

# Early Finish Tomorrow. School Finishes at 2.20pm.

Dear Parents,

What a fantastic term we have had. Term three is always busy with our winter ski program and this year the weather posed a few problems from time to time. However in the end everything went smoothly and everything and everybody was safe.

I'd like to take this opportunity to personally thank all our parents whom volunteer to help on the ski program. For without your help we couldn't run the ski program. A BIG warm Thanks! Also a big thank you to Julie Ryan who spent hours on the telephone during those days we cancelled.

## Footy Fun Day

Don't forget that tomorrow is footy fun day. Make sure your child is dressed up in footy colours. Personally I'd like to see a sea of Black and White! Though I am sure Gael would love to see some Red with the Black and White.

Footy fun day kicks off at 11.30am, so please come along, take part and help out. For those of you who don't follow Australian Rules Football, thank you for letting us indulge in our passion for one day.

## School Council

Last night school council meet and discussed at length the new Student Engagement Guidelines. At the start of this year those guidelines were sent home, they are also posted on the schools website at <http://www.mtbeautyps.vic.edu.au>, click on school policies and have a read. Next term parents will be invited to a school forum on the new policy document. We are keen to hear parents voice, so please have your say.

Also School Council will be engaging in a six month school master plan project. This plan will coincide with our new school building and existing building structure. It will also include the play spaces and outdoor learning opportunities. Students, parents, teachers and the broader community will be consulted in the process.

Furthermore School Council started its discussion on the new School Strategic document. A four year document that guides us in student learning, student engagement and student transition. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, we will have a parent forum on the school strategic direction on the 21<sup>st</sup> of October.

## The painting is finished

If you have walked around our school lately you will notice that we have finished restoring and painting the outside of our school. I have had many people come and compliment how well the school is looking.

A big thanks to Tad and Andy for all their work. It has been a labour of love and the workmanship shows.



## Final thoughts for the term

The following is an article from the Victorian Institute of Teaching.

Teaching is one of the top four most trusted professions in Australia, according to a recent [Roy Morgan survey](#) which asked people to rate various professions in terms of their perceived ethics and honesty.

Results of the Image of Professionals survey show nurses hold the most trusted profession (rated most ethical and honest), followed by pharmacists, doctors and school teachers.

For Institute Chairperson, Susan Halliday, the survey results are no surprise to those who work with teachers.

"This is a timely opportunity however, to acknowledge and applaud teachers for the expert and sensitive ways in which they conduct themselves given they are in the privileged position of working with our young people," Susan said.

"Research undertaken by the Victorian Institute of Teaching over past years has also demonstrated our communities have particularly high regard for Victorian teachers. Additionally our research has indicated teachers often underestimate the way in which they are valued, and the extent to which they are trusted.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all the teaching staff at our school for continually working towards educating your child. They certainly have the child in the centre, they certainly personalize your child's learning and they certainly have and show a moral obligation towards improving student outcomes.

**Quote of the week**

**"Go PIES!!!!!!!!!"**

***Tony Keeble***

**Principal**