



The Communicator

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Principal's Message

On Saturday March 4th we held a biennial Carnival and it was a huge success. This year the theme of the Carnival was 'we are family' and never have I seen this more evident than on Saturday when everybody came together to support the school in many and various roles to make this event such a success. Our convenors **Mary Lambas and Ilana Beitner** did a phenomenal job of organising the Carnival over the last year and it was great to see all of their efforts come to fruition on Saturday.

Thank you to the following people who coordinated stalls:

Food stall coordination: Georgie Slattery

Gyros: Peter Roussos

Nachos: Voula Marinis

Canteen and Devonshire teas: Jacqui Hill & Ali Dind

Pop corn & Snow Cones: ETTY Yefet, Karen Abrahams

Face painting: Lori Lygris

Hair & Nails: Keren Barak

Plants: Sue Clowes

Second hand stall: Natalie Isborn & Franny Oaten

Silent Auction: Julie Grenda

Ticket booth for rides: Georgina Trajkoski

Side Show alley: Andrea Vienet & Deirdre Macdonald

Novelties: Sarah Heaton-Harris & Serena Bettoni

Market Stalls & Bubble Soccer: Ilana Beitner

MC: Paul Ciempka

Infrastructure set up and pack up: Matt Irons, Garry McMullan, Daniel Traurig and Danny Beitner

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

Thank you also to all of the parents and teachers who volunteered for shifts on the stalls, we couldn't have done it without you. This was a great community event and it was fantastic to see all of our Coatesville family and our extended family in the community enjoying the event. Events such as these are a great way to help the school and also to build connections with other parents and teachers.

We are very happy to inform you that we raised:

\$46,762



This week we are focusing on the **EMPOWERING STUDENTS AND BUILDING SCHOOL PRIDE** initiative. Under this initiative, the whole school community engages with students so they have voice in the learning process, fully and proudly participate in school life and have a greater say in the decisions that affect their learning and their lives at school

At Coatesville Primary School in 2017 we are Empowering Students and Building School Pride in the following ways:

- Embedding social and emotional capabilities as outlined in the new Victorian Curriculum into of our Units of Inquiry
- Developing a whole school approach to Positive Education using the PERMA+H model
- Creating more opportunities for authentic student voice to inform teaching and learning, policy and school programs
- Continuing to build on our successful Student Representative Council structures
- Co-creation of Individual Education Plans (IEP's) with student input for all priority cohorts
- Further developing international mindedness in students, staff and parents.

Michael Jones

Diary Dates

March

- 10th Division Swimming
- 13th Labour Day
NO SCHOOL
- 14th Grade 4 Incursion – Project Rockit
- 14-15th Grade 5-6 Swimming Program
- 17th Curriculum Day
NO SCHOOL
- 21-22nd Grade 5-6 Swimming Program
- 23rd School Photos
- 24th Cross Country
- 27th – 30th Book Fair
- 31st Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm Finish



Attention Grade 5 and 6 Parents

Moving from primary to secondary college is a big step in an adolescent's life. It is an exciting and sometimes daunting stage in your child's education. The Victorian Education Department have put together a pack of resources to assist parents when choosing a secondary college, steps on how to transition to secondary college and Health and Wellbeing at secondary college.

We encourage all Grade 5 and 6 parents to take some time to have a look with their children at the link below.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/default.aspx>

Please note, many secondary colleges have exam periods coming up for extension learning programs. We encourage you to investigate these programs ASAP.

Kirsty Sheppard - Assistant Principal

Around the School – Performing Arts

Senior Choir at the Carnival

Thank you to the members of the Senior Choir for their energetic performance at the Carnival. What a success! Thank you to Mrs. Gianello and Ms. K Macdonald for preparing the choir for their first 2017 event. We are grateful for such a supportive parent community who ensure their children are on time for performances. We are Family! Well done everyone.

National Anthem Band

Congratulations to Olivia N and Lachlan F who made their first appearance as part of the National Anthem Band on Monday. We also have several keyboard and guitar players who are currently practising their notes and will soon be ready to play as part of the band. Parents and teachers are most welcome to join. Practices for this band are in the Music room during Friday lunchtime.

Junior Choir

Junior Choir rehearsals will be in the Music room for the first 20 minutes of Monday lunchtime.

Recorders

Thank you to those who have returned their recorder order. We are now waiting for our bulk order to be filled.

Christine Rainford and Kelly Macdonald - Performing Arts Teachers.

Canteen - Week of 13th March

Monday – NO SCHOOL

Tuesday – Linda Coaley

Wednesday – Emma D'Agostino, Natalie Le Clerc

Thursday – Nadia Kyriotis

Friday – CURRICULUM DAY


Around the School - PE

48 of our finest swimmers from grades 4-6 competed at the district swimming on Wednesday. After some amazing individual and team performances Coatesville finished 3rd overall. Congratulations to all that competed and thanks to all the community members who came to support our superstars. Good luck to the 11 students who will be competing at the division swimming this Friday.



Luke Bertucci – PE Teacher

Book Club



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**Monday 20th
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Dear Parents,

Jewish RE classes have started at Coatesville Primary on

Thursdays 8 – 8:45 AM, in the library.

UJEB have planned an interesting, interactive and fun program for this year.

The Festivals being taught this term are PURIM and PESACH [Passover].

Basic Hebrew terms and the Hebrew alphabet will be introduced in Term 2 as well, to complement the curriculum.

It is not too late to join.

Please enrol your child at www.ujeb.org.au or phone 9523 6844.