It has been great walking around the classrooms and playground to see how well the children have settled into the new year.

All classes have started to talk about Your Job, My Job, Our Job. This is a way of setting the tone of the classroom that gives the students responsibility for their learning and their choices. It is a positive approach to outline the expectations of student work behaviours and social behaviours. This is a continuation of the introduction of mindsets and developing students as independent learners.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

In light of the widespread hoax threats made to a number of schools across Australia last week and this week, we are in the process of reviewing our emergency management procedures. Today we held a practice emergency evacuation, which was notified by a letter home last night. Whilst we do not always announce when we undertake a drill we have on this occasion to avoid any unnecessary concern, given the high volume of hoax threats currently being made to schools around Victoria and many other parts of Australia.

PARENT CONTACTS

As part of this process we are checking the accuracy of all Parent contact details, so that we can contact parents in an emergency.

Yesterday a green letter was sent home in regards to the Emergency evacuation but also with your current contact details listed. Please check that these detail are correct. If they are correct please tick and return. If they are incorrect please update your contact details, including your address. We are also asking for you to list 3 emergency contacts. This is important as there are times we are not able to contact parents or the numbers are incorrect.

Please return these green forms to your child’s classroom teacher as soon as possible.

FOUNDATION SCHOOL TIMES

Our Foundation children will be attending school Monday – Thursdays all day (8:45 – 3:15). The children do not attend school on Fridays, but they will be coming in for individual testing with their classroom teacher. Please see class teachers regarding a timetable if you cannot remember your time. This will begin tomorrow 5th Feb.

PORTABLE CLASSROOMS

Today we received two new portable classrooms. We have been able to secure these classrooms as all of our classrooms in our buildings are being utilised. These classrooms should be ready for use by the end of February, all going to plan. In these classrooms will be Mrs. Commerford teaching Science 3 days a week and in the other room will be Mrs. Hemmings with support groups 3 days a week.
We have subscribed to an App for iPhone, Android and Windows devices. The app allows schools to:

- Communicate with Parents via push notifications.
- Communicate directly to parents via the Skoolbag App by uploading school newsletters, school notices, school alerts, school permission notes and other documents.
- Parents can update details and complete absent forms through the App.
- Publish reminders
- Publish upcoming events

A number of staff are completing training on the administration of the app so we are able to utilise it to the best of our ability.

It will be a fantastic way of being able to communicate to our parents about school events and activities. (Especially if your child forgets to bring home the newsletter).

Please refer to the attached sheet for downloading instructions. Please see Mr Tactor if you have any questions.

**ASSEMBLY**

We will not be having an assembly next Monday as we have our Swimming Sports at the Moe outdoor pool.

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**SOUTH STREET SWIMMING CARNIVAL-MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2016**

South Street’s swimming carnival will be held on Monday, February 8th at the Moe outdoor pool.

The day will see the grade 3-6s walk to the pool for a 9.30am start. Capable and confident swimmers in the 9/10, 11 and 12/13 year old age groups will then compete in a series of 50 metre swimming races to assist in the selection of our swimming team for the Western Valley Interschool Swimming Carnival.

During the day the Foundation, grade one and grade two students will be walking to the pool and they will enjoy short, fun activities in the wading pool. Ask classroom teachers for individual class times.

Obviously at this time of the year students will be required to be super sun-smart with hats, plenty of sun-screen and drink bottles. Students are also required to bring their own snacks and lunch as we will not be using the canteen.

Come dressed to impress in as much of your team colour as possible no matter how wacky!!!!

House points and ribbons will be awarded throughout the day for students competing in events, best team chants, team spirit and best dressed!!!!!!!!!

Parents are welcome and we hope to see you all there.

Jessica Ross (Health and Physical Education Teacher).

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**ASTHMA MANAGEMENT PLANS**

If your child is an asthmatic, please ensure you supply the school with your child’s [Ventolin and Spacer and a current/unupdated Asthma Management Plan](#). Forms can be collected from the front office.

Asthma Plans should be updated every 12 months.
**STUDENT SCHOOL BANKING**

School Banking day is Tuesday. Any children who would like to do Student Banking are Invited to ask at the office for a form.

**CANTEEN “SNACK ATTACK”**

The canteen will be open Mondays for snacks at **Recess only** with the help of the grade 5/6s.

Lunch orders will be available on Wednesdays and Fridays. The canteen is also open for recess and lunch on both days.

The canteen is operated with the help of volunteers, so if any parents would like to help, we would love to hear from you. Please catch up with Mandy Wiggins or leave your name at the office if you are able to help.

**SPARGO PHOTOGRAPHY**

School photos will be taken on Wednesday, 16th March, 2016.

To ensure that your photos are returned as quickly as possible, please follow these quick and easy guidelines.

- Please write clearly on your child’s envelope (Block letters preferred).
- If possible please don’t use small change as this can break or fall out of your envelope. If this is not possible, please tape up the sides or put the money in a freezer bag then inside your envelope.
- For on-line orders, complete an envelope and record the Order Number in the “online Order#” section on the envelope.
- All children must have their own envelope with them when being photographed.
- Do not use one envelope for multiple children.
- Children without an envelope when having their individual photos taken will not have an order placed against their name.
- For Family\Siblings & Friends Portraits please see your school office for an information flyer and red family envelope.
- Do not place a family envelope inside another envelope or an individual envelope.

We will only photograph family\siblings with a completed family envelope.

**ON LINE PRE-ORDER**

We now provide you with the flexibility of pre-paying your child’s photos online. Simply follow the links below to place your order. Once completed, print out your confirmation invoice and include this in your child’s envelope.

To order click on the following links:

- Individual Photograph Packs
- Family Photograph Orders

If you have any inquiries, please contact us on (03) 59425234.

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Precious photos stored on the phone. If you do find it, please hand it in to the office.