Current Focus

INTEGRITY
(Being honest and following your principles)

Integrity means to do the right thing even when others aren’t looking e.g. if you do a bad thing, even though you shouldn’t have done it integrity is owning up and not teasing others behind their back. Eric & Kira

People need to be able to trust you to do the right thing even when their back is turned. It is being not being tempted to do the wrong thing. Romy & Otto

Integrity means being trustworthy and honest and living according to good values, this is how we become people of integrity. Tayah & Rohan

Integrity is doing the right thing even when people aren’t looking, if you don’t talk when the teacher is looking but wait until she turns her back, that’s not showing integrity. Josh & Liam O

Integrity is when you are honest about something e.g. say you push someone over and they tell the teacher you have to own up to it. Tommy & Cloe

Being honest when you do something wrong and accepting the consequences of your actions, being a good citizen taking care of your environment. Carly & Liam M

Integrity is always choosing to do the right thing even when no-one is looking. The wrong thing to do is doing your work when the teacher is looking and then chatting when they turn away. The right thing to do is keep playing by the games rules when no-one is looking and everyone is mucking around. Lachlan & Yemaya

Integrity is doing the right thing when no-one is looking, it is following the rules and being honest and doing nice stuff for others. Eleanor & Ochre

Integrity is being honest and trustworthy even when no-ones looking. When playing footy to don’t tackle and bump when the teacher isn’t looking. Sean & Thomas

Amy was walking down the hall. She passed the classrooms until she reached hers, it was a buzz with chatter and the teacher wasn’t there yet. John kicked the football and it smashed through the window... When the teacher arrived all the students were sitting talking quietly. “Who smashed the window?” the teacher growled... “Um, it was me” John said sheepishly, looking at the window and thinking of the football with his name on it. It takes integrity to own up to your mistakes. Chace & Andromeda

Principal’s Report

The Indigenous Day incursion that the grade 3/4 students participated in all day last Friday, was highly successful and worthwhile. We witnessed high levels of engagement and willing participation by all the students. The highlight for me was the dance ceremony at the end of the day, whereby many of our students demonstrated a willingness to have a go!

At assembly this week we wished our Goldfields Athletics Team all the best for this Friday. The Divisional Athletics
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will be conducted at Llanberris in Ballarat and we are sending over 38 students to compete with the larger Goldfields Team.

Also at assembly this week we celebrated with many recognition certificates. Achievements were recognised in spelling, home reading, team work and our focus of the fortnight, Integrity. Well done to Oisín, Hamish, Alice and Anouk from Drummond PS for their Home Reading Awards.

The examples of Integrity were very pleasing, reinforcing that our Focus of the Fortnight and explicit conversations about emotional intelligence do make a difference. I encourage parents to reinforce the focus of the fortnight at home by using the language and talking about examples of integrity. Integrity is not easy to fully understand, so using real life examples and applying the language is an important role parents can play in our social competencies program. It is worthwhile revisiting the current focus on the front page of our newsletter and even placing the newsletter on the fridge where it can be easily referred to.

Mr Garner used a terrific quote in assembly to reinforce our focus of the fortnight. “People won’t always believe what you say, but they will believe what you do”. Please reinforce to the children that it is their actions on a daily basis are so very important when interacting with other people. We as adults must also remember that we play a vital role as role models in this area.

Finally, a reminder that Prep enrolments for 2015 are now due. This is vital to my planning for 2015. Please action on this before the end of term.

Peter Burke  
Principal

This week we had a visit from David Garner, our Assistant Principal. He came to touch base with students and staff. The children proudly showed him their work on writing.

Library

Many thanks to Tamara, who has been our Library Assistant on Tuesday afternoons. As Tamara is now working full time, we now need another parent helper to fulfil her role.

What is involved? Assisting children with borrowing and returning library books and readers, and giving our library a tidy. Please see Dianne if you can assist.

Wicking Vegetable Garden Beds Working Bee

Thank you to all our parents who have volunteered for our Wicking Bed Working Bee. With so many volunteers, we should be able to construct two beds which will be fantastic. Please bring shovels and wheelbarrows if you can. Our Working Bee will start at 9.00 am this Monday.

Grand Parade

Many thanks to Ant and Stephen for volunteering to carry our banner. We would like everyone to meet at the entrance to the Kyneton Showgrounds in Mollison Street at 12 noon (for the 12.30pm parade) on Sunday 14 September dressed in your olden day clothes! Look forward to seeing everyone there in olden day clothes.

2015 Prep Transition Program Dates

1. Thursday 30 October 9.00am-11.00am  
2. Thursday 20 November 9.00am-11.00am

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Spring School Holiday Craft Workshops

Threadneedle Craft will hold craft workshops for school children once again during the school holidays commencing on Friday September 26, 2014. The workshops will include beading, papercraft and beginners sewing to inspire kids’ creativity. A full program will be available to download from www.threadneedle.com.au. Workshops will be held at Threadneedle Craft, 2/52A Vincent Street, Daylesford. Class sizes will be limited to six, so please book in advance. Please contact Merrilyn Sim on 5348 4277 or via email info@threadneedle.com.au for enquiries or bookings.

CASTLEMAINE CHILDREN’S LITERATURE FESTIVAL

Sep 29 – Oct 5, 2014 (School Holidays) Activities, performances and workshops for kids aged 0-13. From Chinese calligraphy, yoga and dance to puppetry, there is something for everyone! Pick up a program from the Castlemaine Library or visit www.literaturefestival.com.au for full details.

Kyneton Arts Festival

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