Dear Parents

Bill apologizes for his absence the past two days but he had a prior commitment with an Education Committee Network.

**Parent Opinion Surveys**

A random number of parents have been selected to complete the statewide parent opinion survey. This is an opportunity for parents to give confidential feedback.

The data is collated externally and used by the school for improvement.

*Please return your surveys by this Friday 31st July.*

**100 nights of Reading**

Congratulations to Xavier, Joshua, Amelia and Jasmine for 100 night’s reading.

**Star Student Awards**

Last week’s star student awards went to Kate, Makenzie, Evie, Joshua, Jack, Olivia and Archie.

**Sporting Schools Grant**

Our school has received funding as part of the government initiative to give all children experience in a variety of sports. (Traditionally this was Active After School Care). The school can provide sporting activities within their own time frame.

We are currently providing some Karate lessons for our Grade ones and twos during their usual Sport time, with Andrew Bennet and will start some dancing lessons for our Preps and Prep/ones with Kristie Monk.

Programs for the grade 3/4/5 and 6 will be implemented later in the term.

Bill Jeffs
Acting Principal
Assembly
On Friday assembly will be led Tanae Guy and Hamish Clark from Harrier House.

Life Education Victoria
Is visiting our school on August 6th & 7th. Your child will have an opportunity to attend a session in the van with their class. A permission form has been sent home.
As part of our drug and health education this term we are offering parents the opportunity to visit our Life Education mobile classroom while it’s here at our school.
Have you ever considered the following?
What is my child learning in Life Education?
Have you seen inside the Life Education mobile classroom, or know of Harold?
What drug education is appropriate for primary school students?
Why do we have health and drug education?
How is health and drug education integrated into your school’s curriculum?
Want to know more?
Now is your chance.
The Life Education mobile classroom will be at our school on Thursday Aug 6th at 9am.
A slip is attached to this newsletter. Please return if you are interested.

Woolworths Earn & Learn
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September 2015, when you shop at Woolworths you can collect the Earn & Learn Stickers from the checkout operator and place them on a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker sheet. There’ll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, simply place the Sticker Sheet in the Collection Box, either at school or at your local Woolworths. Sticker sheets will be available from the office at school.

FREE MOVIE DAYS IN TERM 3.
Grade P-2 August 13th and 14th, The Jungle Book. Grades 3-6 August 20th and 21st, Rio. Both are Rated G.
This will happen in the Great Space. Bring your lunch.
Junior School Council are having DVD lunch time sessions in Term 3. These will be shown as in 2 groups- Grade P-2 and 3-6.
The Jungle Book will be shown for Grade P-2 over 2 lunch times Thursday and Friday August 13th and 14th.
The movie will start soon after the first bell of lunch time and we will stop 10 minutes before the end of lunch play so children have time to stretch and go to the toilet before the bell. On the Friday, August 14th the children can return to watch the rest of the DVD.
Grade 3-6 will be invited to see Rio the following week– Thursday and Friday August 20th and 21st at the same time and place.
It will run the same as the previous week where children will come with their lunch and the movie starting shortly after 1:30.
Junior School Council members will be running this event and I will be present as well.
This is a free activity, no money is required.
Gerardine Johnston, on behalf of the Junior School Council.
PS– FOOTY DAY IS COMING– FRIDAY AUGUST 28th. More information coming soon!
**Report from School Council meeting**

Last week School Council met. It was a very positive night with many topics on the Agenda for discussion. We have formed 3 sub-committees. Finance – facilitated by Megan Duncan as Treasurer with Lyn Weller, Rory Butters and the Principal. Buildings and Grounds – facilitated by Rory Butters with Teresa Martyn. Policy and Planning, facilitated by myself with Jen Christensen and a staff member. Policy and Planning and Buildings & Grounds are both looking for 2 extra parent members who have an interest or skill in these areas. This does not mean you will be joining School Council but be a part of the sub-committee that reports to School Council. We approved the Grade 2 Sleepover for later next month and also a Curriculum Day for staff PD on September 4th. Teresa is working on a couple of grants the school could apply for. There was discussion around ensuring ALL volunteers to the school (maintenance, mowing, helping in classroom etc.) are signing in and out of the school for safety and legal reasons. There was overall agreement that we need to spend some money to upgrade some of our sporting equipment such as balls etc. Another item brought to our attention was the area around the children’s veggie garden. A lot of time, effort and volunteer support has been put into this area and we need to make it a priority to keep it attended to. Like I said, it was a very productive and positive, albeit long, meeting. Cheers Mel

**Parent Club**

The next Parent Club meeting will be on Wednesday 29th July at 2.30p.m.

**Buln Buln Tennis Club Inc**

There is a general tennis meeting on the 3rd August at 7.30pm at the Buln Buln Tennis Club rooms for junior and senior players. Everyone is welcome – including all new players. For more information please contact Di on 0427 065136.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**

Having just returned from a break overseas I am very keen to get back into the kitchen with the students. One of the things that I really relish about travel is sampling some of the local cuisine. In Hong Kong I ate amazing seafood at a small fishing village, in North America I dined on some typical fried chicken at a Harlem restaurant and in South America I enjoyed some wonderful pasta. I spent my birthday in Argentina and this meal of home cooked BBQ meats stands out as a highlight. It was a great meal with friends who to us are family.

The Taste of Good Food senior program will conclude next week and the following week and junior student sessions will begin. Next Monday 3rd August and the final group of senior students who will be preparing a Spanish lunch next Monday include; Tanesha, Jye, Vaughan, Prell, Lachlan, Samuel, Amity, Ethan and Meg. 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 one more parent helper 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**
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Education influences every corner of our society and is the key to ensuring our state remains one of the world’s best places to live in the decades ahead.

We want to hear your ideas on how we can make Victoria the Education State.

It’s vital that those in the system – parents of children in kindergarten and school, students, teachers and educators and the principals who lead them – have a say in what we need to do to become the Education State.

Enclosed are some posters and postcards to share with your staff and community. Digital files are also available at www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/educationstate.aspx.

Join in the Education State consultation today:
www.educationstate.education.vic.gov.au

The consultation closes on 31 July 2015.