CALENDAR 2014

May
27th Tuesday
P/1 Excursion to Mr. McGee & the Biting Flea  1pm show

29th Thursday
District Cross Country @ Chairo Christian College

June
2nd Monday
Assembly—Mrs Fowler/Mrs Johnston

3rd Tuesday
Parent Club Meeting—9a.m. Lyrebird Room

9th Monday
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

10th Tuesday
School Council Meeting 7.30pm

16th Monday
Curriculum Day—Student Free

23rd Monday
Parents / Teacher Interviews
Assembly—Mrs Connolly/Mrs Mahoney

27th Friday
Last day of term—2.30p.m.

July
14th Monday
First day of Term Three

August
1st Friday
Hooptime 3 /4

29th Friday
Hooptime 5/6

MOWING ROSTER

May
24-25 Saturday/Sunday
Thank you to the Ramm Family for mowing the lawns on the weekend.

Scarecrows

Can you spot the scarecrow? The Preps and ones have enjoyed making a scarecrow for their vegetable patch in the school’s veggie garden. Some of the Grade 6 children have harvested the radishes and many of the other vegetables are growing well but so are the weeds. If you have time, parents are welcome to pull out some weeds to help keep the plants growing.

SOCIAL SKILL THEMES: GETTING ALONG, PERSISTENCE, CONFIDENCE, ORGANISATION & RESILIENCE

In our safe and caring School Community we collectively develop each child’s social, emotional and academic skills for them to reach their full potential and become productive members of society.
Dear Parents,

The book fair was a great success due to the support of the students and their families. Thanks to Mrs Renshaw for organising it, and to all the staff and parents who helped both before and after school.

On Thursday the district cross country championships will be held at Chairo Christian School. Good luck to our competitors and I look forward to congratulating their successes in assembly on Monday.

The prep / one students are off to Warragal Arts Centre today to watch Mr McGee and the Biting Flea. I am sure they will have lots to tell and look forward to hearing about it tomorrow.

This year all Australian schools, including Catholic and independent, are required to take part in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with a Disability. No personal data of any nature is collected about any student and at no point can any individual be identified. However, parents / carers have the right to opt out of the collection of data. Please note that no information is being requested from home, it is purely school based data.

Below is an explanation of what information is being collected and what happens if you decide to opt-out of the Data Collection.

**What is the Data Collection?**

The Data Collection will collect information about students with a disability who require support to participate in education on the same basis as other students.

The Disability Discrimination Act 1992 (DDA) describes a very broad range of health and learning conditions. Under the DDA and the Disability Standards for Education 2005 schools have obligations to ensure that students with these conditions are able to access and participate in education on the same basis as other students. This includes providing reasonable adjustments where needed, in consultation with the student’s parents, carers or guardians.

This Data Collection aims to gather information about how many students in schools have a health or learning condition requiring adjustments be made to support their access to and participation in education. The Data Collection is not limited to students with diagnosed disabilities, and will collect valuable information about supports provided to a much wider group of students than those previously included in individually targeted disability support programs such as the Program for Students with Disabilities.

**Why is this information being collected?**

The Data Collection aims to provide more accurate and complete information about the number and distribution of Australian school students with disability as well as the adjustments provided to enable them to access education on the same basis as students without disability.

The Data Collection will inform future policy and planning for the provision of education services around the country and ensure that there is a nationally consistent approach to identifying students with disability.

**What information is being collected?**

The Data Collection will collect:

- the students’ broad type of disability.

**How will the information be collected?**

Our school will determine the number of students with disability, adjustments that are provided and the broad category of disability for each of those students.

As school principal, I will verify there is evidence to support the inclusion of these students in the Data Collection. This may include reviewing your child’s learning plans and consulting with you, your child and/or their teachers.

Once the data has been collected, our school staff will de-identify the data so that no student names are captured.

**What will happen to the information collected?**

By August, we will record and submit numbers only to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (the Department). The Department will then provide total numbers at a State level to the Commonwealth Department of Education. This data will be transmitted securely.

The Commonwealth Department of Education will use the information collected to inform policy development in the area of Education in the future.

Both the Department and the Commonwealth Department of Education will take steps to aggregate the data sufficiently so that no student’s identity could reasonably be ascertained.

**What happens if you opt-out?**

Involvement in the Data Collection is optional and you may ‘opt-out’ at any time. There are no consequences if you choose to opt-out of the Data Collection. If you want to opt-out, please contact school by **Friday 13th June**.

**What happens if you do not opt-out?**

De-identified information about your child may be included in the 2014 Data Collection.

**Accessing your child’s information**

You can access and correct the personal and health information about your child held by the Department. If you wish to access and correct your child’s personal and/or health information, please contact me.

**Questions**

If you have any questions about the 2014 Data Collection, please do not hesitate to contact me at school. Further information about the Data Collection can be found at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/needs/Pages/nccd.aspx)

Again, I would like to encourage you to join Karen Pierrehumbert in parking at the Buln Buln footie club for school drop offs and pick ups. Thanks to those of you who have started to do this, it is helping considerably.

Have a great week.

Drew Allison

**LOST:**

Hoodie size 6 with the name Kilmartin on it. Could all parents please check their children’s clothing as it may have been picked up accidentally. A timely reminder to make sure all articles of clothing are clearly labelled.
PARENT CLUB -
Next Meeting - Tuesday 3rd June @ 9.00am.

Hot chocolates will be on sale for $1.00 again this term each Friday from the Lyrebird room. HELPERS ARE NEEDED! A roster will be left at the office with Lyn for people to place their name to help out. We only need 3 people each week from 10.30 till 11.30. If we are able to get enough helpers, you may only be required to help out once or twice a term. If we are unable to get helpers, hot chocolates may be cancelled on those weeks.

School Concert DVD’s are now available for sale - $10.00 each. If you would like to purchase one, please put your name on an envelope with the money enclosed and leave it with Lyn at the office.

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Hello from the kitchen. No foreign language skills were required in ‘A Taste of Good Food’ cooking program yesterday with British cuisine on the menu. The senior students prepared a lunch of Oxtail Soup, Toad in the Hole served with Mushy peas and potato followed by Steamed Sultana pudding. Mrs. Brooker joined the students for lunch. There was much chatter around the table as students talked about the various parts they played in preparing the meal. It is always interesting talking about the kind of food that was common in Australia in the past and compare this to the wide variation of cuisine which we currently eat. Meat and two veg meals are just one of many dishes that families can enjoy. Thanks to my three parent helpers, Nat Whitehead, Sharyn Marriott-Burke and Lyn Kisielnicki, the students had a delicious meal and a great cooking experience.

The students who will be preparing a Vietnamese lunch next Monday will be: Cooper Pertzel, Keely Savage, Toni Storey, Lachlan Willis, Joshua Debenham, Hamish Clark, Hayley Whitehead and Maddy Burrage. Parents of these students may only wish to send a snack for morning tea that day so please take note. I am also in need of parent helpers for this session (11:30am – 2:00pm). If parents or grandparents of any of these students would like to assist with cooking please send a message via the office or email to advise me kingwillbj@hotmail.com.

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS

Kittens
Free to a good home. Really cute! Four kittens available. Please call Vanessa on 0437 830351 for more info.

100 nights reading awards
Stella, Charley, Jack, Hugo and Shady

Merit Awards
Stacie, Brooke, Alex, Charli, Luke and Darcy.

Social Skills Awards
Jake, Asher, Ella, Fletcher, Gemma, Charlie and Laticia
National Simultaneous Storytime

The Grades Prep, One, 2/3 and 4/5 children enjoyed the story of ‘Too Many Elephants in the House’ by Ursula Dubosarsky with thousands of other children across Australia when they participated in National Simultaneous Storytime last Wednesday. The story is a lot of fun and involves a boy who has lots of elephants in his house and the problems and good things they bring. We enjoyed the story and made our own elephants.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Could bookings and cancellations occur as early as possible as this helps with securing a place for your child/children. Thursday night has only a couple of places left so cancellations need to be notified by that morning where possible. Our policy for cancellations that are not communicated early, is a fee will still be charged if we have had to turn away other families due to lack of places. This procedure has helped in maintaining a high level of care that is available to all families and kept our fees to a minimum. We are still the lowest charging OSHC program in this area due to accounts being paid on a regular basis, donations from families past and present and communication between staff and families being a high priority.

Thank you Lyn & Helen

These photos demonstrate the activities that have occurred over the last few weeks in Outside School Hours Care.

Kade, Chelsea and Lyndon unearthed a dinosaur whilst building in the sandpit.

Lyndon, Ari and Kade undertaking their construction work.

Chelsea, Ari, Kade and Lyndon
Lara created her own picture frame utilising cardboard, foil and textas. You perservered with this project Lara and this is evident in the final product. Great creative skills Lara.

Amelie and Ella creating some bark paintings using the colours of the earth like the aboriginals did.

Hayley operating on the animals with all the operating tools she made herself. Your ideas and skill in creating the operating tools was excellent.

Elli nursing all Hayley’s animals that have had operation and are now in hospital. We now have a completely healthy group of animals in OSHC.

Zoe loves to create new pens and buildings for her multitude of horses. Great work Zoe!