I am pleased to announce that there has been sufficient interest from parents to begin the process of formally setting up a **Parent’s Club**. I met with a group of 7 parents last Monday to discuss this and they showed a lot of interest in developing a parent’s club association. I thank them for their interest and commitment to the school. The process in establishing a parent’s club is a formal one, requiring a proper constitution and the election of office bearers.

There will be a **meeting on Monday 16th March**, at 9.30am following assembly, to formally agree to the formation of a parent’s club and the preparation of the ‘parent club constitution.’ This meeting is open to all members of the school community to attend. Please come along to add your say in this process.

The nomination process for **school council** has concluded. I am pleased to announce that Melissa Honey and Tripti Goyal have been elected to the parent representative category. I thank them for their nominations and commitment to the school for the next 2 years. There is still a vacancy for a parent representative; if you are interested in this, please contact me. Currently, the Department of Education category positions are undergoing a ballot, as there were more nominations than places. This process will conclude on Wednesday 11th March.

On Thursday 27th February, Steve Denness, School Council President, and myself met with the project manager for the **playground shade installation project**. This project is in the early stages, and the project manager will be providing options for the school in terms of shade structures.

There are now **soap dispensers installed** in the student toilets. Teachers have already discussed with their classes, the proper usage of these. Can parents please re-inforce this message, so they are well maintained and used appropriately.

Last Monday, Melinda Hamilton, Brendan Willis and Dearne Backhouse attended a **Student voice and agency** meeting with members from other schools. We are keen to introduce new strategies in the school to promote student leadership, voice and agency.

Thank you to all parents who attended the **parent-teacher getting to know you interviews** last week. The feedback from teachers has been great in terms of becoming more familiar with the learning needs of each student. Thank you to our wonderful classroom teachers who stayed late and also our specialist teachers who enabled the interviews to commence at 2.00pm.

Last Friday was my first experience of **MAD day** at Courtenay Gardens! It was terrific to see our students and teachers dress up and enjoy the parade in the morning. Thank you to the many parents who attended and to Mr. Ballard and Mr. Robinson for hosting it.

**Monday morning assemblies** appear to be working well. This will now be an ongoing feature in the weekly schedule. I encourage parents to stay behind on Mondays, to join in the school assembly.

Marc de Ley  
Principal
STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

PREPS:  Week 5: Tristen, Violet, Cody, Rueben and Alice.

Grade : 1  Week 5: Esther, Shaun, Laneiya, Afiya, Jonathan and Zak.

Grade 2:  Week 5: Billy, Aaron, Jye, Atiksh and Ruby-Rose.

Grade 3:  Week 5: Rayyaan, Thomas, Ankith, Tyler & Zara.

Grade 4:  Week 5: Elhaan, Ryan, Krish, Zander and Duntae.

Grade 5:  Week 5: Pak, Kirah, Yomundu, Stefan and Jack.

Grade 6:  Week 5: Kane, Rain, Konain and Zeba.
MAD DAY: Held 28th February 2020

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[Images of children and staff dressed in costumes]
Canteen News

- Fried Rice on our canteen menu is now vegetarian Fried Rice at $4.50.
- Canteen is open: Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Special Canteen Lunches: Tuesday 2nd June 2020 & Tuesday 25th August 2020. (Order forms will be handed out a few weeks prior.)

Is your Lollipop person the sweetest?

Nominate your Lollipop person for the 2019/2020 School Crossing Supervisor of the year award.

Nominations are open now, and close on Friday 8th May 2020. Go to the School Crossings Victoria website www.schoolcrossingsvictoria.com.au and complete an online nomination.

Your support of this program will help ensure your School Crossing Supervisor is shown the appreciation they deserve for their commitment to the ongoing safety of our children.

Alkira Secondary College

Year 7 2021 Open Night
Tuesday 24th March

Parents and future students are invited to attend this Open Night to be held at the Alkira Theatre on Tuesday 24th March beginning at 5:30pm and ending at 7pm.

On the night, parents will be able to tour the College, hear about special programs including information on the application process into these programs (Masterclasses, Sports Academy).

Information about these programs and applications are also available on the college website. Parents should note that students coming to Alkira in 2021 must live within the designated Alkira School Zone (as determined by the Dept. of Education). Parents with siblings already at Alkira are exempt from this zone.
PREPS
Wednesday 11th March Preps start full time.
Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade. – 9:10 am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal: 2:30 pm

GRADE 1
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GRADE 2
Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade. – 9:10 am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal: 2:30 pm

GRADE 3
March 11th - Grade 3 Sports at school.
Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade. – 9:10 am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal: 2:30 pm

GRADE 4
March 17th - First Aid Session.
March 19th - LAST DAY PAYMENT OF CAMP DEPOSIT ($100.00 non refundable)
Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade. – 9:10 am
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GRADE 5
March 18th - First Aid Session.
Friday 27th March - Easter Bonnet Parade. – 9:10 am
LAST DAY OF TERM 1 - Dismissal: 2:30 pm

GRADE 6
March 19th - First Aid Session.
March 19th - LAST DAY PAYMENT OF CAMP DEPOSIT. (Non Refundable $100.00)
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