday
- After the auction has closed pay and collect your items at the office
- You can bid on items even if you are not attending the Carnival
- When signing up, press 'ok' to allow notifications
- You can also bid via your computer at [www.handbid.com](http://www.handbid.com)
- Please note, if you have previously used Handbid, you will need to sign up again for 2017

## GET STARTED WITH HANDBID

- 1** **DOWNLOAD HANDBID APP**  
From the AppStore or Play Store.
- 2** **CLICK TEXT LINK AT REGISTRATION**  
or **GET STARTED & create a new account.**  
Login text link will log you in without entering user information and bring you to your auction!
- 3** **START BIDDING BY SWIPING LEFT**  
In the app, swipe left or right to access categories & items. Menu in upper left corner contains your profile & invoice information.

### SET MAX BID

Select Max Bid and enter your max amount you are willing to spend. Handbid will automatically bid for you up to this price!

### DASHBOARD

Monitor your winning & losing bids! Swipe left & right to access categories and items. Select menu in upper left corner to view your profile, invoices, etc.

### NOTIFICATIONS

Accept Push Notifications and receive outbid notifications on your phone. Don't have the app installed you will receive Text notifications.

### PAY FROM YOUR PHONE!

When auction closes, select menu in upper left corner to view and pay your invoice. Don't have app, see an auction manager.

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