Principal’s Report

New Families
Welcome to three new families who have children starting in Prep this term.
⇒ Samantha and Duncan Miles have Lila in Prep C.
⇒ Sarika and Ramesh Phule have Ishan in Prep C.
⇒ Christina and Richard Stobbs have Caleb in Prep H.

Please introduce yourselves to our new families. As you can appreciate, starting at a new school mid-year is daunting and many of the transition and welcoming events have already happened. I’m sure that they are keen for their children to make new friendship groups ASAP.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development surveys a random sample of families from each Victorian school. The survey is an important indicator of how well our school is meeting the needs of students at our school. The anonymous survey will be sent out to 40 families from our school. If you receive a survey in the mail, could you return it to school in the provided envelope by Friday 31st July.

Mud!
During the wet months of winter, our high pedestrian traffic area outside the Prep rooms and near the oval get churned up and very muddy. Please try to use the concrete and asphalt paths to move around our school, which will assist in reducing damage to the grass. I have placed witches hats outside to remind people, could you encourage your children to use the paths as much as possible also.

Uniform.
We have a very clear uniform policy. Uniforms can be purchased from A+ Uniforms in Belmont or from our second hand uniform shop at school. Recently I have seen many students in articles of clothing that are not compliant with our uniform policy. The common sightings are:
⇒ Black pants instead of navy.
⇒ Printed windcheaters instead of school rugby tops.
⇒ Colourful runners instead of mostly white or black runners.
⇒ Nail polish should be clear.
⇒ Jewellery, dangling earrings, numerous necklaces and bracelets.

I will be sending home notices of non-compliance in the next week. Please ensure that your child/children are in the mandated school uniform. Thank you for your co-operation.

Marcia Hines
Last Friday some of our senior choir and students who have demonstrated an interest in performing arts were given the opportunity to visit Bellaire Primary School to hear Marcia Hines sing and answer questions. Her responses and insights regarding persistence, nervousness and following your interests were very revealing and relevant to our young students. Thank you to Ms Casey Burrill who arranged this event and was able to ensure that some of our students were able to share in the experience.

Student Led Interviews
Thank you to the staff for their assessment and reporting practices which led to the distribution of student reports last term and the student led interviews. The interviews are a wonderful opportunity for parents to listen to their child’s learning journey and celebrate the achievements they have made. If you have not had an interview as yet, I encourage you to make an appointment with your child’s teacher.

Long Service Leave
Thank you to our staff and especially Mrs Carrie Rowe who stepped up to be acting principal whilst I was on long service leave in Canada and Alaska. I had a great time, saw some beautiful scenery in the Canadian Rockies and Alaskan Mountains and learnt lots.
⇒ Alaska has Mt McKinley which is the tallest mountain in North America and is very challenging to climb, similar to climbing Mt Everest.
⇒ Students in Alaska even go to school when it is minus 28 degrees Celsius.
⇒ Moose and caribou grow huge new antlers each year and then they drop off.
⇒ When large pieces of ice break away from glaciers and fall into the ocean, it makes a huge noise like thunder. The natives call it ‘White Thunder.’
⇒ Alaska has many earthquakes each year, and whilst we were there we experienced an earthquake which was 4.5 on the Richter Scale!

Julie Makin—Principal

EVENT CALENDAR

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NOTES SENT HOME

Listed below are notes that will be or have been sent home over the last week.

• Music & Movement excursion note- all yr 3 & 4 students & selected yr 5 & 6 students.
• Scienceworks excursion note- all yr 1 & 2 students.
• 100 DAYS of Prep note- all prep students
• Special Guest Speakers incursion dates- all prep students
• Japan Day information- all students.
• Yr 5 & 6 Camp deposit reply slip- all yr 5&6 students. Contact your child’s teacher if you have not received the appropriate notes listed above.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Grade PrepC
Maya Carlon- for being friendly to others, especially our new students.
Ella Hase- for learning lots of her Oxford Words at home.

Grade PrepH
Jack Bloink- for reaching 125 nights of reading first and learning his top 100 Oxford Words. Well done Jack!

Grade 1/2C
All Grade 1/2C students- for working so well while Mrs Grant was away on Long Service Leave.
Torja Svoboda- for sharing clever ideas with the class.

Grade 1/2G
Scarlett Warden- for being a great role model and giving 100% effort to all your learning.
Daniel Williams- for asking great questions in reading!

Grade 1/2L
Hamish Burchell- for drafting some excellent and detailed emails in writing.
Fraser Huggins- for some terrific fluency during his reading.

Grade 3/4C
Gemma Castle- for always staying on task and working hard.
Jack Cocker- for putting a high level of effort into his Maths work.

Grade 3/4K
Olivia O’Brien- for demonstrating and achieving her reading goal.
Katelyn Newcombe- for demonstrating her love of reading.

Grade 3/4M
Paige Pekin- for an excellent attitude towards new learning in maths.
Sophie Hill- for always doing her best at school.

Grade 5/6B
Ashleigh Seach- for showing all the qualities of a great team member.
Harry Conway- for always being so enthusiastic about learning.

Grade 5/6L
Makaylah Watts- for being such an enthusiastic scientist in Inquiry.
Sam Tromba- for writing some fantastic post-it notes about inferring during Reading.

TERM 3 LUNCH ORDERS ROSTER- PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

If you are able to assist with either Thursday drop off or Friday pick up please contact the office to have your name added to the Term 3 Roster.

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CIRCUS QUIRKUS

Mt Duneed Regional Primary School has been offered some complimentary tickets to Circus Quirkus, a non animal circus spectacular to be held at the Arena on Wednesday 5th August. These tickets are available to special needs children, those with disabilities, as well as disadvantaged children and their families from our community. Performance sessions are at 12:30pm and 5:00pm. If you are interested in obtaining tickets for Circus Quirkus, please contact the office by 29th July.

PLEASE ONLY ASK FOR TICKETS THAT YOU WILL DEFINITELY USE.
AFTER SCHOOL CARE INFORMATION
The After School Care Program is run through School Support Services. For enrolment in the After School Care program you will need to complete the following: School Support Services enrolment forms – Available from the school office or at www.schoolsupportservices.com.au
This completed form needs to be returned to bookings@schoolsupportservices.com.au or faxed on 1900 970 217.
To reserve your bookings for 2015 you will need to contact: OSHC Programs - Bookings and Enrolments ph: 0488 662 783 Fax: 1900 970 217
All further information on fees and enrolments is also available on the website. After School Care runs from 3:30pm—6:30pm each school night.

SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM TERM 3
The sporting activities for term 3 are:
- Soccer – Tuesdays – 28/7/15 to 8/9/15 3.45pm to 4.45pm
- Netball – Thursdays – 30/7/15 to 10/9/15 3.45pm to 4.45pm
Lists of selected children are up on the Noticeboard and in the office.
Parents please remember that students participating in the Sporting Schools Program need to:
• Be signed out when picked up from the program
• Be collected at 4.45pm when the program ends.
Students not collected at this time will be placed into After School Care and charged any relevant fees.
Any questions or queries please see Kelly.

Woolworths Earn & Learn 2015
This year we are participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program.
Through this program we will be able to get new educational resources for our school and all we need you to do is collect these stickers at Woolworths.
From Wednesday 15th July to Tuesday 8th September, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at Waurn Ponds Woolworths.

CONGRATULATIONS to Stephen & Katrina Ball on the arrival of their new son Lucas. A lovely baby brother for Tia in 5/6B.

HEADLINE- Please note that we have had several cases of headllice reported to the office from the year 3 & 4 area. Hair MUST be treated before students return to school. We ask parents to check their childrens hair regularly. It is a good reminder to ensure hair is tied back.

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc. http://www.vagtc.asn.au invites you to attend a free regional seminar for parents and teachers of Gifted and Talented Children at Northern Bay Prep-12 College on Thursday, 23rd July.
Parent session is from 2:00pm to 4:30pm.
To register please send details of your Name, Venue and whether you are attending the Parent or Teacher session to Sylvia Green by email at: infolorax@vagtc.au
Lunch Menu

Friday Lunch Orders from ‘Grove Dale Takeaway’, Marshalltown Rd for MDRPS every Friday

♦ Orders to be at office by Thursday 9:15am for Friday lunch
♦ Please write student name, class & completed order on an envelope with correct money enclosed.

Juice box - Apple or Orange $2.50
Bottle of water $2.50
300ml milk carton (Choc or Strawberry) $2.50

Piece of fruit (whatever in season) $1.50

Mini sausage roll $1.20
Mini quiche $1.20
Party Pie $1.20
Plain Meat Pie $3.80
Meat & Vege Pastie $3.80
Homemade Lasagne (winter months only) $5.00
Steamed Dim Sims (per dim sim) $1.00
Hot dog with sauce $3.50
Pizza slice - Ham & Pineapple $3.00

Tomato sauce sachet $0.20

Vegemite & cheese sandwich $2.00
Meat & cheese sandwich (chicken, ham, turkey, salami) $3.50
Salad roll $3.00
Meat & salad roll (chicken, ham, turkey, salami) $4.50

Fillings - lettuce, cheese, egg, basic salad
All sandwiches can be toasted with no extra charge

Mini muffins - $1.60
Apple cinnamon, Choc chip, Double chocolate, Blueberry, Raspberry
Hedgehog slice (home Made) $1.50
Lemon slice (home Made) $1.50
Caramel slice (home Made) $1.50

♦ Correct money would be appreciated