

# MAHOGANY

## TIMES

### From the Principal—John Culley

2019

A very big welcome back to 2019. It will be another year where we will focus on student learning outcomes. We want to ensure that every student shows a minimum of twelve months growth. We have wonderful staff at school this year and they are all keen to ensure that every student improves and develops to their fullest academically and emotionally.

# 2019

There will be some major changes to our reading program with the introduction of Café reading which your child will/should be talking about at home. This is a structured way of ensuring that students will have the tools to become readers that are more effective.

### Attendance

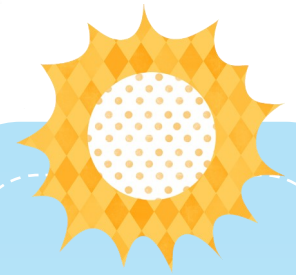
We will be continuing our relentless drive to improve our attendance data from last year. We had some significant gains last year and we are going to be building on those in 2019. Shannon will be making calls each day if your child is not at school and we will be using the resources we have through the Education Department to follow up parents who have students not attending school. It is a parent responsibility to ensure that each child is here on time every day.



### Parent/Teacher Interviews

We will be having our Parent/Teacher catch up this coming Monday afternoon and evening. The notices have been distributed and you should have an interview time. It is not too late if you have missed out to make a time.

It is an important meeting as teachers want to hear from parents about the child they have in the classroom. It helps everyone to be on the same page.



### Assembly

Our assemblies run on a fortnightly basis.

They will be held on Monday afternoons at 2:30pm and it is an open invitation for parents and friends to come along.

#### Assembly Dates:

Week 4: Mon 18th February

Week 6: Mon 4th March

Week 8: Mon 18th March

Week 10: Mon 1st April

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## Term 1—Hats

Just a reminder that this term students are required to wear broad brim hats during all outside play. If you do not already have a hat there are some maroon or black broad brim hats at Best and Less for \$10.



## Sunflower Seeds—Recipe Attached

I am sure everyone has noticed the beautiful sunflowers in our veggie garden and chicken pen. Here is a simple healthy recipe to try at home. Next week I will have sunflower seeds available for you to take home if you would like to give my sunflower seed pesto a go! Come and see me in the kitchen. Mel xxxx



## Rockon

Hey Rokon Family!

Jon Munro here to give you an update: It has been my teams pleasure to serve the kids of Frankston North these last 4 years every Friday night at Mahogany Rise. However due to our Church moving in to our new land in Cranbourne South, a strategic decision has been made for Rokon to move to Cranbourne South. This was a hard decision for everyone but one made with the future in mind. You are all invited to attend that Rokon just get in contact with Mikaila Dowzard 0400838101. Due to my work commitments I can longer lead Rokon and will be involved in Ignition Group which is similar to Rokon but for Grade 6-12. We are so glad there is a new kids club being run at Mahogany Rise Morning and Afternoon each day. We love Frankston North and Mahogany Rise PS and want to continue with the friendships built. We will be holding a Final ROKON Pines BBQ Celebration event on 9th March at Monterey Park 12pm-2pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



Blessings Jon Munro





## Say "G'Day" to Prep/1A!

Prep/1A have had an amazing start to the 2019 school year. Everyone is so impressed with the way that our new students have settled into school and taken to our routines.

Our Grade 1 students have been setting an excellent example for their younger peers and are doing a great job of demonstrating the Mahogany Rise school values.

Prep/1A have enjoyed participating in Art, Library and Sport specialist classes with Mrs. Connick, Miss Tonkin and Mr C. They have even participated in HADIL lessons with Mon and learnt about the importance of personal space.

We are looking forward to seeing what else school has in store for Prep/1A. Congratulations on a fantastic start to 2019!





## Message from the Leading Teacher—Michael Smethurst

Welcome to the 2019 school year. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Leading Teacher of Mahogany Rise Primary School. My name is Mr Michael Smethurst and I am very much looking forward to getting to know many families in the school over the next few weeks. I have been the Acting Assistant Principal of Kingston Heath PS.

Over the coming weeks my priorities will be getting to know the students, parents, staff and many of the school's priorities. I will attempt to be out in the playground in the mornings and afternoons as much as possible to meet as many parents as I can. I will be talking to the community, students and staff to get a feel for how the school operates and giving you time to get to know me.

Mahogany Rise PS is a school held in high regard throughout this region and although I have only been here just over a week, I can see there are many exciting programs occurring in the school. I look forward to gaining a greater understanding of the context of the school and its operations and build a strong partnership with the school community.



On a personal note, I have a passion for sport (particularly cricket and football), travel and the great outdoors. I played football for many years and though this may be polarising for some, I am an avid Essendon supporter.

### Start of 2019

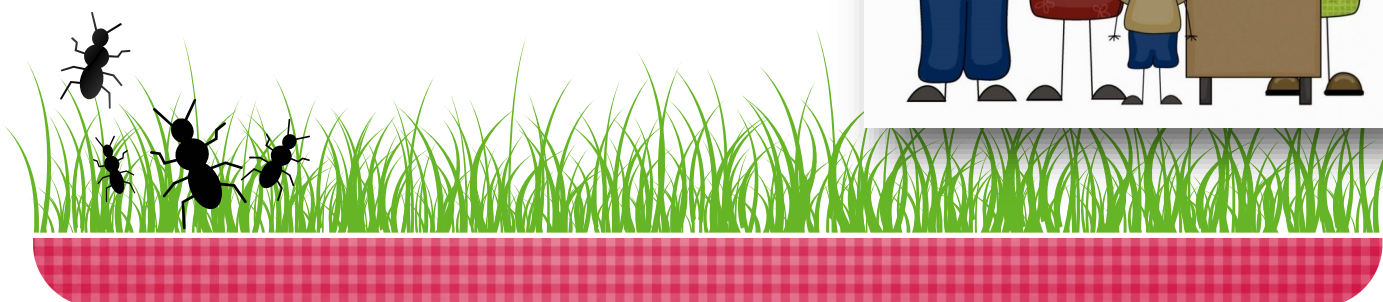
I would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our students and families for the 2019 school year. Our students had their first school day last week and judging by their smiles and enthusiasm they have all got off to a great start. It is pleasing to see the foundation students settle into their new class. Starting school is such a milestone in a child's life – I am pleased to say it was a very exciting and happy morning for all concerned.



I would also like to welcome new families to Mahogany Rise PS. We wish our new students all the best and trust that they and their families are already beginning to feel at home with our friendly Mahogany Rise community.

### Parent Teacher Meet & Greet coming up!

We have scheduled 'Parent Teacher Meet & Greet' interviews during week 4. Class teachers will be available on the evening of Monday 18 February between 3.30pm and 7.30pm. This will be an excellent opportunity for parents to meet their child's teacher and talk to the teacher about their child.



## Message from the Leading Teacher—Michael Smethurst Continued

### Department of Education (DET) Information

Schools have been requested by DET to remind staff members, students and parents/guardians that “personal property brought onto school premises is done so with the knowledge that DET insurances will not cover any loss or damage to such property, therefore staff members, students, parents/guardians are discouraged from bringing unnecessary or particular valuable items to school.”



We request students do not bring expensive items and toys to school to use during their breaks. We cannot guarantee these items will not be damaged or lost. We also encourage our students to play active and imaginative games with their peers during their recess breaks.

Schools are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students, who do not have student accident insurance/ ambulance cover, are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance or transport as well as any other transport costs.

Michael Smethurst  
Leading Teacher

### School Captains

Congratulations to our School captains who received their badges at assembly last week.





## Cottage by the Sea Camp

The Grade 6 students are having a great time at the Cottage by the Sea Camp in Queenscliff. They have been participating in a range of activities from surfing, visiting the Marine Discovery Center, rock pooling in Barwon Heads and completing team building activities..

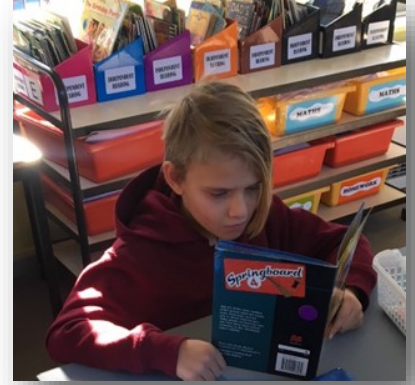




# CAFÉ READING—WHAT IS IT?

Dear Parents and carers,

During our literacy time in our classroom, we use a structure called CAFÉ Reading. At the beginning, this structure is put into place helping teach children to be independent on reading tasks. Once students are taught the behaviours of the tasks and build their stamina for independence, staff will be able to work with individuals and small groups. We also use CAFÉ menus, which is a visual aid for organising the reading strategies your children will be learning to read books at their own level.



Once children are taught to build their stamina they will be engaged each day in these research-based meaningful tasks:

- Read to Self
- Listen to Reading
- Read to Someone

While the students are engaged in their literacy choices, staff will be teaching small groups and individuals, so everyone can get the just-in-time instruction they need to reach their full literacy potential.

CAFÉ is the organisation of the reading strategies taught during the Reading block. CAFÉ is the acronym for the four major components of reading:

- C for Comprehension
- A for Accuracy
- F for Fluency
- E for Expanding Vocabulary



Your child will learn reading strategies within each category. These strategies will become tools they learn and apply to help them become better readers and writers. Staff will keep you informed through weekly newsletters of the new strategies that are introduced to the whole class. You'll be updated about your child's individual strategies. These communications will help you reinforce concepts when you read with your child at home. Thank you for partnering with us. It is going to be a great year. If you have any questions please talk with your child's classroom teacher.



# SUNFLOWER SEED PESTO

## Ingredients

- 4 cups of basil leaves
- 1 cup sunflower seeds (raw & hulled)
- 1/2 cup olive oil
- 1 cup parmesan cheese
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 cloves of garlic (crushed)

## Method

1. Place basil, sunflower seeds, olive oil, parmesan, butter and garlic in the bowl of a food processor and puree until smooth.
2. Place pesto in a jar and cover with olive oil before putting the lid on.

The pesto will last for up to two weeks in the refrigerator.

Great addition to pasta salad & an awesome nut free option.

