Dear parents, students and friends,

Yesterday our school participated in Principal for a day. Mr. Ross Symons was our Principal!

Mr. Symons currently sits on the committee for the ACER STEM Games Challenge. He is heavily involved in technology businesses and has 30 years of experience in related fields, serving currently as CEO/Founder of Big Ant Studios (https://www.bigant.com/).

His day started with meeting the Parents and Friends Association, where he discussed his views on education and the role schools play in preparing students for employment and skills that have yet to be thought of. He later then spoke to all students in years 3 to 6 about the work he does and how he came to be a successful businessman in computer technology. He also met with the staff and JSC, where he discussed the implications of teaching students coding in the curriculum. We were very delighted to be a part of this program.

School-business relationships strengthen community awareness and participation in the education process and contribute to innovation and high achievement in public schools. Thank you to Mr. Symons for giving up his precious time to be with us. He is keen to support the school with the teaching of Coding. He is keen to further explore ways he can support our school to incorporate coding into cross-curricular activities.

**CRAZY HAIR DAY**

Today at school we had many lively and creative hair styles. Students came to school displaying their colourful and inventive hair ideas. Thank you to all students who donated a gold coin.

**SOCCER LESSONS**

Students are enjoying the soccer lessons provided by Sporting Schools’ soccer coaches- Melbourne City. Next Friday will be the last day for the lessons. Last term the students participated in tennis lessons and next term we look forward to swimming lessons!

**HOT DOG DAY**

On Thursday 15th September we will be having a Hot Dog lunch. Money raised will go towards the year 6 graduation ceremony. Notes are being sent home today.

**FIRE EDUCATION FOR PREPS**

Students in Prep are participating in fire education lessons. The program, which is delivered by firefighters at the school, helps children develop a basic understanding of fire safety and to view firefighters as community helpers.
Over two school visits, the second visit is Friday 16th September, with associated take home work for families, firefighters addressed the following key areas:

- firefighters are our friends.
- fires are good/safe or bad/unsafe.
- good/safe fires always have an adult in charge.
- smoke alarms alert us to the presence of smoke and fire.
- crawl down low and go, go, go when evacuating a smoke-filled room.
- stop, drop, cover, roll if your clothes are on fire.
- every family needs to identify a safe meeting place.
- the number to phone for emergency help is 000.

Grade one/two students enjoyed their lunch with Mr. Leonidas in the Park this week!

Welcome to our Prep 2017 families!

ART ROOM REQUEST

Art teachers are in need of recycled material for the art room. Such as egg cartons, CLEAN stockings, plastic cups, odd socks, ice cream tubs….etc.

NATIONAL E-SMART WEEK

This week was National E-smart week. Classes participated in a range of cyber safety activities. The grade 5/6 students researched and developed 17 key tips for our school E-Smart program. Each student designed their own poster that included key information. We are impressed with all the effort – the posters will be displayed around the school. Here is the winner of the competition. Well done Najee!

WAYS TO BE E-SMART AT P.S.P.S.

1. Make sure your parents check your account regularly.
2. Do not share personal information online.
3. Check that the website you are using is trustworthy.
4. Tell an adult if you are being cyberbullied.
5. Be safe and responsible.
6. If someone you don’t know texts/calls you, block them and report it to an adult.
7. Make sure your account is private.
8. Turn off location when posting things online.
9. Be aware of the person’s true identity.
10. Save the evidence of cyberbullying.
11. Make sure you have permission to post photos.
12. If you witness someone being cyber bullied put a STOP to it.
13. Never respond to unknown people online.
14. If you don’t have anything nice to say then don’t say anything at all.
15. Don’t share your credit card details online.
16. Don’t plagiarise.
17. Don’t pretend to be someone else.

Think twice before you send.