Dear Parents and Friends

Year 3/4 Cooking groups

We have been very lucky to have the opportunity to work with some VCAL students from McClelland College starting this term. Gabby, McKayla and Ashley started with us last Wednesday working with small groups of children from Year 3/4. The first challenge was to make Chocolate Truffles and group one was very successful. Each week a different group of Year 3/4 students will have the opportunity to work with the girls. We thank them for giving up their time to work with our kids. It has been and will continue to be a great learning experience. You can see a short movie on FEPStv showing the kids making their chocolate truffles.

Year 3/4 Opera

On Thursday July 16th 2/3H, 3/4B and 3/4S were invited to Karingal Primary School to watch the Hansel and Gretel Opera held at Karingal Place. This was a free event for our students and I would like to thank Karingal Primary School for providing an opportunity for schools in the area.

Coming Events

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to attend this production. The kids had a great time and enjoyed the performance.

Cody Green

It was with great interest that I read an article in the Herald Sun on Monday July 6th in the Arts and Entertainment section called “Young stars let genie out of bottle”. It was about the Young Australian Broadway Chorus production *Aladdin Jr* held at the Union Theatre during the school holidays. Starring as Aladdin was Cody Green, a former FEPS student and School Captain (2011). I have included the article for you to have a look at. We are very proud of Cody and his achievements so far and we wish him every success in the future.

Staff Professional Development

Our staff are currently undertaking professional development in the area of maths with Lyn Watts, an educational consultant. Lyn has extensive experience in the education sector and has been a great resource for the staff. We are also working with the staff at Karingal Heights Primary which has enabled both schools to reduce their costs and for both schools to expand the professional interactions of all teachers within the schools.

I must say, the Karingal Cluster of schools are great schools to work in. Along with McClelland College, Karingal Heights PS, Karingal PS, Ballam Park PS, Naranga SDS and Frankston SDS, FEPS is part of a great cluster of schools where we work together to provide the best educational opportunities for all of the kids in the local area. “State schools are great
schools” is the slogan that comes to mind and I am proud to be involved with these great State schools.

Have a great week,

Brian McFall (Principal)

**Breakfast Club**

**Café on Mena**

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday
(Students should arrive between 815 and 830am)

**On the Menu**
- Toast with butter, jam or Vegemite
- Cereal
- Cornflakes, Just Right and Weetbix
- Drinks
- Orange juice, apple juice, apple & black currant juice
- Fresh fruit
- Apples and mandarins

Just a gold coin donation
Permission forms are available from the school office if you wish to join in.

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**Student of the Week**

**Monday 27th July**

P/1M—Lysis P.—For working hard on her o’clock and 1/2 past times in maths.

P/1S—Dylan C.—For working hard in class.

1/2W—Landon B.-J.—For working really hard on his writing.

2/3H—Tash M.—For writing an excellent report on our Opera visit.

3/4B—Mackenzie H.—For giving 100% in his learning.

3/4S—Aleksander S. — For showing persistence in his number blitz.

5/6O—Jackie R.-H.—For always giving 100% effort to her work.

5/6S—Keanu M.—For working tough in English and Maths.

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**Student Attendance**

Last week

- Percentage of students at school: 89.7%
- Percentage of students on time: 91.4%
Teach Your Kids About Time and Space
By Michael Grose

Here is another interesting and informative article by Michael Grose explaining how we all need to educate our children in how to act in different social settings. Adapting to a variety of social settings is an important part of a child’s growth and makes it easier for them to fit into the environment around them.

My mum used to tell me, “There’s a time and place for everything Michael, and this is not the time and place to behave like that!”

Time and place is a brilliant socialisation lesson for children of any age or era to absorb.

It’s a parent’s job to socialise your kids. That is, it’s your job to develop a sense of OTHER so that they become aware of how their behaviour impacts on others. You do this by:

1. **Giving your kids social scripts**
   - There are times when kids don’t know what to say or how to act in different social situations. “Here’s what you can say when you meet Mrs Smith...” is the type of pre-emptive social scripting that benefits most boys, kids on the autism spectrum as well as kids who need extra help to get on with others.

2. **Regular behaviour rehearsal**
   - Practise appropriate social behaviours at home so kids know how to behave around others. For example, you can role-play a restaurant situation by serving your kids’ meals at the dinner table and expecting them to use their manners.

3. **Just-in-time prompts**
   - It helps to remind in positive terms how kids should speak and act around others before entering a social situation or a special place such as a church, airport or restaurant. “In church most people...”

4. **Teaching good manners**
   - Manners are social guidelines that teach kids how to behave around others. While some conventions change over time, basic good manners such as saying ‘please’ and ‘thank you’ never change. They are the basis of a civil society. Kids are never too young to start learning manners.

5. **Respectful use of consequences**
   - While the best discipline happens before an event (through behaviour rehearsal, prompts and teaching manners) there are times when the only way to get a message across about time and place is to DO something if the kids’ behaviour thoughtlessly or deliberately impinges on the rights of others. And the best action may be WITHDRAWAL from the place or activity that they are doing. That may mean that the kids (and you) miss out on an activity or being in a special place but such lessons are rarely forgotten and reinforce your important messages.

**Time and place** is a great parenting message for kids to learn. It’s about consideration for others; it’s about self-control and above all else, it’s about fitting into different social situations.

If you want to discuss any of this information or if you have any concerns please remember my door is always open and don’t forget there is a range of books in my office that provide interesting reading for all parents and may give you some valuable tips to help you with your child. These can be borrowed at any time.

Barb Heeney – Student Wellbeing Manager
Happy Birthday

July 23rd  Lilah H.  1/2W
July 25th  Tama M.  5/6S
July 26th  Charlee B.  1/2W

Premiers’ Reading Challenge

Congratulations to Caleb J in 3/4S, Sam C in 5/6O and the children in 1/2W and 2/3H. These children have successfully completed the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. This is a great effort and you should all be very proud of yourselves. Each child will be presented with a special Principal’s Award from Mr McFall at the next Monday Assembly.

Barb Heeney

BOOK CLUB

Book Club Forms are due back on

MONDAY 3RD AUGUST

National Tree Day

National Tree Day is this Sunday 26th July. School’s National Tree Day is this week so on Thursday, weather permitting Prep/One’s and their buddies will be planting 100 native plants in our school grounds.

If you would like to be involved in a local community planting on Sunday at Seaford beside Kananook Creek, between Seaford Station and RF Miles recreation reserve (Mel. Ref: 99/E4) between 11am-1pm you would be most welcome.

Jill Stanszus

BOOK FAIR

Our Annual Scholastic Book Fair will be held during Book Week.

The Book Fair will be in the school conference room from Monday 24th August to Friday 28th August.

There will be lots of low cost books and variety items. All proceeds go towards Library books for our school.

More information will be available closer to the date.

Thanks, Jenny Hoyne
ORANGE DAY

On Tuesday 4th August we will be holding our annual Orange Day. We eat orange food, wear orange and support our orange friends the Orang-utans through Borneo Orangutan Survival.

Orange food—carrot sticks, orange wedges and orange juice will be on sale at recess for 50c/cup. Pumpkin soup and bread will be sold at lunchtime for $1.50/cup (Yes you may BYO Mug!).

All profits will be donated to Borneo Orangutan Survival.
Yes, pumpkins from our garden will be used to make the soup.

Jill Stanszus

FEAST is approaching fast (September 9th) – and we’re all very excited! This year is going to be a true musical extravaganza with dance routines, songs, plays, martial arts and drumming performances, as well as a special appearance from the band and the choir! It’s a cultural theme this year which ties in nicely with the learning each grade has been doing.
We’ll be covering most countries and continents including Japan, New Zealand, France, Germany and Africa. Tickets will go fast, so if you want the best seat in the house, make sure you book early!
Last Thursday 2/3H, 3/4S and 3/4B were lucky enough to be invited to join Karingal Primary in watching an Opera Australia production of Hansel and Gretel. We jumped at the chance to expose the students to a new type of singing they may not have heard before. Our students loved the chance to experience the excitement and singing, saying it was amazing, incredible and fantastic. The production was very well put together and had amazing singers, great sets and some funny and at times scary characters.
Arts & Entertainment

Young stars let genie out of bottle

MICHÉLE POINTEUX

TEN thousand years will give you such a crick in the neck! With that, the Genie is out of the bottle and on stage in a new theatre-adaptation of the classic Disney animated film Aladdin.

Jackson Hurwood, 15, will don the blue makeup and transform into Genie as part of the Young Australian Broadway Chorus production Aladdin Jr at the Union Theatre these school holidays.

Genie, Aladdin (Cody Green) and Jasmine (Emily Hurst) are among 70 young and talented performers bringing the tale to life.

"I am super excited! It's a real honour to play such an iconic character that was voiced by Robin Williams in the film. I love Genie's quick, wit-spitting dialogue and I am looking forward to the challenge of creating all of the various accents and character-voices that are part of this role," Jackson says.

"The cast, who are all aged 12-18, will perform two shows a day for four days starting on Wednesday, having spent the first week of school holidays in intensive production development and rehearsal.

YABC artistic director Robert Coates says the immersive development and rehearsal is close to real-life theatre industry experience.

"There's something about doing it in a really short space of time that just integrates everyone," Coates says.

"The kids do it all and absolutely thrive on it.

"It's going to be a spectacular show. A huge cast of singers and dancers, hundreds of costumes and beautiful scenery, with a special touch of theatrical magic. It's so wonderful to work with such a talented young ensemble of performers." Aladdin Jr is a cut down version with all the main attractions from the movie in one 65-minute act to make it friendly for even the youngest audiences.

Unlike some other productions, all the cast, who train in song, dance or drama at YABC, at least once a week, knew the movie and knew exactly which roles they wanted to play.

Former FEPS student Cody Green

Aladdin Jr is playing at Parkville's Union House Theatre. Pictures: ANDY BROWNHILL
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