Junior Chess Tournament

Last Thursday I had the privilege of attending a Junior Chess Tournament with 9 students from Foundation to Grade 3. Our Chess Captain, Hamish from 56M, was outstanding both in the lead up to the event and on the day itself. Hamish coached each of the students, particularly taking time with the youngest of the group. His steady and patient disposition was a real asset on the day.

Warrandyte Primary School ended up doing very well. We came 7th out of 18 schools and came home with some very significant individual awards too. Sam from FCB was awarded the Bronze medal for the Prep age group and Hunter from FCB was given the Gold medal! Congratulations to both of these boys on their achievements. Sam from 34G received a Credit for his fine display of chess skills and has been invited to attend the Victorian Junior Chess State Final. Congratulations Sam!

Finally, I would like to commend all of the students who competed. You represented our school with pride and demonstrated all of our values.

The ‘Cup Day’ Long Weekend
I hope everyone had a fantastic long weekend. On Monday we had 28 students come to school. I wanted to take a moment to thank...
those students for being such wonderful children. I had a really fun day being back in the classroom whilst our teachers were able to work on their assessment and reporting. I really want to commend the older students who were so supportive and helpful of the younger children. It is days like these where we get to see how lucky we are to be working with great students.

Well Done Sam!

Congratulations to Sam from 34G on your recent music exam achievements. Sam very proudly visited my office and told me he had received a B+ on his piano music exam! Sam said he had not achieved such a grade before and was beaming when he told me. Well done Sam!

Assessment and Reporting

This year we have made some significant changes to the Report Package sent home in June and December. Comments in the student report will focus primarily on ‘the learner’ and their ‘learning skills’. We want parents to have a clear picture of what their child’s learning looks like. As part of this shift, the whole school has implemented “Learning Assets”.

The Learning Assets are learning attributes, skills and behaviours which are as important an instructional focus as knowledge and understanding. The “Assets” have been embedded into everyday classroom discussions between students and teachers. Below is a “Framework for the Learning Assets”.

| I can think logically, creatively, empathetically and reflectively. | I can research/investigate in many different ways. | I can communicate effectively to others. |
| I can collaborate with others and work effectively in a team. | I can manage my own learning and behaviour and work independently. |

The comments in the Student Reports will centre on this framework whilst the A-E Scale and ‘The Student Portfolio’ will reflect a student’s progress against the curriculum. The ‘Student Portfolio’ allows all of your child’s teachers to further explain and share student progress, using clear examples. Our portfolios are an ongoing assessment and reporting that provides parents and students with rich and regular information, and clear samples of progress over time. Each sample piece in the portfolio is marked against the curriculum and teacher comments will provide further insight as to progress or future goals.

The ‘Student Report’ and ‘Student Portfolio’ is a complete package and teachers work very hard to link the two together.
**Before & After Care News**

**CURRICULUM DAY**
Please note a full day program will operate at OSHC on Monday 28 November if we have 15 children enrolled. Enrolments must be received by November 19.

**CORALIE**

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**Henhouse Helpers**

The Henhouse Helper next week is the Purnell Family. If there are any families who would love to be included on the Henhouse Roster (you get to keep the eggs) then please ring Yvette Harbinson on 0416 020 088.

**DOREEN & CHERISE**

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**Sport News**

Good luck to the Open Softball students who play in the Regional Final at Waverley tomorrow. Good luck also to the Boys and Girls Volleyball teams who both play in the Regional Final at Dandenong on Friday.

I am still waiting for sport T-shirts and tops. Please send these back to school as soon as possible.

**SALLY FREEMANTLE**

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**Sick Bay Laundry**

Natalie McKinnon is the lucky mum this week. She is entitled to collect the washing on Friday and make up the bed again for us.

**DOREEN & CHERISE**

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**Jam Hot Music Drum Concert**

**PERFORMANCE DATE:**
Wednesday 7 DECEMBER

**TIME:** 2.30pm-3.10pm

**VENUE:** Warrandyte Primary in the BAMPI ROOM

Enquiries please contact JASON STONEHOUSE 0419 872875 or jamhotmusic@hotmail.com