



## Principal's letter

Term 1 has actually come to an end – what an exciting and quick term it has been. We welcomed a number of people into the school; new preps, new teachers and ES as well as our new children in the ELC! We've had a lot to celebrate: a successful term of swimming, responsible pet programs, a beautiful family night out at Buckingham Reserve, many adults attending Auslan on Thursdays, nearly all parents attending SSGs, wonderful class presentations on Friday, hundreds of PBS stickers handed out and so much more! I can't wait to see what we can achieve in Term 2!

I would like to congratulate Janine Hata on being co-opted into our 12 month parent position on School Council and Anh Le has been elected as our School Council President!

I would like to wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing you in two weeks' time. Don't forget school starts back on Monday 16 April.

Lee Bullock  
*Principal*

## Volunteers wanted!

Do you love gardening or painting? We would love your help! If you have any time to spare to help us to tidy up the gardens around the school or paint some outdoor equipment, please contact Vicki in the school office! Your help would be greatly appreciated.



## Term Dates 2018

**Term 1** – 30 January to 29 March (Thursday)

**Term 2** – 16 April to 29 June 2018

**Term 3** – 16 July to 21 September 2018

**Term 4** – 8 October to 21 December 2018

## Upcoming Events 2018

**Monday 16 April** – First day of school

**Friday 20 April** 10:30am – 11:30am – Book launch and morning tea – all welcome!

**Tuesday 24 April** 10am – 11:15am – Anzac day ceremony – all welcome

**Wednesday 25 April** – Anzac day – School closed



Parents, families and friends are invited to join us for our Anzac Day commemorations to be held at Furlong Park School at 10am -11:15am on Tuesday April 24. We will be assembling together to share in a time to learn and reflect on the history involved in keeping our nation safe and remembering the loss of life that occurred in our past conflicts from World War I to today. The children are making their own floral tributes and we will have some very interesting guest speakers from our own communities sharing with us in very visual ways the significance of the day. We will have 3 very special life sized bears dressed in military costume visiting us from the Legacy organisation who will help us to march to and from the flagpole, where we will have a bugler play the Last Post. We would love it if you could join with us and stay for a special morning tea afterwards.



## Essential for school payments due

You would have recently received a reminder for payment of your child's Essential Education Items. This payment covers book printing or binding, cooking items and other take home materials. This payment was due on 2 March 2018 however payments can be spread over the year. Please ensure that arrangements for this payment is made through our Business Manager, Janine Comte or by returning your child's form to the school office.

## An interview with Sebastian

By Antanhe and Ryder



1. How old are you? *10 years old*
2. What year are you? *Year 5*
3. What sport do you like? *Soccer*
4. Can you play AFL? *Yes*
5. Do you prefer laptop or computers? *Laptop*
6. What is your favourite colour? *Purple*
7. Do you miss your friends from your old school? *Yes*
8. How many brothers and sisters do you have?  
*2 sisters and 2 brothers*
9. Do you like Furlong Park School? *Yes*
10. Why? *Because I can communicate in Auslan to all.*

## Free school dentist

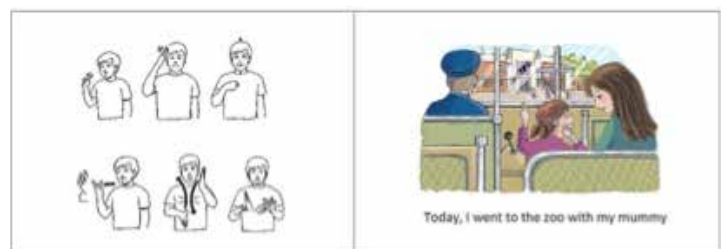
If your child is eligible through the Child dental Benefits Schedule, they are able to have an oral examination, clean and fluoride at school for free. If you're not eligible, the cost is \$79 for 3-5 year olds and \$99 for children 6 years old or over. Please complete the dental forms provided and return to the school. The dentist will visit on Tuesday 8 and Wednesday 9 May.



## Book Launch at Furlong Park!

Friday 20 April 10:30am -11:30am

Deaf mothers, Jen and Kerri are launching a bilingual picture story book that they have produced called "A visit to the Zoo". Our Furlong Park community of parents, families and friends are invited to join the children and staff at school in a morning celebrating the new book, its authors and their experiences and its first release at Furlong Park. The book is available for purchase with the authors able to sign it should you wish. We would love to have you join us for a morning tea afterwards.



**School Holiday Fun in VIC!**

**GARFIELD**  
Monday April 9  
10.30am  
Chapel Off  
Chapel, Prahran

**The 78-STOREY TREEHOUSE**  
LIVE ON STAGE!  
A story by RICHARD TULLOCH  
Adapted from the book by  
ANDY GRIFFITHS & TERRY DENTON

The 78 Storey Treehouse  
Saturday April 14  
Arts Centre Melbourne

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