Dear Parents and Families:

**CONCERT PREPARATIONS:** With just THREE WEEKS to go until our end of year school concert, the excitement is building! Remember the children’s costumes are to be FINALISED by next Wednesday 13th November, so if you have not yet collected the required items for your child’s costume now is your last chance. Costumes are to be brought to school in a labelled suit bag, with each item of clothing/ costuming also clearly labelled with their full name. If you would like a DVD of the whole concert performance, we will be offering DVD’s at the price of $25.00 each. Envelopes will be handed out to students next week for orders to be made. Make sure you don’t miss out on this special offer! In the meantime, keep encouraging your child to practice their concert item as much as possible!

**PARENTS & FRIENDS:** Our P&F team have been working hard and are now awaiting the delivery of the “Living Fundraiser” stock. Thank you to everyone who supported this event by placing orders for their herb & veggie gardens. The next event will be the Christmas Raffle. If you would like to donate non-perishable items to enable them to make up hampers, it would be most appreciated.

**SOCIAL SERVICE - Annual K-Mart Wishing Tree:** This is an ongoing fundraiser throughout the term. Children are asked to start donating some of their loose change towards the purchase of a gift to be placed under the K-Mart Wishing Tree. The gifts will be collected by the Salvation Army and distributed to families or individuals who may not receive a gift at Xmas.

**STAFFING for tomorrow:** As you would all be aware many staff will be attending the funeral of Colin Day tomorrow. This is an extremely sad time for Mary and her family and for our school community.

Staff from neighbouring schools have generously offered to take some of our Friday afternoon classes and to take on a leadership position in the school so that we can attend the funeral. Please make our visitors welcome and thank them for their support.

Members of our community may also wish to attend: The funeral is at Nelson Brothers in Williamstown at 2.00pm.

**REMEMBRANCE DAY:** Student leaders will be running a Remembrance service on Monday at 11.00am in the hall. Parents are welcome to attend this service to show their respect for those who have fallen in the pursuit of peace.

**HOUSE SPORT DAY:** Next Friday we will be holding a whole school House Sports Day running from 9am through until 1:15pm. Students are encouraged to wear comfortable sporting clothes in their house colours.

**SUSTAINABILITY:** Our joint project with Victoria University, City West Water and, of course, ANPS is getting closer to completion. The Living Wall is taking shape with the planted pots flourishing under the care of our 5 / 6 team of students and staff. The structure is on site, the foundations are down and over the next two weeks you will see it grow into shape.

The Kitchen Gardens project has progressed significantly—take the time to take a peek through the high gates behind the hall and see all of the work that has begun in earnest to lay the foundations for our ‘student designed’ garden beds.

Frogs and Taddies: have you stopped and had a look at the frog pond area and listened? Can you see any movement? You must try to sneak up on them to have a chance to find them.

**Thought for the week:** "The greatest sign of success for a teacher or parent … is to be able to say, "The children are now working as if I did not exist.” Maria Montessori.

The journey to achieving this is long and hard but certainly beneficial.

Have a great week,
Brendan O’Brien, Principal