SCHOOL COUNCIL REPORT

A very full school council meeting was held on Tuesday night with many topics being discussed. These included:

- The council has been successful in obtaining two grants $1500 Landcare grant and $5000 for more rainwater tanks. There are applications for two more grants pending at the moment.
- Benji Lee has begun a preliminary investigation about the International Baccalaureate.
- Blair Hocking the school council president attended a Improving School Governance workshop through a Parent Body. A handout was provided with a summary of the key roles of the school council.
- Signage for the tyre maze is nearing finalisation.
- Owen West has made preliminary drawings for the remodelling of the canteen so it can be more child friendly as well as provide a space for parents and friends to meet and work. Quotes will be obtained so the project can be implemented in stages.
- A file has been commenced that contains photographs and details of areas around the school that require maintenance.
- 31st August was nominated as a Planting Bee day – there are 500 plants that need to be put in.
- Strategic Plan Process –Prizes and incentives to kids and parents to get involved by a creative exercise. Overall vision over a period of time is to be sought. e.g. 5-10 years. A creative challenge for students will kick off the process in 14th-21 July and display at the classroom, farmers market and then a parent survey will follow with a competition. This would then come to the August School Council meeting.
- Pupil free days granted for Friday 10th October and Monday 3rd November.
- An Assistant Principal position will be advertised to commence in 2015.
- Prep enrolments for 2015 are very high with 60+ students expected to start. The regional office has been contacted about providing another portable.
- The following School Council policies were updated and passed by School Council
  - Anaphylaxis Management
  - Complaints and Grievances
  - Internet
  - Student Engagement and Wellbeing
  - Oscar S reported to School Council on the activities of the Junior School Council.
GRADE 2 DINNER AND SLEEPOVER
A very excited group of grade 2 students attended the annual grade 2 dinner and sleepover last night. They arrived back at school at 5:30 and set up their beds. A delicious two course dinner was served at about 6:15. These students proved to have a great appetite accompanied by beautiful manners. The evening included a disco and a movie with all students settling down to sleep without any fuss. Friday morning was occupied with packing up bedding and having breakfast. In next weeks newsletter there will be a more detailed report from the children and some photos. Today the grade ones and twos went on an excursion to Ceres in Brunswick. Thank you to the staff who slept over last night – Kristin Davis, Sarah Jackson and Michael Hill. Also thank you to the teachers who helped with dinner and breakfast – Alyce Farrugia, Helen Zull, Kyla Mamic and Lisa Rochester.

PARENT /TEACHER INTERVIEWS
Special School Report video for parents
Parenting Ideas have recorded a brief video to support parents when reading their children’s reports. It will help make sure parents focus on the right things, taking a positive view of their children’s reports.
Please check out the following link before Parent/Teacher Interviews next week..
http://youtu.be/YM2Lrm19_A0

FARMER’S MARKET
There must be something about the 2nd Saturday of the month – it always seems to rain. This week was no exception. Thanks to our grade 4/5, 5/6 volunteers who braved the drizzle (and missed the soccer) to help. This week they were: Emma, Sue & Aaron, Alice and her big brother Angus (who did a fab job on the BBQ), Jasmine & Paula, Sophie, Juliet, David & Patricia, Anthony & Frank, Fionn & Chris, Saxon (albeit very briefly), Naomi and the Corboy clan – Maddie, Amelia, Tim & Tracey. As well as the older kids we had a couple of prep mums helping this week – thanks to Jacqui & Sally. Apologies if I have missed anyone.

Thanks also to everyone who has donated lemons recently and to Peta for the oranges.

NEXT COUPLE OF MARKETS
The next market is on the 28th June. Grades 4/5 and 5/6 will once again provide volunteers. I still need people to help. If you are available could you please let me know – lizpye@hotmail.co.uk or 0400 197732.

The first July market is Saturday 12th July which is the last weekend of the school holidays. It is Grade 2’s turn to provide volunteers. I will send a note home this week but if you have a child in grade 2 and are around that weekend it would be great if you could keep some time free.
Cross Country

On Wednesday the 6\textsuperscript{th} of June students from Coburg North Primary School participated in the second level of the Cross Country Championships. The event was at Bundoora Park. The Students that participated were Max P, Ela A, Amalia, Claudio and Sylvie. Unfortunately none of our students came in top ten but they all did a fantastic job and put all their effort into getting this far. We would like to thank all the parents/relatives for their support, Connie for taking Amalia, Ela’s Mum Arzu for bringing Amalia back to school, also to Mrs. Evans for organising the event and training us.

Ela Grade 4/5

RESponsible Student Awards

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<td>Jonas-Pierre</td>
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<td>Communally Responsible - safe &amp; comfortable</td>
<td>By taking responsibility of the school cameras while we were outside gardening on Friday.</td>
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Italiano a CNPN

Ciao a tutti,

Che tempo fa oggi?

This semester Grade 1 and 2 students have been talking about the weather.

Oggi – today...
   Fa freddo – it is cold
   Fa caldo – it is hot
   Tira vento – it is windy
   Piove – it is raining
   Nevica – it is snowing
   È nuvoloso – it is cloudy
   C’è il sole – it is sunny

Grade 2 students made puppets and performed the play “La recita del sole e del vento”. They had a lot of fun performing their roles as: il sole – the sun, il vento – the wind, and l'uomo – the man.

Non dimenticare (don't forget):
   • the Italian poster competition closes next Monday, 24 June.
   • Carnevale is on Friday 27 June.

A presto,
signora Jackie
Below are some responses from the grade 5 and 6 Peer Leaders regarding their two day training sessions. There will be more in next week’s newsletter!

**What is something you learnt during your two days of training that will help you as a peer leader?**

I think that empathy will help me as a peer leader. I think this because understanding people’s feelings is very important when you are spending time with them. This is also an important skill when you are making friends. Jasmine

I learnt tonnes on those days, but what was annoying is we had to get people’s attention all the time in one activity. I learnt how to be confident when speaking in front of people. Malik

The things that will help me is teamwork, active listening and active speaking because when I am a co-leader for 8 weeks I will be using those particular skills and calling less for help when I am, for example, setting up an activity for the students and writing something on the white board. Jai

Yesterday I learnt how to be a good leader. We did many activities, my worst was “leadership skills” because it was boring, difficult and hard to understand how to play it. But we played nice games as well, many games taught me how peer leaders work, why I have to speak loudly and to use easier words to small kids and harder to adults or bigger kids. Amalia

I learnt how to do hand gestures and use facial expressions which is important to know because sometimes if you don’t use your face or your hands someone might not know if they are doing something wrong or right. Oscar

I liked learning about other people and what they like. I learnt that a group agreement is important because no one is left out. Alex H

Something I learnt is that it would be very hard to teach younger students because they are not as tough as us so they get more scared. Learning that has helped me to remember to be easier on them. Sayo

Something that I learnt yesterday that will help me is that the group should have an agreement. Also, some ideas to help if your co leader has the same ideas for the activities. Some things to help settle the group if they aren’t sitting and doing what they are meant to and if the group gets off task. Stefanie

I learnt how to treat kids and how to be a fun/ good leader. I learnt that body language can also explain. I learnt how to work as a team and all about a group agreement. Celine

I learnt that if you don’t prepare the activity it will cause you some trouble. Ela I learnt that peer leaders spend most of the time listening to their group and pay very close attention to their group.

I learnt that it is very important to have a group agreement and it is very important to work as a team, because then you can get stuff done. Nikoletta

I learnt how to be more confident in speaking. When we were with a partner and presenting the activity, there was a lot of noise but that helped me speak louder. Nadine
FUNKY HAIR FRIDAY – FRIDAY JUNE 27TH

The Leukaemia Foundation is Australia’s peak body for blood cancer, funding research and providing free services to support people with leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders, and their families. The Leukaemia Foundation provides free practical and emotional support, and fund research to improve treatments and find cures. They rely solely on generous support of the community to fund their Vision to Cure and Mission to Care.

Want to get involved? To raise money for The Leukaemia Foundation we invite all staff and students to make a gold coin donation and come to school with a funky ‘hair do’ on Friday June 27th (the last day of term). Wear your hair as crazy, funky, wacky and wild as your please. Wear a wig if you like, colour your hair if that’s your cup of tea or create your own unique hairstyle. The possibilities are endless!

Please join us in some fun and to support a great cause. Your donations will improve the quality of life for people with blood cancers.

Courtney, Sarah and the JSC representatives.

Giggle Day

Thankyou to all who participated in Giggle Day last Friday. It was pleasing to see many students dressing up, wearing yellow and entering their funniest joke. Junior School Council raised a total of $170 and will be donating it to Camp Quality with the aim to help children with cancer in Australian to have a better life.

Jokes have been published into a mini joke book which can be purchased for $1.00 at the office.

Kind Regards,

Courtney, Sarah and the JSC representatives
Green Team - ‘Go Get Em’

We are happy to announce that our Green Team for 2014 has been finalised! Our Green team members are the senior students in the Junior School Council and include:

- Alex
- Edwin
- Jem
- Amy G
- Yathrib
- Kamal
- Sayo
- Jasmine
- Oscar

These wonderful students will form our action team and will work closely with Sarah, Courtney and the sustainability committee towards making the school more sustainable. They will drive our sustainability vision by raising awareness amongst the students of sustainable practices and activities that we can incorporate into our everyday lives. Participation in the Green Team will also give these 10 students every opportunity to build on their leadership skills and qualities.

The Green Team have already begun conducting an ecological audit within JSC meetings to assess what sustainable activities we are currently undertaking and what resources we may be using or wasting. Students have already found that most of our daily activities use resources such as water, energy and waste. So far, most of the activities have been rated as “low usage” and include things like:

- Brushing your teeth
- Washing your hands
- Using a toaster
- Using the microwave

However, we did notice that as the wintery weather creeps up on us, the use of heaters and electric blankets will mean we are using electricity more, resulting in a higher resource usage and rate.

This ecological audit will continue over the next few weeks as baseline data is gathered, collated and analysed.

If you are interested in becoming a part of the sustainability committee please express your interest to either Sarah or Courtney.
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Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:
- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions. It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses. From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.
Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.
The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
2014
WINTER FOOTYSPORTS
AUSSIE RULES!

VicFOOTY

KICK OFF
Soccer keeps getting better & better

VicSOCCER

winter offers
› 2 sports offered combine for a discount
› Fun, safe and non-competitive game environment
› Boys & Girls aged 4-12
› Beginners, Intermediate & Advanced levels
› School Term of 55 minutes tuition on Saturday mornings
› FEE: $100 per child and includes a Gift!
   Certificates are awarded to all players upon completion & a trophy is presented to those who have completed 4 or 8 sessions.

www.viccric.com.au
ENQUIRIES CONTACT: Mike Bishop 0418 303 432
Email: mbishop@optusnet.com.au

ENROL NOW
STARTS 26 July 2014

Saturday morning clinics run during the school term and involve 55 minutes of personalised tuition. Ages and skill appropriate curriculum focus on the fundamentals of the games that will encourage social interaction, build skill levels and grow self-esteem. Soccer and Aussie Rules are offered at Strathmore Venue. Each session is comprised of approximately 30-50 children, and is divided into four to six groups, with one coach to (approx) ten players.

VENUE

STRATHMORE Highway 16, Strathmore Secondary College, Pascoe Vale Rd
Strathmore 3041

SESSION TIME

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FREE GIFT please select one

- Soccer Ball
- AFL

Name of Footy Club you support

SPECIAL SOCCER POLO SHIRTS $25

- 6
- 8
- 10
- 12
- 14

Children sizes, Please select by ticking box

METHOD OF PAYMENT

- Pre-pay CHEQUE (in twice your place) please send with completed application
  form to VIC CRIC 28 SPENCER ST ESSENDON 3040
- Payment at first day of Clinic 26th July 2014

CHEQUE/CASH Please note that registration and payment must be completed before commencement of Clinic.

TOTAL AMOUNT $ __________

*Please make all Cheques payable to Vic Cric

Participant Details

- Full Name
- Name of Clinic previously completed
- Age
- Age

Address

- Address
- Mobile
- Email

Primary school currently attending

- Primary school currently attending

Parent/Guardian Signature

(please print or type name to confirm your details have been read and understood)
STEAM TRAINS FOR KIDS

Family Railway Fun

Trains from Maldon to Muckleford – Rtn to Maldon

Sat / Sun : July - 12 / 13

Train Rides - Steam & Diesel.

Animal Farm. Model Railway.

Clown on board. Novelty Rides.

Sausage Sizzle.

Horse Cart Rides

Donkey Rides

Jumping Castle