



Newsletter

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Principal's Report

Dear students and families,

Thank you to those families who were able to attend and participate in the **PACTS** (Parents As Career Transition Support) meeting last night. The PACTS Program provides parents, guardians, grandparents and carers with up-to-date information about educational pathways, which enables them to support their child effectively when they're making career transition decisions in their last years of school life. PACTS is facilitated by Youth Connect, and the meeting was supported by Elaine Louder (Careers teacher), Nick Fisher (Pathways coordinator) and Shaun Bacon.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents who are supporting our **Parents and Friends** group who meet in the Wellbeing Room straight after assembly every Wednesday morning. This group of parents has worked hard to put together a couple of fund-raising activities – the next one is our **Mother's Day Stall** (details in this week's newsletter). Yesterday, we had some speakers from **Child First** come to talk about the services and supports that are available to families. There were lots of questions and great discussion. Everyone is welcome to attend, and if you have any questions, please feel free to call Peter Scott or Jenny Camm (9788 2222) to get details of our next events and speakers.

Don't forget our forthcoming **student-free day** on **Monday 9th May**, when teachers will be undertaking professional development activities.

Sue—Principal
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The back gate is now open at 2.50pm in the afternoon for all parents to enter and pick their children up at the rotunda near the bus sheds.

On Friday Naranga School had their first ANZAC Day ceremony at our school based memorial. This memorial area was built last year by our upper junior students and staff with funding support from Frankston RSL. This was only the second ceremony held since its completion. All students and staff attended at noon and Bill Hickman, a returned serviceman and grandparent of a past student attended and took part as a representative of the Frankston Branch of the RSL. Acknowledging this special time was an opportunity for students to be involved in related curriculum leading up to the event and after. It was wonderful to see all our students show respect and interest. A number of students engaged in discussions with Bill after the ceremony. Sue Coull and Julian Pharaoh accompanied two senior school students (Jesslyn and Alex) to the schools' ANZAC Ceremony held at the Seaford RSL.

Shaun—Assistant Principal

**ANZAC
DAY**



Term 2 2016 important dates

9am every Wednesday-school assembly

Wed 4th May— Mother's Day Stall

Mon 9th May—Student Free Day **no school**

Monday 13th June – QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY

Friday 24th June – last day of term 2

Term 3

Tue 23rd Aug—Curriculum Day

Please remember that you are always very welcome to join us for our **whole-school assembly** at 9am every **Wednesday**.

There will be a morning tea after assembly each week at 9.25am for ALL PARENTS & FRIENDS in the Welfare Room.

ALL PARENTS ARE WELCOME



School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

- NEWS -

BE SAFE * BE RESPECTFUL * BE RESPONSIBLE * BE A LEARNER

Student of the Week

At this week's Assembly we held our SWPBS Raffle. This school wide raffle celebrates students who display our values and meet expectations. Students can receive tickets from staff for doing the right thing. Our first winners for term 2 were **Riley H, Billy H** and **Mia S**. Well done! An extra congratulation to Riley who has now won Student of the Week three times this year! Amazing!



STAR STUDENTS



SWPBS Class of the Week

The class of the week is Junior Wrighton. JW has been working on moving to class safely and quietly after being in the playground. They use a circle and play a game before walking quietly to the classroom to begin working.



Friday Morning Basketball

Playing times for Friday 29th April.
Parents are welcome to meet for a coffee and some morning tea next to Court 1 at 10:15am each week.

9.45am

Naranga Purple
Naranga Orange

10.10am

Naranga Gold
Naranga White

10.35am

Naranga Red
Naranga Blue
Naranga Yellow

11.00am

Naranga Gold



Top ten tips for parents
"Educating – Protecting – Empowering"

Hi All,

As you might know Naranga is an eSmart School. Being eSmart means being safe when using communications technologies such as the internet 😊. On the Naranga web site www.naranga.vic.edu.au we have their ten top tips for parents. Tip number 4 is for sleepy time at home

4. lights out = wifi off.

MOTHER'S DAY STALL

WEDNESDAY 4TH MAY & THURSDAY 5TH MAY

Prices from \$5 to \$10



Please send child with money and a bag to hide the present.



Hands on Program - Pathways Fisher



In the past few months the Hands on Program (HOP) have been renovating the senior garden to improve its usability.

We have learned how to be SAFE with the tools, to use them correctly and to RESPECT other students while they are using the equipment.



We have been LEARNERS in working out the right measurements for sleepers and their supports. We counted, priced and ordered the correct amount of equipment for a brand new garden bed.



We have all managed to work independently and in small groups and have been very RESPONSIBLE.

By Jordan R and Josh K



School Photos

Photo day took place on Tuesday 26th April. The envelopes and money are due back by **Tuesday 10th May.** On photo day, every child was photographed, regardless of whether they had their envelopes or not.

Kitchen Garden Program

Thank you for the kind donation by the Williamson family of vegie scraps for our compost bin. The worms will love it. Happy Composting!!!



Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund

CSEF – Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund applications are still open. These applications can be processed up until the end of Term 2 being 24th June 2016. If you have any queries please contact the school office on 9788 2222.

State Schools' Relief

As part of the Victorian Government's Affordable Uniform Program, every Prep government school student who is a recipient of the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund (CSEF) automatically qualifies for a uniform pack voucher.

Parents must apply for CSEF by the 24th June before they can apply to the school.

Eligible parents who have already purchased their child's uniforms for the year can select items of a larger size. For CSEF information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or SSR 8769 8400

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We have a very exciting timetable for the upcoming school holidays and would love if you could share it with your families.

Please access our website for more information.

Change of Student Details

If you have moved, have a new phone number or any other details have changed, could you please notify the Naranga School office asap to enable us to amend our student records.

We need to keep our records up to date at all times in case we need to contact you urgently.

All details are confidential.

Essential Educational Items

If you have not yet paid for your essential educational items (school contribution levies) could you please do so as soon as possible. Payments can be made on a quarterly basis, ie \$50 per term.

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Parenting *ideas* INSIGHTS

Building parent-school partnerships

WORDS Jason Fox

Don't be daft about Minecraft

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If you have a young child or teenager, chances are you've heard about Minecraft. It's a video game that's kind of like digital LEGO, except that you're in an ever-evolving world with seemingly limitless possibilities. It's a game that inspires deep exploration, collaboration and creativity.

It has been the subject of international conventions. Some schools and universities have even incorporated Minecraft into their curriculum, where students learn about city planning, environmental issues, getting things done, and even how to plan for the future, as well as things like maths and problem solving.

The open sandbox nature of Minecraft makes it one of the most exciting games on the market – and not because of its flash graphics or blood and gore (there are none of those). The gameplay experience design just works. And on top of all that, it's rated one of the safest video games for kids ever.

But parents are worried.

And rightfully so, to a degree. Too much of a good thing can be a bad thing.

But some parents are freaking out about the amount of time their kids are investing in the game, and are imposing blanket bans of it without first understanding its magic.

So, let's have a look at what makes Minecraft so engaging, why blanket bans aren't a good idea, and how to manage your child's play.

Minecraft is an infinite, non-winnable game. Unlike a book, a game of chess, or a football match, a Minecraft game doesn't end. There's always more that can be explored, and more that can be done. The projects you undertake in Minecraft are self-initiated: no one is telling you what to do. And the process of making progress within Minecraft is completely autonomous – no one is telling you how to execute your projects and achieve your goals. It's self-regulated learning at its finest.

So, when a parent bans Minecraft it's a lot different to banning other games. You're not simply cutting your child out from a source of entertainment. You're preventing them from accessing a world where it's safe to fail, learn, explore, build and share. In essence: it can be pretty devastating – particularly when we put things back into the context of the future of work.

Why? Because your child's ability to participate in and contribute to unprecedented, self-driven, creative and collaborative work is going to be one of the key employable talents in the future. Your child could already be building a digital portfolio of project work, without you even knowing it.

But being able to 'unplug' and manage time and energy are essential skills your child needs to learn too. So, here are three ways you can help them manage Minecraft in your house:

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... Don't be daft about Minecraft ...

1 Show genuine interest (this should be your first step)

If your child plays Minecraft, ask them to take you on a tour. Show an interest in their passion, and ask them questions like: what are you trying to build? What are your goals? What are the steps you need to take? What's the coolest thing you've found? Set aside at least an hour for this. It's highly likely they'd love the chance to share this with you, which will help you to open up a new level of connection with them.

2 Encourage interactivity correctly

Minecraft's multiplayer mode allows your child to play and build in the same online world as their friends.

But remember: there are a lot of idiots on the internet, so do the following two things:

- a) Create your own server or 'whitelist' – it's like having an invite-only friend list.
- b) Use a family-friendly server – you can Google these to find the right one to play in.

3 Don't ban – bracket

Banning something like Minecraft should be the very last resort, as it usually only serves to enhance the craving for it. Instead, make it part of their daily 'free time'. Try not to have this at the end of the day or make it contingent on homework being completed, as this may only create angst, rushed homework and late nights. After school is best, especially if it's bracketed by dinnertime, where all phones and computers are turned off.

My true hope is that you give option #1 a very good go first. And if #1, #2, #3 don't work, I'm hoping you've found them an even better game to play.

Jason Fox



CHECK OUT MINECRAFT:

» Check out the Minecraft review at The Parent's Guide to Video Games:
<http://safevideogames.blogspot.com.au/2011/01/minecraft-review.html>

» And this wonderful article from Penny Flanagan of Kidspot:
<http://parenting.kidspot.com.au/what-is-minecraft/>

» And finally, check out the brilliant work of Dean Groom and Massively Minecraft (a place for both kids and parents to play):
<http://massively.jokaydia.com/>

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