

6th March, 2019

Term 1 Issue 6



## Diary Dates

### 2019

#### MARCH

- 11 Public Holiday - no school
- 12-13 G5-6 Water Safety
- 19-20 G5-6 Water Safety
- 21 House Cross Country G3-6
- 25-27 G4 Bike Ed
- 29 Walkathon

#### APR

- 1-4 G5 Bike Ed
- 5 Last day Term 1  
2:30 finish

# The Communicator

## Principal's Message

### National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March our school is taking part in the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence. The National Day of Action is Australia's key anti-bullying event for schools.

It's a day where school communities across Australia 'take a stand together' against bullying and violence. We will be running activities in class and creating a whole school pledge that will be signed by every student and presented at assembly to take a stand together against all forms of bullying and violence.



Our school community  
is proud to Take a  
Stand Together.

**BULLYING. NO WAY!**  
TAKE A STAND  
TOGETHER

Friday 15 March 2019  
[www.bullyingnoway.gov.au](http://www.bullyingnoway.gov.au)

National Day  
of Action against  
Bullying and Violence

## Coatesville PS Mission Statement

To nurture the educational journey of all within the school community, so that we "aspire higher", through an engaging and relevant inquiry based curriculum that empowers us to be internationally minded,

## Whole School Values

Respect    Achievement

Harmony    Cooperation

Responsibility

## Gratitude

According to Psychology Today, expressing gratitude has a powerful impact on our happiness and can increase empathy, reduce aggression, improve sleep, build our mental resilience and improve our overall mental health. I would like to put a challenge out to everyone to write a letter of gratitude this week and to witness the impact of this powerful activity.

Here's how to write a gratitude letter:

First, pick someone who has made a major positive difference in your life, and to whom you have never fully expressed your thanks. It could be someone living or deceased. It could be a family member, friend, teacher or sports coach or anyone who you are grateful to have had in your life.

Write your letter. Take your time, and savour it. Reflect on special moments and qualities that made a difference for you. Relive the feelings you have felt. In your letter, address the person directly - you're writing to them, not about them.

Finally, deliver your letter in some way. You could choose to read it in person, or deliver it via mail. If the person is no longer alive, you might store the letter in a special place, perhaps where there's a memorial or photo.

I would love to get feedback from people who accept this challenge.

## Safe Neighbourhood Pilot Project

We are working with Glen Eira Council on the Pedestrian Safe Neighbourhood Pilot Project. The project is studying traffic and pedestrian behaviour in and around our school in an attempt to create some interventions to improve pedestrian safety.

We would really like to have parent input on this matter, and at this stage no input has been given to provide Council with any feedback.

If you would like to have you say on this study, please follow the survey link below:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/safeneighbourhoods-community>

Michael Jones  
Principal

## SCHOOL PHOTOS

If you have not yet ordered & paid for the school photos online, just a reminder the due date is 15th March.

All "shoot keys" for individual photos and sibling photos are up and working now.

You can also drop off your order/envelope with cash at the office if you do not want to order online.

Family concession - 3 or more children - only pay for 2 - if you did not pay & hand in an envelope on photo day, these can be ordered by filling out an envelope and paying in cash at the office, unfortunately there is not an option to pay for this online.



As we head away from the heat of summer, it's time to think about a winter trip to the snow.

Our School Snowsports Camp held at Mount Buller is an optional alpine adventure camp open to all students from Grades 3—6.

When: 7-9th August.

An Information Session will be held in Term 2 for interested students/families.



## Chocolate

We still have quite a few boxes of Cadbury chocolates leftover from our Chocolate Drive.

If you are able to sell another box, please collect a box from the office

Chocolates are \$0.50 each (120 in box)

Total of each box is \$60.00.

# HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY



**Rescheduled date**  
**Thursday 21st March**



Buy a book from  
**SCHOLASTIC**  
**Book Club**  
to help build  
our classroom  
resources

orders are due: **Wednesday 20th March 2019**

## 'The Ville' CANTEEN w/s 12/03/19

MONDAY	-	Public Holiday—No School
TUESDAY	-	SARAH MICHAELS
WEDNESDAY	-	NATALIE LECLERC
THURSDAY	-	KERRI FULTON
FRIDAY	-	JACKIE BLAKE / LORI LYGRIS





# WALKATHON

**FRIDAY 29TH MARCH 2019**  
**1:30PM TO 3:00PM**

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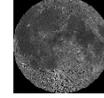
The Walkathon is a fantastic whole school event in which students have fun getting active whilst raising money for our school.

Students are asked to wear their house colours and appropriate shoes for the event.

Students are encouraged to raise money by asking family and friends to sponsor them per lap completed or simply make a donation for their walk.



# Science Talent Search



The 2019 Science Talent Search comes with lots of exciting opportunities.  
This year we will be opening up the challenge to students from Grades 1-5 for participation.

The Science Talent Search has **three aims** to stimulate an ongoing interest in the study of sciences.

1. To encourage independent, self-motivated project work.
2. To give students the opportunity to communicate their achievements to a wider audience.
3. To recognise effort in a scientific enterprise.

This year the theme to focus on is:

**Destination Moon: More missions, more science.**

**Some related key words to discuss with your children before signing up in relation to this topic could be:**

Human space flight, Moon Mining, Satellites, Weightlessness, Space Science, Deep Space Habitat and Moon missions.

There are many choices for students to present their projects:

**Creative Writing**

**Working Models**

**Inventions**

**Posters- Scientific Wallcharts**

**Games**

**Computer Programs- Games and Simulations**

**Science Photography**

**Video Productions**

Winners will present at our Coatesville **STEAM** afternoon.

These students will then go on to compete at a special judging day, representing our school.

**There will be information sessions to follow and signup sheets for students interested in participating.**

**If you have any queries please email the teachers as follows.**

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**More to come soon...**