Principals report

End of Term 3
A reminder that term 3 ends next Friday, September 15th. As usual the students will be dismissed at 2.30pm.

To celebrate the end of the term the police have organised a Blue Light Disco in the school hall on the last day of term 3. This will be a lot of fun for the students. Since it would be no fun to attend a disco in school uniform it will be a casual dress day for students for a gold coin donation. (proceeds will go towards refreshments and prizes for the disco.

Term 4
We begin term 4 on Monday, October 2nd. This is always a busy term and this year will be no different. The F-2 students have their swimming program which begins on October 9th; the Year 5’s are attending the Yarning Conference on October 10th; 3/4’s are going to Werribee Zoo on October 19th; and the F-2’s are off to IMAX on October 26th. This is just to name a few of the activities that are coming up.

Maths Night
I want to thank everyone who came along and supported our annual Maths Night on Wednesday evening. Once again it was a great night. It is very pleasing to see such excitement on the students’ faces when they are doing maths. It also shows how much fun maths can be.

As usual these things don’t organise themselves so thankyou to our mathematics coordinator and Maths’ Night convener, Annie Neville and her committee of Sharon Parsons, Maria Bovalino, Hannah O’Shaughnessy and Kristina Yanuli for their outstanding organisation of the evening.

Hats
With term 4 also comes the requirement for students to wear a hat when outside at recess or lunch times and when playing sport outdoors. If your child doesn’t already have a hat then they can be purchased at Lowes in Northland for $25.95.

Please ensure that your child’s name is on their hat so it can easily be returned to its owner if it gets left outside.

Foundation Transition Program
This year our Foundation transition program will run during term 4. Parents who have students enrolled for Foundation in 2024 have been sent an email with the details of the program.

It is important to note that our transition program is only available to children who have enrolled for Foundation in 2024 so it is important to get your child enrolled now if you haven’t already done so.

Contact Details
If your contact details have changed for any reason you need to let the school know. It is really important that we have up to date contact numbers for you and for the emergency contacts.

Phillip Banks—Principal

Forward Diary

Sep 12 5/6 Chess
Sep 15 Police Disco
Sep 15 End of term 3
Oct 10 Yarning Conference
Oct 19 3/4 Werribee Zoo
Oct 19 Sport & Grad Photo’s
Oct 24 Music Incursion
Oct 26 F-2 Imax
Oct 9—20 F-2 Swimming

End of Term 3
Friday 15th Sept
2.30pm
Finish

Term 4
Don’t forget your hat
Assistant Principals spot

Maths Night

Wednesday evening was another wonderful showcase of our school. It was delightful to see so many families present at our annual school Maths evening. The smiles all around the school were testament to how much the children love having their parents and carers here to see their work and learn some new maths games. Thankyou for all those who did attend and especially to our hard working staff who stayed back to ensure the evening was such a success. In particular, thankyou to Annie Neville and her Maths night team who ensured everything was so well organised.

After school pick ups

A reminder school finishes at 3.20pm daily and this is when children should be collected from inside the school grounds or begin to walk home. Our teaching staff are on duty after school until 3.30pm at which time they need to head home or attend meetings. Any child left unsupervised will be escorted to the office after this time.

While issues do occur and you can sometimes be late to collect your child, unfortunately some families have taken advantage of this situation on regular occasions. This severely impacts the capacity of staff to do any planning or other organisational work which needs completing outside of school hours.

We have a fantastic After care program and if you are unable to pick your child up by 3.30pm they should attend this service. The rates are affordable and supervision is provided until 6pm. Please contact the office if you would like more information about this service.

Finally, many children wait outside the school grounds – in front of the gate or across the road. This is unwise and puts children at risk as they are unsupervised outside the school grounds. If your child is waiting to be collected between 3.20pm and 3.30pm please encourage them to wait within the school grounds.

Term Four Hats

Just an early reminder that next term Hats will be compulsory for children. We have a few weeks until the new term starts so now is the time to start organising your child’s hat for the summer. It is expected to be a very warm summer so having good headwear that protects students is important.

Uniforms

I have spoken to students at assembly recently about the importance of wearing the correct school uniform. Please ensure your child’s uniform is washed and ready to go at the start of each school week. This is especially important during winter when jumpers and trackpants are a crucial part of students’ attire. Children are allowed winter jackets and beanies in the yard but in the classrooms where there is heating, these should be left in the student’s lockers or bags.

Online issues

Sadly, we have recently had a spate of issues involving students using social media inappropriately. This is a timely reminder to everyone, that most social media sites require students to be over 13 years old (and often over 16 years old) to be used, meaning none of our students should be accessing them. Parents should be monitoring their children’s online use as much as possible and be having regular chats with students about online safety.

Disco

Next Friday the school will be holding a Police blue light disco in school hours in the hall. This will run from 12-1pm for the F-2’s and 1-2pm for the 3-6’s. This is a way for our local Police to connect in and build positive relationships with our students. Parent’s don’t need to do anything on the day as all will be taken care of in school time.

John-Mark Gook Assistant Principal

Gold Coin Donation for free dress day will go towards Refreshments and prizes for the disco.
Certificates
Term 3 week 8

F1G - Iman Ahmed for always being so friendly and positive with your peers. You bring joy to the class!

F1S - Alexis Hillyear for always working hard and being happy!

1/2B - Abdullahi Mouktar for making great improvement in all areas of his work.

1/2M - Sophie Pham for being a positive and helpful member of 1/2M.

1/2C - Kasey Plessas for making excellent choices in the classroom and dedication to his learning. Keep it up, Kasey!

3/4H - Kaliyah Tapuala-Unasa for displaying excellence in her comic strip. Thank you for sharing your journey.

3/4N - Denzel Toomata for being a polite and friendly class member, and doing his best work.

3/4P - Louis Pham for asking interesting questions, joining in class discussions and being curious about learning!

5/6D - Ilyas Mouktar for his great love of reading and knowledgeable discussions about them. Ilyas reads at every opportunity and has read many books already this year. Well done, Ilyas!

5/6Y - Sai for putting in her best effort always and persisting when tasks may be difficult. Well done Sai!

5/6H - Anna Yu for being a helpful member of class and a good friend to her peers.
The Year 3 and 4 ‘waste warriors’ have been learning about the 4Rs – refusing, reducing, reusing and recycling. Last week we learned about better ways to deal with food waste. Jaela wrote this explanation about composting.

How compost works

To make compost, you collect all of these things – paper, dirt/soil, leaves and fruit and veggie scraps.

You put all these things in your compost. You also need to put in decomposers like worms, fungi and insects. Then you put in layers of dirt, leaves, torn paper and food scraps.

Make sure the compost bin has holes underneath because the decomposers need air to survive.

By Jaela
Congratulations to those students in Grades 4-6 who took on the Maths Challenge last term. The results are finally in, and we are incredibly proud of how hard our students worked.

To complete the challenges, students needed to show determination and perseverance. Students were also required to do a lot of homework to be successful! A special mention to the following students who achieved a Distinction award:

Simon Ngo, Ivy Simonetti, Zabou Guillot, Mannie De Alvia, Eman Mohamed, Johnny Pham, Andrew Tran, Clarence Ignacio, Ian Sim and Allison Cruz.

Awards for all students who participated will be presented at assembly on Monday 11\textsuperscript{th} September. All parents are welcome to attend!
Maths Night

Student Quotes:

“We had seven tasks, and all of them were so much fun. It’s true! My favourite was ‘Race to 1’. I liked learning to play new games.” Omar

“We got registered and guessed how many lego pieces were in the box. Then we went to do Tangrams and shape activities in the Artroom. We played Get Out of My House 3.0 and it was the best game! Well done Ms Parsons!” Sofia

“We went to Emily’s room to do shapes with geosticks and we had to make 5 shapes. The shapes I made were triangle, rectangle, square, rhombus and trapezium.” Jaela

“My favourite was the Pizza Fractions. It was so much fun!” Aalaa
Maths Night

Geosticks in Room 1
Term 3 Specials have now ended...there will be NO Specials available to order the last week of Term 3.

Term 4 Specials will commence Tuesday 10\textsuperscript{th} of October

**Tuesday Special:**
Sweet Chilli Tenders  
Wrap with mayo and lettuce $5.50  
Wrap with full salad and mayo $6.50  
Roll with mayo and lettuce $6.00  
Roll with full salad and mayo $7.00

**Thursday Special:**
Vegetable Fried Rice with egg $3.50  
Vegetable Fried Rice with egg and 2 x steamed Dim Sims $4.50  
Vegetable Fried Rice with egg and 3 x veg Spring Rolls (Cocktail) $4.50  
Dim Sims steamed $1.00 each  
Veg Spring Roll (Cocktail) 80 cents each  
Soy Sauce and Sweet Chilli Sauce 30 cents

Jelly Cups will be available Term 4 for $1.00

Please keep reading the Newsletter during Term 4 for additional Bakery Treats.
The Reservoir Cobras Cricket Club offers a Junior program at C.T. Barling Reserve, 880 Plenty Road, Reservoir, that includes –

Skills Development (Woolworths Cricket Blast) for 5-10yo commencing Sunday, 29th October 2023, 9.30am

Under 10 & Under 12 teams with training beginning Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 5pm at Barling Reserve

For more information, scan the QR code, to go to the Club website or contact the Junior Co-ordinator (Les 0421 141 886)
Kindergarten Enrolment for 2024

Blake St Kindergarten is currently taking 4 year old and 3 year old funded kindergarten enrolments for 2024.

Families are encouraged to register their child with Darebin City Council via the online portal: [https://darebincentralenrolments.councilonline.com.au/Public/Login.aspx](https://darebincentralenrolments.councilonline.com.au/Public/Login.aspx)

Eligibility: A child must be 4 years old/3 years old on or before 30 April in the year that they are to attend the program.

2024 kindergarten fee - *Free kindergarten* (Victorian government fully funded).

As of 2024, we will be offering 10 hours per week for our 3 year old program over 2 days (2 x 5 hours session).

### 2024 Timetable (subject to change)

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*3 year old program will be integrated into the 4 year old program.*

For more information contact the Darebin Kindergarten and Child Care Registration Team on 8470 8825

Contact the kindergarten for a kinder tour on [9478 8037](tel:9478%208037) (Wed – Fri)
109 Blake St, East Preston, 3073
[https://blakestreetkinder.ndcka.org.au](https://blakestreetkinder.ndcka.org.au)