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Principal's Message

Last Friday 17th March and Saturday 18th March all staff completed a two day IB-PYP workshop on assessment in the PYP. The focus of assessment in an IB-PYP school is to help students develop the five essential elements of learning: the understanding of concepts, the acquisition of knowledge, the mastering of skills, the development of attitudes and the decision to take action. The workshop was a resounding success and a real affirmation that the assessment that is occurring across the school is evidence based and fits with current best practice. The workshop leaders were very complimentary about our programs and practices and also were astounded at the level of intellectual engagement of the staff throughout the workshop. Our staff have all come away with a bigger set of skills that will help them to gain a deeper and more detailed understanding of their students' and how to teach them at their point of need.



We would like to officially welcome Julie Kipps to our office staff, Julie will be taking on the Communications Manager role and looking after the School Website, Konnective and The Communicator, Julie will be joining us full time as of the beginning of Term 2.



We are happy to announce that works will begin on the new Sheffield St crossing in Term 2. Thanks to Aiden Atlas in 5RH who wrote to the Glen Eira Council about this issue a few years ago and also to Jonathan Zilberman, father of Jacob, Mia and Zoe who has been following this up persistently for more than two years.

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

We have been contacted by a neighbour who has had a parent park across their driveway in Garvey St (adjacent to the main entrance of school) on several occasions. This has meant that our neighbour could not leave for work. We ask that you please ensure that you are parking only in designated parking areas so that we can retain the harmonious relationship we have with the wider community.

Michael Jones - Principal

Assistant Principal Report

It was fantastic to participate in the IB-PYP workshop over the weekend. As a staff, we explored a range of assessment practices to take back and use within our classrooms.

Here are some staff reflections from the workshop:

- *"It was an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the strategies and resources I can implement into my classroom this week".*
- *"The PD allowed all of the teachers to reflect on their own practices and by doing so, develop a greater understanding of assessment and how we can collaborate to create personalised, engaging learning journeys for all our students".*
- *"We walked away with great acknowledgment of the wide range of assessment techniques currently used at Coatesville Primary School. We also became more aware of additional strategies which can be used in our planning to check for future student understanding. The Prep team are eager to embrace both peer and self assessment tools to allow for deeper student reflection".*
- *"It was a fantastic opportunity to gain a greater understanding of assessment in the PYP in a collaborative, inspiring and harmonious environment".*

Kirsty Page - Assistant Principal

Diary Dates

March

23rd School Photos

24th Cross Country

27th – 30th Book Fair

31st Last Day of Term 1
2.30pm Finish

April

17th Easter Monday
NO SCHOOL

18th Term 2 begins

20th Grade 2 excursion –
Ginger Bread
Factory

25th Anzac Day
NO SCHOOL

26th Grade 4 excursion –
Edendale Farm

May

1st-5th Grade 5 Camp

8th-12th Grade 6 Camp

20th Prep Open Morning



You are invited to attend the Term 1 2017 Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading!

This term's Book Fair theme is *Australia! Find your story at the Book Fair!*

Students will have access to a range of amazing books that they are able to choose on their own encouraging them to read more and build their reading skills. Reading is vital to every child's success. Classes will have the opportunity to attend Book Fair during their normal scheduled class time.

Book Fair Previews & Orders – Friday 24th March 2017

Sales & Orders – Monday 27th March – Friday 31st March

Book Fair Opening Times:

Monday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

Tuesday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

Wednesday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 5:00pm (Late Night Shopping)

Thursday 8:30 – 9:15am & 3:15 – 4:00pm

Friday 8:30 – 9:30am (Morning Only)

Location: Flexi Space (New Building)

Please remember *all purchases benefit our school!*

Canteen - Week of 27th March

Monday – Ali Dind

Tuesday – Lorraine Wright

Wednesday – Lisa White

Thursday – Help Required

Friday – Jackie Blake, Angela Waite, Amber Killian

Just a reminder ICAS registrations close next Monday 27th March. No entries after this date will be accepted. Forms are attached below.



Dear Parents/Guardians,

In our rapidly changing world, it is becoming more and more important for our children to develop strong skills as they progress through their education. While our curriculum-based assessments test a student's ability to recall what they have learned in a variety of subject areas, we think it's important to do more than that, particularly in the foundation years of schooling.

Therefore, Coatesville Primary School will be implementing ICAS, a comprehensive skills-based program that assesses higher order thinking and problem-solving skills. We believe ICAS will give us deep insight into our students' true capabilities and help us plan more effectively for their future years at school.

HOW ICAS IS DIFFERENT FROM THE OTHER ASSESSMENTS YOUR CHILD WILL TAKE:

1. ICAS can tell us whether students really understand what they are being taught.
2. ICAS can help us discover student talents and student weaknesses that don't always get picked up by the curriculum testing framework.
3. ICAS will not add extra workload to a student's study or homework regime because ICAS is an assessment they can't study for. It evaluates thinking and problem-solving ability, not memory.
4. ICAS's diagnostic reports will give all of us (teachers and parents) far more insight into your child's strengths and weaknesses. At school, we can act on that by tailoring our teaching and learning programs; at home, you will know where to direct more encouragement.
5. ICAS will also give us an external benchmark we can rely on to ensure our school is keeping pace with national and international standards—ICAS is the most comprehensive international assessment program, with schools in over 20 countries participating every year.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE

If you would like your child to participate, please complete the permission slip and return it, with payment to the school no later than Monday 27th March.

Registrations will open Thursday 9th March and close on Monday 27th March.

PLEASE NOTE LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Kind regards
Kirsty Page
Assistant Principal

2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Registration Form

Please return this form to your child's school by **Monday 27th March**

I give permission for my child _____ of _____
Child's name Class

to participate in the following 2017 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS):

Please select the subjects you would like your child to enter:

Subject/Paper	School Years	Official Sitting Date	Entry fee, incl. GST	Fee enclosed
Science	3 – 6	30 May 2017	\$9.90	
Writing	3 – 6	12 - 16 June 2017	\$19.80	
Spelling	3 – 6	14 June 2017	\$13.20	
English	3 – 6	1 August 2017	\$9.90	
Mathematics	3 – 6	15 August 2017	\$9.90	
			TOTAL	

Students should sit on the official sitting date for each subject to be eligible for UNSW medals.

Kirsty Sheppard
Assistant Principal

 Name of Parent/Guardian Date

Payment Made by: (Please circle)

QKR BPAY CREDIT CARD CASH

Credit Card Details:

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Amount: \$ _____ Signature: _____



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- Building and exploring real life Machines and Mechanisms
- Investigating powered machines with the motor
- Using plastic sheets for calibration and capturing wind
- Exploring gearing mechanisms with the assorted gear wheels

The 11-week course will begin in term 2, on Thursday the 20th of April, lunchtimes, at a cost of \$165 per student. The course will be held at Coatesville Primary.

For more information please contact

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Critical Dates

Information Evening

Wednesday 19th April, 2017
7:30pm
in the Learning Centre

Applications close

Friday 5th May, 2017

Selection Test

Saturday 13th May, 2017
9:00am – 12:00pm in the
Learning Centre. Cost \$60.00

2017 COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

Thursday May 4th

Commencing 7:00pm

Held in the Performing Arts Centre

For further information about our Open Night or to organise a personal tour of the college, conducted by a member of our Leadership Team, please contact the General Office on 9579 1044 or visit our website — www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au

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