Dear students, family & friends

Term 3 has started with lots of changes!

The Lower Juniors have now moved into their beautiful new Junior School building. It took us all – adults as well as children! – to get used to the new layout of the building. The students have had great fun working out how their new classroom should be set up, and teachers are loving the bright spacious classrooms. The therapy room is in constant use, and this week the library has been hosting the Book Fair.

Another change was the move made by the Upper Junior classes into the classrooms previously used by the Lower Juniors (and the Seniors before that!), and the Pathways classes have moved into the portables vacated by the Upper Juniors. An additional class has been created in the Upper Juniors, and we welcome our new teacher, Mrs Leiva, to the school community.

At assembly last week I announced to the school community that I am leaving Naranga at the end of this term. I am taking up the role of Principal at a small independent school for children with social and emotional disorders, The Currajong School. It has been a difficult decision to move on from Naranga. I have taken great pleasure in working with such wonderful children and their families during the past eight years. It has also been a huge privilege to work alongside teachers and other staff who have such a depth and breadth of skill, enormous empathy and genuine compassion.

I am, nevertheless, excited to be moving on to the next phase of my career. There will be a celebration at the end of the term to which the whole school community will be invited. Thank you to the many people who have already expressed their congratulations.

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Principal

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BOOK FAIR

Book Fair has now ended. Thank you to all the families that visited and purchased on behalf of the school.

NEWSLETTER

As mentioned earlier this year, this will be the last newsletter that will be printed and sent home with the students. You can either install the FlexiBuzz app on your phone, read it on the website or ask the office to directly email the newsletter. If none of these options are suitable for you, please call the office and a paper copy will be sent home with your child.

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9am every Wednesday—School Assembly

Term 3 Important Dates
Fri 26th July  Athletics Carnival
Wed 31st July  Career Expo 5pm-7.30pm
Exhibits & guest speakers re NDIS & Disability Support Pension
Mon 5th Aug  Curriculum Day-pupil free day
Wed 7th—Fri 9th Aug  Life Ed for Seniors
Mon12th-Wed 14th Aug  Senior School Camp
Mon 9th-Fri 13th Sept  Y10 Work Experience

Term 4 Important Dates
Mon 28th Oct  School Concert
Mon 11th-Thurs 14th Nov  Pathways Camp

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.
Funky Farm is located in Coolart Rd Hasting and is home to over 200 animals including horses, cows, sheep, goats and native wildlife such as reptiles, crocodiles, dingos, wombats, & kangaroos. The farm is open to the public on certain days. Call 1300 386 593.
CARER GRANTS NOW OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

Carers will have more opportunities to be healthy, active and connected to other carers with applications now open for carer grants programs. Over the next 4 years the Victorian Government will provide $4 million for two major grants programs. One grants program is for local organisations to partner with local groups of carers to have gatherings, physical activities or social events. The other grants program is for statewide organisations to partner with carer representative or advocacy groups to implement better support opportunities and improved conditions for carers across Victoria.

Supporting Carers Locally Grants Program
Grants from $1,000 to $20,000 are available for groups of local carers, together with local organisations such as councils, Neighbourhood Houses, Community Health Centres or local sport and recreation clubs. The aim is for local carers to have opportunities to get together and be supported so they can enjoy each other company, learn more about local services available to them and the person they care for, and improve their health and wellbeing. The grants can assist with such things as activities, venues, staff, refreshments and transport, all of which help improve carers’ physical and mental health by strengthening connections with family, friends and other local carers.

Please be aware that to apply for a grant under this program an Australian Business Number (ABN) is required for funds to be provided if the application is successful. Carer groups or associations that wish to apply for a grant but do not have an ABN will need to use an auspice organisation to support their application. An auspice organisation can receive grant funds on behalf of a group and will also take responsibility for making sure a grant project is carried out and completed. Carer groups may already have a connection with a local school or council, a not-for-profit organisation or a sport or recreation club that would become a partner for the grant application.

For more information go to https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/victorian-carers
Carers Victoria is available to answer questions and help those wishing to apply for a Supporting Carers Locally Grant. Please ring Carers Victoria on 1800 514 845 or email enquiries@carersvictoria.org.au
Interpreters are also available if required.

Carer Organisations Statewide Partnership Grants Program
Grants from $100,000 to $250,000 are available to enable partnerships between carer specific and other organisations. The aim of these partnerships is to develop state wide approaches to improving conditions and opportunities for carers.

Examples of the focus and results of potential partnerships include:
- Better workplace conditions for carers
- Improved support in schools for students who have care responsibilities at home
- Improved access and support for carers from health service providers

For more information go to https://www2.health.vic.gov.au/victorian-carers
For any questions email victoriancarerstrategy@dhhs.vic.gov.au

Applications for both of these grants programs need to be submitted to the Department of Health and Human Services for assessment by 5pm, Monday 19 August 2019. For full application guidelines and to apply go to www2.health.vic.gov.au/victorian-carers
All Abilities Basketball
Weekly court fees of $10 which covers weekly game fees and a trophy at the end of each season (June & December).
Call Chris Whateley on 0402 723 457.