Student Leadership

Leadership can be directly linked to Service and Service is a component of our School’s strategic intent, where we provide opportunities for students to serve and learn to develop, an understanding of the responsibilities, that come with being part of a local and global community.

By doing so, we aim to raise the students’ awareness of the needs of others, and develop their attitude of empathy and compassion to others. It is about serving others before themselves! We need to foster a leadership culture within all Year 6 students and provide them with both the support and opportunities to experience and develop their leadership skills and potential. In this way, students will hopefully recognise that leadership is an ongoing learning process and one, which is developed through attitude, education and experience.

The rationale for this type of leadership includes:
- Every student in Year 6 has the shared responsibility to lead the Primary student population
- Every student in Year 6 has the right to develop his or her own leadership qualities
- Leadership is based on service to others.

For these reasons, our Student Leadership model looks different to previous models. Opportunities for leadership will be available to all Year 6 students, who are interested in exploring their leadership potential. A distributed leadership model across a variety of areas will be introduced in which all interested students in Year 6, will experience a position of responsibility. This approach will provide authentic opportunities and training for the students to develop their leadership skills.

We will offer a number of Service roles for interested students where staff require assistance, such as Sport, Arts and ICT. Teachers will work with the students to help them develop their leadership skills, to support fellow students and to benefit the wider school community. We believe such roles will enable the students to gain valuable leadership experience by growing in confidence, building teamwork, working collaboratively, solving problems, making decisions and thus, becoming responsible citizens and positive role models. We will actively promote the need for all interested students to demonstrate leadership by example and through service.

In the context of servant leadership, the following quote succinctly sums up the importance of our new Student leadership model in 2019:

“Student leadership is arguably the most beneficial extracurricular activity a person can perform while in school. Though there are no grades and zero credits to earn, the experience gained from a leadership role will be valuable for a lifetime. A school leader is thrown into a learning environment that encourages hands-on experience. Planning, decision making, communicating, and working as a teammate are all skills that you will build as a student leader. Trust me, you don’t build these portable leadership skills when studying for an exam or sitting in a lecture”. (Anonymous)
This year, our Student Representative Council (SRC) will be overseen by Maria Grawich & Chris Schepis. The rationale and aims for our SRC are:

Rationale: our school is a partnership between teachers, parents, students and the community. Student input into formal decision-making is integral to our mutual success. A formal and structured SRC will provide a forum for students to express their views.

Aims: to provide a democratic process for effectively gathering and expressing students’ opinions, suggestions and recommendations regarding school related issues that affect their lives.

Other features of the Student Representative Council will include:
- At the beginning of each year, class teachers oversee elections for a representative.
- Membership of the SRC will be chosen by their peers from Year 1 to Year 6.
- One member will be elected from each class in the school.
- The school leaders will also be a member of the SRC.
- Children can only be elected once as an SRC representative in their school life.

The SRC for 2019 is made up of our School Leaders: Charlotte Prendergast, Christian Morrison, Lilly Euvrard & Samantha Crilly, who will take it in turns to attend the meetings. Our 2019 class representatives are:

Year 1/2: Evie Singline & Ruby Howie
Year 3/4: Milla Preston & Charlotte Fawcett
Year 5/6: Jesse Cooke & Lily Bennett
From the Principal’s Desk contd....

School Social Gathering
I thank those families who attended the ‘Welcome Night’ held last Friday evening run by our Parents & Friends. It was an opportunity to socialise and to just take the time to chill out and enjoy each other’s company, it was the perfect way to start the year. Unfortunately, we were well down on numbers, which was very disappointing! I ask families in future, to please make gatherings such as this one, a priority, as it is important everyone joins in when functions are held. As always, if you have an idea that would bring our community together, please share your thoughts with a P&F member, or come to a meeting to do so in person. The next P&F meeting is being held when school finishes (around 3:20pm) on Tuesday February 26th.

School Evacuation
Dangers inside the building, from fire to a toxic chemical spill or issues in the yard, or the immediate area necessitate an immediate evacuation or lockdown. The only way to ensure that cool heads prevail in a crisis, and that all arrive safely outside/inside the building, is to have a clearly defined and well practised evacuation plan in place. A crisis can happen at any time, anywhere and we are well prepared for any potential crisis.

In addition to establishing a plan, we ensure that there is adequate preparation and all are clear of expectations and procedures about what to do when a crisis occurs, this ensures that staff and students know exactly what to do and when to do it. On Tuesday at the first break, Wendy Sanders (OH&S / Risk Assessment Officer) coordinated our first drill of the year, where we pretended that there was an intruder in our yard. Everyone was quickly moved from outside, to a lockdown inside. At the end of the day all staff gathered to debrief after the experience where all reflected on what went well and what didn’t go so well. We will be running a drill each term across the year.

Monday Morning Gatherings
We have decided to gather on the grid outside as a community each Monday morning, to welcome everyone to school, play the National Anthem as the flag is raised, sing happy birthday to those who celebrate their birthday during the week and to relay to all the special happenings of the week. Students who have arrived at school, will gather with staff at 8:50am each Monday, finishing in time to start lessons at 9am. Students arriving after we have started, simply join in as you arrive.

Sign-in/Sign-out Electronic System
You will notice at the front office, the manual system for individuals visiting our school has been replaced with an electronic version. In future, if you are helping in the classrooms, or assisting with activities, you will sign-in on the computer. After you have signed in the first time, the system will remember you, with only the date & reason for your visit needing to be changed. Your picture and name will print on a sticker for your to wear whilst you are in the school. Please remember to sign-out as you leave. Once the student database has been loaded, students will also use this electronic system to sign-in/out as they arrive late, leave for an appointment or head off before school ends.

A reminder that there will be no school for students on Friday March 8th

Thank you, Terry Brennan.
Administration Information

You may be eligible to claim the Camps, Sports & Excursion Fund, and the School Fee Assistance Scheme. Please read on for further details regarding these schemes!!

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND

The Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF) is again available to eligible families for 2019, providing payments for eligible students to attend camps, sports and excursions.

TO BE ELIGIBLE for a Primary School Student: On the first day of Term 1 (29th Jan 2019) OR the first day of Term 2 (Tuesday 23rd April 2019), a parent or legal guardian of a student must:

- Be an eligible beneficiary of one of these cards: Veterans Affairs Gold Card, Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card
- OR they must be a temporary Foster Parent
- AND the parent/legal guardian must submit an application form by the due date

Eligibility will be determined when the parent’s concession card successfully validates with Centrelink on either the first day of Term 1 or Term 2. If the eligible card is in the name of the student, the fund is only granted to that student, not to their siblings.

For the purpose of CSEF, students may be eligible for assistance if they attend a Victorian Registered primary or secondary school. Typically, these students are aged between 5 & 18 years. CSEF is not payable to students attending Kindergarten, TAFE or who are home schooled.

CSEF Applications for 2019 are now open. Parents/legal guardians who completed an application form in 2018 and are still eligible, do not need to resubmit a new claim form. The CSEF is an annual payment of $125 per student made directly to the school, and payments are tied to the eligible student. If you are eligible, please see Mandy in the office for an Application form, and ensure you bring your card with you for proof of eligibility. Note Application forms need to be completed and lodged ASAP as payments will be made early in March.

FAMILY FEE ASSISTANCE SCHEME

The ‘Family Fee Assistance Scheme’ is again continuing in 2019 across all Ballarat Diocesan Catholic Primary Schools. This Scheme offers a tuition fee concession to families who hold a Health Care Card or Pension Card. Families who qualify for this Scheme will receive a reduction in school fees with proof of eligibility. The discounted fee covers tuition and capital fees only. It does not cover additional charges such as camps, book hire, subject levies, etc. Speak to Mandy in the Office to complete an Application letter/further information about the Family Fee Assistance Scheme, please bring your card for proof of eligibility.
Conveyance Allowance

The Travel Conveyance Allowance is available to eligible families to assist with the cost of transporting students to school. Distance is now measured by the shortest practicable route between the student’s place of residence and their school. Please see Mandy for Application Forms. To be eligible to claim Conveyance Allowance the student/s must:

- Attend the closest school of the chosen denominational group;
- Be of school age (5 to 18 years old at the time of application) and reside in Victoria;
- Live 4.8kms or more from the school measured by the shortest practical route;
- The residential address should be based on the Rural Road Numbering System. Mailbox and PO Box addresses cannot be used;
- Must attend an eligible school within the conveyance area;

Families applying for the Conveyance Allowance for 2019 PLEASE NOTE:

- Parents who successfully applied and received the Conveyance Allowance in 2018 are not required to complete a new application unless their details have changed.
- All Applications MUST be returned no later than Friday 8th March, 2019.
- Parents/Guardians are responsible for notifying the school of any change to the information noted on their previous School Conveyance Allowance Application Form within 7 days of any changed circumstances!
- Four payments for 2019 Claims will be made towards the end of each school term. Please note that due to Gov. guidelines, no claim is allowed to be paid without the appropriate documentation.

St Augustine’s 2019 Sacramental Program

TERM 1:
Tuesday 26th February: Parent meeting & registration for all 2019 Sacraments in the school hall, 4pm
Tuesday 26th March: Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by Mass, 9:15am

TERM 2
Wednesday 1st May: Parent meeting for Confirmation in Prep Class, 4pm
19th, 26th May & 2nd June: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 9th June: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at 8:45am Mass

TERM 4
Wednesday 16th October: Parent meeting for Eucharist in Prep Class, 4pm
27th Oct, 10th & 17th Nov: Dismissal Sundays at St A’s Church, 8:45am Mass
Sunday 24th Nov: Celebration of the Sacrament of Eucharist at 8:45am Mass
Tuesday 26th Nov: Year 6 Reconciliation, St A’s Church at 9:15am, followed by Mass at 10am
# Important Dates

## Term 1 Dates:

**Feb.**
- Mon 25th & Tues 26th: Maria & Emma out (attending 2 day Professional Development)
- Tuesday 26th: Chris out (Professional Development)
- Tuesday 26th: Parent Meeting for the 2019 Sacramental Program, 4-5pm

**Mar.**
- **Friday 1st:** NO Tuckshop being held today!!
- Friday 1st: Whole school swimming program commences (*Friday’s only / 5 sessions*)
- Friday 1st: Join us for the 3/4 Class (CC) Assembly, 3pm in the hall
- Tuesday 5th: Shrove Tuesday
- Wednesday 6th: ASH WEDNESDAY whole school Mass at 10am (*everyone welcome*)
- **Friday 8th:** School Closure Day (*RE Professional Development*)
- **Monday 11th:** PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- Tuesday 12th: Foundation students commence 5 days per week
- Tuesday 12th: Both Year 1/2 classes attending Mass at 10am (*all are welcome to attend*)
- Friday 15th: Whole school swimming program (*Session 2*)
- Friday 15th: Join us for the 1/2 Class (EP) Assembly, 3pm in the hall
- Monday 18th: Maria out (Religious Education Cluster)
- Friday 22nd: Whole school swimming program (*Session 3*)
- Mon 25th & Tues 26th: Emma & Estelle out (attending 2 day Professional Development)
- Tuesday 26th: Celebration of Sacrament of Reconciliation at 9:15am
- Tuesday 26th: Both Year 3/4 classes attending Mass at 10am (*all are welcome to attend*)
- Thursday 28th: Tuck-Shop Sushi Day
- Friday 29th: Whole school swimming program (*Session 4*)
- Friday 29th: Join us for the 1/2 Class (EM) Assembly, 3pm in the hall

**April**
- Friday 5th: Whole school swimming program (*Session 5 / final session*)
- Friday 5th: LAST DAY of Term 1

## Term 2 Dates:

**April**
- Tuesday 23rd: Term 2 commences, 9am
- Tues 23rd & Wed 24th: Yr 5/6 Camp to Sovereign Hill Costume School/Pax Hill
- **Thursday 25th:** ANZAC Day Holiday

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**2nd Hand Uniform Shop News**

Hello Everyone, the 2nd Hand Uniform shop is now up and running. If you are looking for a 2nd hand item, please text me on ph: 0429 130 672 and include details of what you are looking for (including size). I ask that you don't phone me, as I work most days and am unable to take your calls while I'm working. There are several items currently available so please don’t hesitate to get in touch if you need something. Stock is now (well almost) sorted and on clothes racks etc. My aim is to have the 2nd Hand Uniform shop open on a regular basis.

At this stage the 2nd Hand Uniform shop operates on a cash only system, as we do not have any facilities to store cash, therefore, no change is available. If you do not have the correct money on the day of purchase, we can arrange for the items to be left in the school office to be paid for and collected at a time suitable to you.

I will keep you updated in future newsletters of any changes or updated information.

Thank you, Narelle Barrett.
Ethical Purchasing of Easter Chocolate

In 2015, Pope Francis said that “every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act.”

Cocoa is a key ingredient of chocolate. Much of the chocolate sold in Australia is made using cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved, or forced to work in exploitative conditions. Most of these children have never even tasted chocolate.

To buy slavery-free Easter chocolate, please refer to any of these three certification symbols on the wrapper. If you have any questions access ACRATH at: https://acrath.org.au/slaveryfree

Welcome back to another exciting year!

I want to thank all the wonderful families and children that I have had the opportunity of working alongside throughout 2018. I also want to remind new and current families that if you require any parenting support throughout the coming year, please do not hesitate to drop into school Thursday’s between the hours of 8:30am – 3pm. I am also available on mobile: 0419 400 164 Mon – Thursday’s.

Regards,

Sharalle Raven
Parenting Practitioner/School Support
Centacare Family Relationship Centre
34 Peel Street North
Ballarat 3350

www.centacareballarat.org.au
Daylesford Secondary College Transition Dates for 2019

OPEN NIGHT: Wednesday 13th March
TRANSITION DAY: Friday 10th May (Year 5/6 Students)
OPEN AFTERNOON: Monday 2nd Sept (afternoon tours & info. Session to follow)
YEAR 7 2020 INFO. EVENING: Monday 2nd December at 6pm
ORIENTATION DAY: Tuesday 10th December

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2019
HEATHER MUTOIMER HONOUR ROLL 2019
RECOGNISING EXTRAORDINARY WOMEN IN OUR SHIRE

EVENT DETAILS:
Friday, 8 March 2019
6pm
Creswick Town Hall
68 Albert Street, Creswick

Celebrating inspiring women and paying tribute to those in the Shire whose contributions, courage and examples have led to significant social change for women.

International Women’s Day 2019 campaign theme is #BalanceforBetter
Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the event
Bookings essential at: www.trybooking.com/ZOHG
NOTE TERM 1 CHANGES

Due to the swimming program being held on Friday's in Term 1, the availability of tuck-shop will be impacted, therefore, changes have been made to work around swimming! NOTE the dates/details listed below, to ensure you are aware of the changes.

* Friday 1st March  -   NO Tuckshop running
* Thursday 7th March -  Tuckshop running → Melissa Singh assisting
* Thursday 14th March - Tuckshop running → Annaleise Robinson assisting
* Thursday 21st March - Tuckshop running → Leanne Burns assisting
* Thursday 28th March - ** Sushi Day ** → Brooke Stanton assisting
* Thursday 4th April   -  Tuckshop running → Marie Williams assisting

Note lunch orders MUST still be placed by 9:30am each Wednesday, with cash orders being handed either into the office or classrooms by 9am, to ensure they do not miss the 9:30am deadline! A big THANK YOU to the Clunes Bakery (O'Kelly family) who have accepted the shorter order time, understanding due to swimming, this change had to be made. Matthew & Wendy O'Kelly have been amazing, they have kindly assisted me with the tuckshop changes/suppliers, etc. and without their help, I know the tuckshop would not be up and running as it is - thank you so much Matthew & Wendy!!

Thank you also to the volunteers for term 1! I now request assistance for term 2. My aim is for each family to assist **only once** for the year, so if everyone is willing, this will be possible. In term 2, tuckshop will run each Friday, dates will be made available next newsletter for families to choose a date that is suitable to them. Please either advise Mandy or myself, as to which date you wish to place your name down. Thank you!!

A reminder should a student place a lunch order via the App, then be unwell/absent from school on the tuckshop day, a credit note will be issued.

In the meantime, you have any queries regarding the Tuck-Shop in 2019, please contact me on 0459 126 895.

Thank you,

Amelia Singline.

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Loving Father, Bless our School.
Bless our staff, Bless our families,
Bless our friends, Bless each one of us.
May we live and work together,
always glad to help each other.
May we live and grow together,
happy in your loving care.

AMEN.