THANK YOU

We have been very fortunate this week as we have received some ‘freebies’ for our school.

Taylor’s College in the city is closing at the end of the year and they had a lot of furniture available for schools. Last Saturday we hired a truck and did two trips into the city. We have procured a lot of valuable furniture and this will save the school a lot of money. Thank you to Taylor’s College for this donation and thank you to my husband Bob and our grade 5/6 teacher Mr P. for spending their Saturday lugging furniture from the 6th floor in Lonsdale St.

We also received a pie warmer through the dad of Senti in grade two. This means we now have the capacity to keep a larger amount of food warm on our special lunch days. Thank you Senti’s dad!

These sorts of donations are much appreciated and make a big difference to our school budget. So if you know of any useful resources that are available for free let us know.

ARE YOU LEAVING?

If any families are not returning to Coburg North PS in 2015 could you please let the office know ASAP. This information is vital for our 2015 planning. Thank you.

OSHP

Thank you to all the parents who have returned the new enrolment forms for next year. Spaces are filling fast but there are still places available. If you require childcare for next year and have not yet returned your forms, could you please do so by Friday the 5th of December. Thank you.

NUDE FOOD DECEMBER

From Monday 1st December until Friday 5th December, Coburg North is taking up the challenge to improve the amount of litter we generate whilst maintaining and promoting healthy food at school. We have been involved in the National Nude Food campaign for a number of years although this year we will be extending the challenge time from 1 day to 5 days. Each grade will be tallying their litter and at the end of 5 days, the grade with the least amount of litter will be our champion Nude Food Warriors 2014. All you need to do is help your child bring Nude Food to school each day. This means food that is not wrapped in foil, plastic or commercial packaging. (Please ensure that any containers that students bring to school have their name on the lid and the bottom of the container.)
MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to the School Band and other instrumentalists who performed so well at the Farmers Market on Saturday. They played very really well.

The band do a great job every Thursday morning before school rehearsing their songs. I am always impressed with their dedication and the sense of fun they bring to the process. I like how other students pop into the Music room to listen to them as well. Thanks too must go to the parents who helped with the setting up and packing away.

I am currently organising some performances for the Performance Choir and the Junior Choir. Stay tuned.

The DVDs of the concert are nearly ready. We had a look at them and they look good, however a slight technical fault in them is being corrected which accounts for the delay.

Stephen

Cancer Awareness Week

Cancer has in some way or another, affected each and every one of us during our lifetime. Cancer is unfortunately, the leading cause of the total burden of disease and injury in Australia. The Cancer Council seeks to engage all Australians in their work to reduce the impact of cancer in Australia through advocacy, research, education and support. The Cancer Council strives to raise awareness and funds for prevention programs, support services and world class research into a number of common cancers in Australia.

During Cancer Awareness Week, we invite you to help fight cancer by purchasing a cancer ribbon for $1.00 each. Each morning from 8.45am-9am, the Junior School Cancer will be holding a Ribbon Stall set up outside the Grade 1 rooms for students and parents to purchase ribbons. All the different coloured ribbons represent a different type of cancer.

All proceeds raised will go to the Cancer Council and help provide complete support for those affected by cancers. Money raised will also help to fund vital research and prevention programs.

Please bring any loose change and join us during Cancer Awareness Week - Monday 1st December to Friday the 5th December.

Your support and donations are greatly appreciated

Courtney, Sarah and the JSC representatives.

CYBERSMART ONLINE PRESENTATION – CYBER SECURITY
On Thursday the 4th of December 2014, Grade 4/5/6 students will again participate in a state wide online Cybersmart conference. This time the focus of the conference is Cyber Security

The presentation will:

- Help students identify what cyber security is and why it is important
- Allow students to understand where personal information is stored online
- Encourage students to think before they place personal information online
- Encourage students to check settings to secure information as safely and privately as possible
- Understand how personal information may be seen or accessed by people and organisations
- Support safe use and control of strong passwords
- Encourage students to seek support if they are experiencing cyberbullying, unwanted contact or hacking
- Encourage students to be ‘good’ bystanders.
- Help students recognise and deal with scams online.

The presentation will feature interactive questions which will be facilitated by the classroom teachers.

Cybersmart is a national program managed by the Australian Communications and Media Authority, as part of the Australian Government's commitment to cybersafety.
EXPERT’S TIPS FOR PARENTS TO STOP CYBER-BULLYING
Susan McLean

Publication Date:17/11/2014 5:00 PM

Social media is more accessible than ever – with the rise of smartphones and tablets, it has never been easier to jump online.

For young people, it means being more connected than any other generation – friends are never more than a tweet away.

Unfortunately this has also led to a rapid increase in cyberbullying – to the point that at least one in 10 children are cyberbullied each year.

Cyberbullying can be very different from traditional bullying, and many parents can feel ill-equipped to respond if their child is being cyberbullied.

Susan McLean (pictured right), a former police officer and Australia’s leading cybersafety expert, said even if parents have no experience with social media, by following a few basic steps, parents can effectively support their children to be safe online.

‘Parenting in the 21st century requires you to be able to parent in the digital space,’ Ms McLean said. ‘Technology is firmly entrenched in our lives and that of our children so we need the tools to deal with issues as they arise.

'It’s really important that if your child is being cyberbullied, you don’t cut them off from social media and take their technology away - the vast majority of kids won't tell a parent if they are bullied and harassed online for fear of losing access. They would much rather put up with the bad to keep the good.'

Ms McLean said when confronted with their child being cyberbullied, parents should follow the cyberbullying quick response checklist:

- Reassure and comfort
- Don't respond
- Block and delete bully
- Report to the site
- Keep a copy
- Tell school (or relevant place) and seek action
- If ongoing inform police
- Support your child as they have done nothing wrong

The Department’s Bully Stoppers website has a range of advice for parents, students and teachers about how to respond to all types of bullying.

Susan McLean is Australia’s leading cybersafety expert and was a member of Victoria Police for 27 years. She was the first Victorian Police officer appointed to a position involving cybersafety and young people. She was one of several experts who authored the Bully Stoppers Resource and is a published author. Her book Sexts Texts and Selfies - how to keep your child safe in the digital space is available now.
**DIARY DATES 2014**

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What’s on at Moreland City Libraries

December 2014 - January 2015

**Swim in a sea of books**

Celebrate summer with Moreland City Libraries’ Summer Reading Fest. Collect a reading record from your local Moreland Library and read or listen to 5 books or write a short review for your chance to win. Each entry receives a giveaway and goes into the major prize draw. You could win iTunes cards, movie passes, book vouchers and more! The more you read the more chances you have to win!

**School holiday activities**

Holiday activities will take place around Moreland City Libraries in January. Check your local library from Monday 15 December for details of activities and book your place. All activities are free of charge, are suitable for school children only and bookings are essential. Children under the age of 10 must be accompanied by an adult.

**Free online stories and games**

Did you know you can access online websites for children that are fun and educational via the Moreland library website? Take a look next time you go online. Click on **For children** on the library home page, and follow the links to:

- Tumblebooks
- Ziptales
- Busy Things
- The Big Bus

In the library, children under 10 must be accompanied by a responsible person

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COBURG Night Market

FRIDAYS 5.30PM - 10PM
28 NOVEMBER • 5 DECEMBER • 12 DECEMBER • 19 DECEMBER
Bridges Reserve, Coburg
Located in front of the Coburg Leisure Centre and near the corner of Sydney Road and Bell Street

Yummy Street Food
Local Artisan Stalls
Live Music
Licensed Bar
Free Entry

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Moreland Language Link

28/11/2014
Carols at the Lake

Saturday
13 December 2014
6 pm to 10 pm
Coburg Lake Reserve
Murray Road, Coburg

Come and join us for this FREE community concert featuring entertainment and activities for the whole family.

For more information phone 9240 1111 or visit moreland.vic.gov.au