Dear Parents

Welcome
We would like to welcome another student to our School Community. Phoenix recently started in Mrs Fowler's Prep/One class. He is settling in well and it is great to see him arriving at our school with his older brother and a smile on his face.

Parent Opinion Survey
The 2016 Parent Opinion Survey was distributed to a number of parents within our School Community yesterday. The survey is an important part of every school's parent engagement strategies and assists with future planning and improvement. Parents are randomly selected to participate in the annual survey which is confidential and anonymous.

We ask that you complete the survey and return it to us by Friday, July 29th.

School Trivia Night
Our Trivia Night is being held on Friday, August 5th. We are looking forward to having a fun night and hope to see lots of participants testing their knowledge. Tickets are being sold on Wednesdays after school. They are $10 each.

Lions Club Buddy Seat
Students are showing a keen interest in creating designs for our buddy seat. Our Junior School Council will have a difficult time choosing a design as the ones we have so far look great! They will be choosing a design on Friday so please have your coloured buddy seat handed in by then.

Lunchtime ICARE Clubs Program
This week our Junior School Council is running chess and checkers at lunchtimes in the art room. It was fantastic to see the students enjoying themselves yesterday as they played the games.

Nicole Ball, Acting Principal

Award winners:
100 Nights of Reading
Congratulations to Hunter, Bethany, Archie, Matthew, Saige, Deane, Jazelle, Maddie, Cohan, Ollie and Toby.
200 Nights of Reading
Congratulations to Carmen and John.
ICARE awards:
Congratulations to Phoebe, Deane, Amelie, Jaran, Toni, Ella and Saige.

MARC Library
Welcome back for term three from Mr Bucknall and Rick Reader. Middle and senior students have been researching migratory habits of birds, animals and some insects such as the Monarch Butterfly. Migration of birds was graphically explained in Jeannie Baker’s new Non-Fiction picture story, ‘Circle’. This great story tells the amazing tale of the Godwit which annually flies between Australia and Alaska. Some middle school students explored the value of friendship, which was illustrated in Cate Whittle’s ‘Trouble and the Missing Cat’.

Junior school students were great listeners when P. Crumble’s ‘The Cat Wants Custard’ was read to them. This book is most engaging and is a great way of introducing thought bubbles as a writing tool. The book also illustrates to the reader in a really clear way that what you have, is maybe better than what you can see or want.

Well done everyone!!

Philip Bucknall
MARC Teacher/Librarian

PARENT CLUB
Trivia Night
A reminder to all parents and friends that the Buln Buln PS Trivia Night will be held at the Buln Footy rooms on Friday August 5th. This will be a fun social night for the grown-ups from which the Parent Club are hoping to raise funds to contribute to the construction of a new rebound wall play area in the school grounds.

Tickets for the Trivia night will be available for sale at school from 3pm on Wednesday this week and next, or you can contact Jen (0421 005 560) and leave your money with Lyn at the office. Buy your tickets early to avoid disappointment; ticket numbers are limited and selling fast!

FROM THE CHAPLAIN
Over the weekend I had a “Julie and Julia” experience in the kitchen. Perhaps you have seen the movie with Amy Adams and Meryl Streep. Like the key character in this story I took on the challenge of cooking a traditional French onion soup using a recipe by the famous American chef, author and television personality, Julia Child. The secret to a bowl of great flavoured soup is the slowly caramelised onions which are added to the best homemade stock. Everyone who tasted the soup was amazed at how deliciously sweet it was. If you would like to take on the challenge you can find the recipe at http://www.food.com/recipe/authentic-french-onion-soup-courtesy-of-julia-child-356428

Before the ‘Taste of Good Food’ session this week I visited the Grade 3/4 classroom and took in a couple of taste tests including Camembert cheese and Nougat. I showed a clip and spoke to the students about French cuisine. We discussed the differences in French shopping which is done mainly in the markets rather than at a supermarket and also the similarities in our cultures. My hope is that the students will appreciate that while we may speak a different language we are people who share much in common.
Following this the eight senior students involved in cooking prepared the French menu including French Onion soup, Cheese fondue, Cassoulet with Ratatouille followed by Crepe Suzette served oranges and ice-cream. The special lunch guests Mr. Keating and Mrs. Weller joined the students for lunch and chatted to them about their roles in cooking the various dishes. Thanks to the parent helpers, Simon Holmes, Karen Kilmartin, Lisandra Purton and Vanessa Thexton. With their assistance the students had a yummy meal and a wonderful cooking experience.

The orange sauce on the crepes was a real hit and it was good to be able to use some of my own citrus fruit in this dessert. If your orange tree is full you might want to have a go at this recipe too.

**Homemade orange sauce**

- 100g caster sugar
- 35g unsalted butter
- 150ml orange juice
- 1 orange zested
- (optional 3 tablespoons of Grand Marnier or Cointreau)

To make the sauce, heat sugar and 1 tablespoon water in a frying pan over low heat, stirring to dissolve sugar. Add butter, increase heat to medium and cook for 4-5 minutes until golden brown. Add orange juice and zest, and simmer for a few minutes. Pour in liqueur and brandy and stir to combine.

Here are the happy faces around the lunch table.

Next week on Monday 1st August the group of students who will be preparing a German menu includes; Blaze, Luke, Sophie, Ruby, Keely and Ryan. 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**
Friday August 5th

BBPS TRIVIA NIGHT

Dress code (optional) “op-shop glamour”
@ Buln Buln recreation reserve club rooms.

7pm arrival for 7:30pm start

Book either a table of 10 or individually, tickets ($10 each). Adults only event. 210 plate of nibbles for the table. Drinks at bar prices. Fantastic Prizes up for grabs on the spinning wheel. $10 per spin, so please bring some extra money. John Butterworth will be playing live music! Lots of great prizes and heaps of fun!!! Drink 4 tickets.

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