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From the Principal

PREPARING TODAY'S STUDENTS FOR TOMORROW

Over the next five years, Victoria will need about 70,000 employees in construction, 108,000 in healthcare and social services, 72,500 in education and training and 64,000 employees in accommodation and food services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has created a range of industry snapshots designed to help students and their families find out more about career prospects in a range of fields.

There are 19 new career trends fact sheets that will give you an idea of future employment opportunities in Victoria. You can find the fact sheets at:

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/training/learners/courses/Pages/trends.aspx>

Today we are teaching differently to the way you were taught in order to prepare students for tomorrow's world. Education needs to be different and dynamic to meet the new and exciting challenges of a fast-changing world. Many of the jobs our children will be doing in the future haven't even been invented yet.

As parents, I suspect you are interested in knowing even more about how we are preparing children for tomorrow. That is why I would like to draw your attention to a new campaign – 'Preparing today's students for tomorrow'. The campaign features advertising and includes a link to updated content on the Department's website.

While jobs featured in the campaign, such as underwater infrastructure planner, hover train designer and bio dome gardener may sound futuristic, there is a serious message behind them. Jobs are changing and many of our children will work in professions that don't exist today. I encourage you to take a look at the new information designed with parents and students in mind.

Visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/futureready

STUDENT SUPPORT STAFF RECOGNITION WEEK

Chocolates, cakes, party pies and sausage rolls – SSO Week is the annual chance to treat our wonderful support staff to a special morning tea and show them how much we think of them. From the office staff, integration aides, library technician, first aid officer, canteen attendants, Cool Care

staff, maintenance officers, and cleaner – we celebrate and acknowledge the indispensable support our school service officers give to our school community all year round. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Our school policy requires all students to be in full uniform at all times. It has been noticeable recently that a number of children have been coming to school either fully or partly out of school uniform. In some instances, a small portion of children are taking liberties with clothing items by wearing attire that is not part of the school's prescribed uniform items.

If a child is out of uniform for any reason, a note of explanation needs to be provided. We understand that sometimes there are circumstances beyond your control that contribute to children being out of uniform. Please ensure that if your child is out of uniform that you provide them with a note so they are not questioned about this by their teachers.

If children don't bring a note to school, they will receive a 'Request for Parent/Guardian Explanation for Being Out of Uniform' slip and parents/guardians will be asked to complete this, providing an explanation.

FATHERS' DAY WISHES

Wishing all our dads a wonderful Fathers' Day for this coming Sunday. The children have enjoyed making purchases at the Fathers' Day stall and thank you to the PFA and volunteers for organising and running the stall. Please enjoy these wonderful quotes from some of our students about their special fathers:

- *I love you because you make me laugh*
- *Dad comes to watch me play sport and he always cheers me on whether I win or lose*
- *I love you more than anything in the whole world*
- *Dear dad – you are the best dad in the yoonivers!*
- *You are the funniest dad ever*
- *Dad – I love you because when I'm stuck on a level, you help me*
- *My dad is very intelligent. I love him because he always has time to spend with us*
- *Dad always helps me when I need something*
- *I love dad because he can cook really well and when he comes home he always says hello*
- *Dad is great because he is caring and he takes me to sport*
- *He takes me to places and he looks after me*

Tina King (Principal)

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A huge thank you goes out to the 'little munchkins' that surround us in Cool Care. The children attending Cool Care do an amazing job, morning and afternoon. Many of them are up at the break of dawn, coming in to Cool Care with little smiles on their faces, whilst at the other end of the day, building their relationships and using their many learnt skills until they are collected at the end of the working day. Congratulations to you all. We love spending our time with you and sharing your lives. Hearing all of your exciting news, and at times, supporting you when life sends challenges that may test and build resilience. With the term holidays fast approaching and chatter about impending holiday excitement 'on the radar', we will be spending time planning for last term using your ideas and suggestions to help us 'construct and develop' Cool Care for the remainder of 2014 and beyond.

We hope you all enjoy your week and the special males in our lives have a super sensational day on Sunday. Please drop past and finalise your family account if it has not been paid.

A reminder to families that the operating times for Cool Care are from 7.15am in the morning with after care ceasing at 6.00pm. We are not permitted to open our service prior to 7.15am in the morning as per our licensing agreement. Two staff are required to stay with children at all times regardless of the amount of children present. Cool Care staff often have appointments and family commitments directly after 6.00pm and are unable to stay if children are not collected on time. A request that families adhere to these times strictly please and allow for traffic and other peak hour issues that may occur at the end of the working day, ensuring their prompt arrival before 6.00pm.

Stay Cool, Jenny

FOUND IN SCHOOL YARD

"Woolworths 15" BADGE

Please see the school office if it belongs to you!

PE & Sport News

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- Monday, 8 September: Day 2 – Year 5/6
Hooptime @ Mill Park (selected students)
(PE & Sports Coordinator)



Fathers' Day Stall

Happy Fathers' Day for Sunday to all our Dads! Thanks to the volunteers that have helped out so far at the stall, and with the wrapping and preparation. The stall is running this week and, as usual, is a great success with the students. All gifts are \$5. Please bring a plastic bag from home to recycle.

Future Events

We have a number of events planned for the rest of this year, including a disco, an election day BBQ and the Twilight Carols. These events cannot occur without volunteers. If you are able to help in any way, please contact me at watsonianorthpsfa@gmail.com

PFA 2015

All PFA positions are vacated at the AGM and new volunteers are invited to nominate for any position. If you are thinking about joining the PFA in 2015 and would like to find out more about what is involved, please contact me. It is a good opportunity to learn from those currently in the positions so that there can be a smooth transition next year. Joining the PFA is a great opportunity to meet other parents and be involved in the school community. All meetings are friendly, informal and flexible, and toddlers/babies are welcome.

Cara Wilkins (PFA Secretary)

CLARINET

Group lessons with Mr Fitzgerald and instrument hire for a **10 week program** are offered through the school for **\$120**. Please speak to Mr Perry if you require more information – we are offering the program to students **in Year 4**. Get in quick!!!
David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)



Welcome to "Going Green". This is a new section of the Wednesday Weekly where you will find articles from the Green Team. Every week there will be new "reporters" giving new information or tips about how to "be green".

Last term we had a Green Week. On the out of uniform day we raised almost \$500. With part of the money we bought a new tree which we planted on National Tree Day. The tree is just outside the computer lab. The rest of the money was donated to the Sepilok Rehabilitation Centre. The Centre cares for young orangutans orphaned as a result of illegal logging and deforestation and those who have been illegally caught and kept as pets. At Sepilok the new arrivals are given a complete health check before starting on the long road to rehabilitating them back into the wild. This essential process takes up to seven years and requires dedication and commitment for all those involved. Baby orangutans are cared for 24 hours a day, just like a human baby, and as they grow older, they join their peers in the nursery and at night, they are housed indoors for their safety.

Thank you to all those who donated a gold coin!

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FOUND AT SCHOOL

These two pair of glasses have been in lost property since the start of the year – does your child own them? Several announce-ments have been made, but nobody has come to collect them. Please see the office.