BLPS House Cross Country – Friday 10 May 2013

Times

Preps, Grade 1 and 2 10.00 am to 11.00am
Grades 3,4,5,6 11.40 am to 1.10pm

We will need lots of helpers next Friday.
If you are able to help please complete the form your child has brought home and return to school by Tuesday 7 May 2013.

Phil Lumsden PE / Sports Coordinator

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JASON’S JOURNAL – The Principal’s Message

A continuing education debate is that of "private versus state schools", with the strengths of "local schools in Melbourne's middle class suburbs" outlined in last week's Age newspaper: www.theage.com.au/comment/state-schools-have-learnt-to-promote-their-wares-20130421-2i88q.html. Having taught myself in both the public and the private systems, I agree with author and teacher Chris Fotinopoulos' assertions that "there is a better and less costly schooling alternative at hand". I am proud of the high level of care and the high quality of programs provided by staff at BLPS, evidenced in our academic results, but also resulting in recognising each student's social and emotional potential.

EDUCATION WEEK

Education Week is an annual opportunity for state schools – both private and secondary – to showcase their programs. The week allocated for the state-wide Education Week this year is May 20th – 24th, and whilst it is "business as usual" in our classrooms, we are celebrating our school daily with:

- **Monday:** (staff “learning together” @ Curriculum Day)
- **Tuesday:** Arts Showcase (Art and Music) @ 6:30pm
- **Wednesday:** Prep 2014 Information Night @ 6:30pm
- **Thursday:** Open night Treasure Hunt @ 6:30pm
- **Friday:** Whole School Assembly @ 3pm – special friends welcome.

More information about these events will be published in the Lakeside News closer to Education Week.

As well as the Information Night ‘Is my Child Ready for School’ on Wednesday for parents of 2014 Preps, school tours will be held daily at 9:30am for prospective enrolments – with the Office now accepting enrolments for siblings of BLPS students.

For families of children in 5/6, I encourage you to contact the local secondary schools to discover what educational programs they offer, as well as what they are doing in Education Week (with events usually published in the Leader newspaper at the beginning of May) and also visit: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/secondary/Pages/choosing.aspx
On the topic of transition, just today I was emailed the following update from a parent of a 2012 Year 6 student now at secondary school: “I had parent teacher interviews (and) I truly can’t thank all your teachers enough for everything they have done – along the entire way, from prep right through to grade 6. I hope you are all so proud of the work that you do, when you achieve such fabulous end results at the end of Grade 6 - and lay wonderful foundations for a love of learning at high school. Whenever we have had an issue, the partnership between myself and the teachers has been fantastic. What more could you ask for. (Unfortunately life has some bumps and its how you get through them together that’s important).” It is gratifying to hear this positive feedback and more importantly hear of student success beyond our school gates – a great story of “learning together @ Blackburn Lake Primary School”.

CLASS VISIT – 1J's LITERACY BLOCK
On Tuesday morning I joined 1J for their morning Literacy Block, with the class beginning by reading the “big book” ‘Pirate Polly’. The children in Grade 1 share a different “big book” each week. Each day scaffolding and building upon their reading and understanding of the text, with aspects of the book also a focus in the direct teaching that takes place, as well as the independent, partner and group activities that follow.

Teacher Jenn Markham worked with a small group for Guided Reading (pictured), an opportunity for direct teaching of reading for meaning strategies with a small group. Two other tasks involved activities linked to the big book ‘Pirate Polly’: a group task that I assisted students in completing a close (or “fill the gap”) and an independent task where the children identified and wrote about a “problem” in the story as well as the “solution”. Two independent ICT tasks were working with the ‘Word Bingo’ app on the ipads; with another group researching on the desktops: reading, listening and recording information about this term’s Integrated Studies theme of Sustainability – ‘Going Green’.

By creating a mixture of different learning opportunities, we help children encounter new information, develop skills, try out ideas, and build knowledge. As well as the direct teaching (in which the teacher usually addresses the class by demonstrating techniques) the children were able to work well both as independent learners and also as members of a group. Teachers in our junior classrooms specifically teach skills so that as the children mature they become more able to work and learn independently - meaning that they are motivated to learn, can focus on specific tasks, and have the skills and resources that they need to complete work. Likewise, when learners work in pairs and small groups, they engage in communicating ideas, in co-operating to accomplish goals, in peer review of each other’s work, and in coaching. Congratulations to Jenn and the students of 1J who are able to work in a variety of teaching and learning styles.

HEADLICE
Head lice are common in school-aged children and are the most adaptable of creatures. They have survived living solely on humans for 10,000 years. You may be reassured to know that they are commonly found in places other than Blackburn Lake Primary School. Some of the reasons they have survived for as long as they have are:

- The six legs of a louse end in a claw, allowing them to grip the hair.
- They detect vibration and can hide - (conditioner will help fix this problem)
- Head lice can ‘hold’ their breath for 20 mins – looking like they are dead.
- The eggs are attached to the hair with a ‘glue’ like substance. Studies conducted on 45 different products to dissolve the ‘glue’ showed nothing would dissolve it.

The good news…we know where they live and we know how to find them! If you follow these steps, once a week, the control of head lice in your home will be greatly improved:

- Step1: Comb inexpensive hair conditioner on to dry, brushed (detangled) hair. This makes it difficult for lice to grip the hair or run around;
- Step 2: Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue;
- Step 3: Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs;
- Step 4: If lice or eggs are found, the child should be treated;
Step 5: If the child has been treated recently and only hatched eggs are found, you may not have to treat since the eggs could be from the old infection.

If your child has head lice, please treat all household members and notify the school that the appropriate treatment has taken place. According to the Public Health and Wellbeing Regulations 2009, children with head lice can be readmitted to school or children’s service centres after treatment has commenced. If detected at school, we will endeavour to notify the parents or carers of your child’s class so you have an early opportunity to detect and treat your child/ren if necessary. For more information please read ‘Scratching for Answers’ available in a holder in the school foyer or @ www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice

PARENTS ASSOCIATION
One of the key organisations at Blackburn Lake Primary is the Parents Association. Last week’s ‘Party Pie & Yummy Drummy Day’ saw many lunch orders made, an example of the fantastic job PA does in building community through special events, providing wonderful activities and services for the children and in fundraising for much needed equipment and resources.

I draw your attention to their next meeting on Tuesday 7th May at 7:30pm. At this meeting you can hear about the work of the PA and find out how you may be able to assist their efforts in 2013, with the ‘Mother’s Day’ Stall the next significant task for this group. There are coordinators for most events, but more help is always appreciated, so if you’d like to get involved, fill out a ‘Helping Friends’ form (available in the school foyer and the school website). Please consider carefully if you are able to support the work of the wonderful PA this year.

I hope to see you at tomorrow’s Whole School Assembly @ 3pm, where we will acknowledge of our ‘Students of the Week’ and enjoy a Choir performance as they prepare for Sunday’s ‘Choral @ Montsalvat’.

Regards,

Jason Walker - Principal  
walker.jason.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

**DIARY DATES FOR TERM TWO**

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| Tuesday      | 14 May  | 5.45 - 9.15pm| ‘Family Life Victoria’ Sexuality Education Program  
(Sessions 1,2,3 - Parents to accompany children)                                  |
| Tues/Wed/Thurs | 14, 15, 16 May | 9am – 12 noon | (Years 3 & 5) NAPLAN Testing                                                     |
| Saturday     | 18 May  | All Day      | **WORKING BEE**                                                                  |
| Monday       | 20 May  | All day      | Curriculum Day:  
(teacher learning / student free day)                                              |
| Tuesday      | 21 May  | 6:30 - 8:00pm| Arts Showcase:  
Featuring our Musical Ensembles and Choirs as well as amazing Artworks Show (in the DJC) |
| Wednesday    | 22 May  | 6:30 - 7:30pm| Prep 2014 Parent Information Night:  
‘Is your Child Ready for school?’                                                  |
| Thursday     | 23 May  | 6:30 - 8:00pm| Open night:  
‘Around the World In 28 Rooms!’                                                   |
| Friday       | 24 May  | 3:00 - 3:30pm| Assembly:  
Grandparents and special friends welcome                                           |
| Monday       | 27 May  | All Day      | District Cross Country                                                            |
| Tuesday      | 28 May  | 7.30 - 8.30pm| **AUTUMNFEST 2014** Meeting(No. 1)                                                |
| Thursday     | 30 May  | 11.30am – 1.30pm | Prep – ‘Responsible Pet Ownership’ - incursion                                  |
| Thursday     | 6 June  | All Day      | Level 4 - CERES Excursion - Sustainability                                         |
Loisia’s Letters – The Assistant Principal’s Message

Family Life Will Conduct a Sexuality Education Program
Tuesday 14 May 2013

Family Life programs support parents to help their children learn about aspects of human sexuality. These entertaining and valuable sessions are not to be missed.

| Session 1 @ 5.45 – 6.45pm   | Body Basics – Years 1-2     |
| Session 2 @ 7.00 – 8.00pm   | Where Did I Come From? - Years 3-4 |
| Session 3 @ 8.15 – 9.15pm   | Puberty Clues – Years 5-6    |

Cost per family: $25 (Payment by Friday 10 May)

Session 1 Body Basics – discussion about different types of families, male and female differences, names of body parts, pregnancy and birth

Session 2 Where Did I Come From – Discussion about family relationships, male and female body similarities and differences, conception, foetal development and birth

Session 3 Puberty Clues – helps prepare young people and families for the physical changes of puberty, discussion about emotional changes of puberty, periods and sperm production are explained

Please complete form and return it with payment to the box in the BLPS foyer by Friday 10 May 2013

Family Name: ________________________________

We will be attending:

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Cost: $25 per family

Payment: Cash or Cheque only

Cheques payable to: ‘Family Life’

www.familylifevictoria.org.au

Naplan Testing

The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is a national assessment held each May for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

NAPLAN assesses skills in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and Numeracy. These skills are developed over time, through the school curriculum. NAPLAN is not a pass or fail type test, but rather shows how students are progressing in Numeracy and Literacy skills against national standards.

Tests will be held on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May.

Later in the year you will receive your child’s personal NAPLAN report. The report will show how your child performed in relation to national minimum standards.
For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAP website at www.nap.edu.au

Regard,

Loisia Steed – Assistant Principal  steed.loisia.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

‘STUDENTS OF THE WEEK’

We congratulate the following ‘Students of the Week’ - to be presented at Friday’s Assembly

Principal’s Award
Jean-Philippe C – 5/6S

His collaborative contributions to the team ‘Sustainability’ task – investigating solar panels

Assistant Principal
Prep A
Daniel F – 3K

A well organised and persuasive piece of Writing – well done!

Prep B
Jessica A

Showing selflessness and caring towards a fellow student on our excursion to Chesterfield Farm

Prep E
Layla H

Completing challenging Writing and listening to the sounds in words – well done!

Prep S
Eliza G

Wonderful Reading of the book ‘Kitty Cat and Fat Cat’

1D
Clinton S

Working well during rotations and finishing his work to a pleasing standard

1J
Aidean C

His terrific problem skills with number patterns

1L
Ruby H

Knowing several ways about how to stay safe on the Internet

1/2D
Eric C

Trying very, very hard with his Handwriting!

2D
Harry B

Working independently and staying on task – brilliant effort!

2M
Ripley P

Trying his best at following a procedure on how to draw an Owl!

3A
Ryland E-S

Fantastic recall of multiplication facts during ‘3A Multy’ – well done!

3K
Brodie W

Doing an excellent job matching common fractions (name, picture and symbol)

3S
Matthew C

The fantastic progress he has made with oral Reading – Top Effort!

3/4J
Katya McG

An excellent display of teamwork and acting during our persuasive presentation

4E
Ellie G

Taking on extra spelling practise and completing a very well structured narrative

4S
Tabitha R

The excellent persuasive writing skills she used to educate us about the value of homework – great job!

5/6C
Joanna L

A great assessment of her peer’s persuasive text

5/6M
Anastasia K

Great collaborative work during Level 4 Integrated Projects – well done Ana!

5/6N
Olivia McA

Excellent progress in Mathematics – fantastic work Olivia, keep it up!

5/6S
Lincoln F-B

Demonstrating a positive attitude to learning and working well in groups

Music
Fintan McC – 5/6M

Outstanding contributions to Choir and showing great dedication

Italian
Jessica A – P-B

Knowing what ‘macinare’ to grind meant in English

Alexander R – 2M

Working well in group activities in Italian

Phys Ed
Oliver B – 5/6N

His great effort when training for the Cross Country

Grace M – 3S

Caring so well for our school environment

‘Best Buddy’ Award
Ruby J – 4S

Showing a caring, friendly and positive attitude to being a Big Buddy regardless of who she works with

PREPS CHESTERFIELD FARM EXCURSION

I liked going to the nursery and holding a baby chick. It was soft and warm – LUKE Prep B

The Ostriches were mean and scary looking. They stole my cup! – THOMAS Prep B

The goats were really greedy. They kept sticking their heads right out of their paddocks – CHARITY Prep B

All of it was my favourite but my most favourite was feeding the animals – GEORGIA – Prep B

It was really fun feeding the animals - HOLLY T Prep S

We saw animals doing their poo - RYAN Prep S

The tractor ride was fun - ISLA Prep S

All of the kids had lots of fun - ELYSIA Prep S.

I like the ducks - ELIZA Prep S
FROM THE OFFICE...

REMINDER - PARENT CONTRIBUTION FOR 2013 - PART PAYMENTS ARE DUE TOMORROW

TOMORROW FRIDAY 3 MAY the second instalment on part payments is due.
Parents who have elected to automatically part pay, the instalment will be processed after Friday 3 May 2013.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
All class photographs were sent home this week and should have been received by now.
All sibling / family are available at the school office for collection.
Also displayed at the school office windows are group photographs which can be ordered separately at $14.00 each (envelope provided) of the following:
- Student Council
- School Monitors
- School Captains & Vice School Captains
- Captains

Start collecting points! Runs until the 9th June 2013
Whenever BLPS staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect points from the checkout operator and place them on point sheets. There’ll be one point for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco, and gift cards). Once completed, they can place their point sheets in the collection box, either at your school (Earn & Learn Box in foyer) or at the Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre Woolworths store.

Same great partnership with MTA: we’re proud to say we’re partnering once again with Modern Teaching Aids – Australia’s biggest supplier of resources for schools. Which means you can choose your resources based on your unique needs, across every category possible including Mathematics, Music & English resources, Science equipment, Arts & Crafts materials, Sports gear and lots more.

26 DAY TO GO! - FINISHES 26th MAY 2013
That's right – by simply shopping at Forest Hill you can help BLPS win up to $10,000 cash as part of 'Run Around Australia 2013'!!
Run Around Australia is part of a wider initiative called ‘Let’s Live Better’ which works towards helping grow healthier communities across Australia.
This is a 6 week campaign that runs from 15 April until 26 May. Shoppers are awarded kilometres for dollars spent at participating stores in the centre – double kilometres for purchases from fresh food stores! At the end of the period, the school that has run around Australia the furthest wins $10,000, with $3,000 for second and $2,000 for third.
It's easy to participate – all you need to do is to present your shopping receipts at the Customer Service Desk or drop off box located on level 2 near Target and in the break out zone in the new Fresh Food mall at Forest Hill Chase. If you have a receipt you want to keep, simply show it at the Customer Service Desk – all receipts presented at the desk are stamped and handed straight back. Otherwise deposit them directly one of the BLPS drop off boxes.
Please contact Mandy ☎️ 0418 324 716 for any further details. Happy shopping!!
Week 2 Results
Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre

Congratulations, this week’s Best Performing School is St Timothy’s Primary School. They have won 10 complementary guest passes for Hoyts Cinema Forest Hill Chase.

**TOP 10 LEADERBOARD**

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See how your school is tracking against others in your local community at any time by visiting the interactive map on the [www.runaroundaustralia.com.au](http://www.runaroundaustralia.com.au) website.

**KEEP YOUR EYES ON THE PRIZE**

Remember there are thousands of dollars of prizes up for grabs this year. Here’s a reminder about what your school could win:

- **First Prize:** $10,000
- **Second Prize:** $3,000
- **Third Prize:** $2,000
- **Weekly Best Performing School:** $200 gift voucher

**Sponsored by Subway Forest Hill Chase**

**MUSIC NOTES**

**Education Week Music Showcase – Tuesday 21st May**

Just a reminder that ALL Ensembles will be performing at the Education Night Music Showcase. This includes Concert Band, String Ensemble, Marimba Group and the 2 choirs. A run-sheet will go home in week 5.

**Montsalvat – THIS SUNDAY!**

Don’t forget that the magnificent BLPS Choirs will be performing this Sunday at Montsalvat in Eltham.

See below for further information.

Thanks Jo Music Coordinator

Myers.joanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

**BOOKINGS:**

- 9818 1296 or write to: The Faye Dumont Singers Inc. PO Box 456, Richmond Vic 3121
- More information: [www.fdsingers.com](http://www.fdsingers.com)
- See Montsalvat & picnic beforehand: Montsalvat open 9am - 5pm (BYO or Cafe available) Concerts from 12 noon to 5pm
BOX HILL HAWKS MEMBERSHIPS
Box Hill Hawks are offering free junior memberships to 250 students at BLPS. To receive one of these memberships which entitles FREE ENTRY to one child and one adult to all Box Hill Hawks home matches this year; please see Lyn at the school Office.

ELITE SPORTS TRIALS – DIVISION
Good luck to Lachlan J (soccer) and Luke S and Keiren H (AFL) when they take part in the next stage of SSV selections next Thursday 9 May.

CROSS COUNTRY TIME  –  BLPS House Cross Country – Friday 10 May 2013
We will need lots of helpers next Friday. If you are able to help please complete the form your child has brought home and return to school by Tuesday 7 May.

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY – MONDAY 27 MAY  @ Ruffey Lake Park.

INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM
This years’ swimming program will again be the first 9 days of term 3 – **Monday 15 July to Thursday 25 July** at Nunawading Aqualink Swimming Pool.

MORNING MOVERS
Join in the fun on Tuesdays and Thursdays - weather permitting.
Get those running shoes out and ready to go!

Phil Lumsden  PE / Sports Coordinator

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

Your 2013 PA Executive team
President: Nicola G  Vice-President: Miranda K  Treasurer: Rebekah R  Secretaries: Nicole R & Lisa C
Show your support for the PA and like us on Facebook (Blackburn Lake Primary School PA Committee) or drop us a line via the PA mailbox in the school Foyer or send us an email at blps.pa@gmail.com

Next PA meetings -- **Tues 7 May & Wed 12 June**
Our next two scheduled PA meetings will be on Tuesday, 7 May and Wednesday, 12 June.
Meetings start at 7.30 pm and are held in the staffroom. We’d love to see you there.

Mother’s Day Stall
**NEXT THURSDAY morning 9 MAY - MPR**
Come along on the morning of Thursday 9th May to select a special gift for your Mum or Grandma/Nana. Items will be priced from $1 - $10.
Please bring your shopping bag so that we can get the treasures home safely.

A big thank you to the Helping Friends who have put their hands up to help run the stall on Thursday morning. It would be great if there were a few extra people available to help at any time from 9am until about 12.30pm. Please contact Robyn ☎ 0437 937 462 or Simone ☎ 0422 624 630, if you are available for some or all of the time.
ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Don’t forget to order your Entertainment Book through BLPS – it can make a great Mother’s Day gift that keeps on giving all year round. What Mum wouldn’t love some of these great offers:

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How about a relaxing facial, massage or manicure for Mum at The Regent Club.

![Regent Club](image) Up to $100 value

Every Mum would love high tea at Sofi’s Lounge at the Sofitel.

![Sofitel](image) Up to $70 value

Save on purchases all year long with WISH Gift Cards at Woolworths, Caltex, Thomas Dux, Big W and more.

![WISH Gift Cards](image) Up to $100 value

To obtain your copy and support the school, visit: https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1894b68 and complete the online order.

Nominate to pick-up your book and it will be sent home with your child within a couple of days. 20% of the purchase price comes directly to the school.

Books are only $65, and you’ll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers which are valid until 1 June 2014.

If you have any queries, please contact Vanessa McCallum on JamesMcCallum@bigpond.com or Nicola Gray on nadams@pacbrands.com.au.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS

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SCHOOL BANKING

REWARD ITEMS 2013

For each deposit you will earn a silver Dollarmite token. When you have saved 10 tokens you will be able to redeem them for the following reward items this term:

- Moneybox - choose from 5 Dollarmite characters
- Handball
- Wallet (blue this time)
- Knuckles game
- **NEW** - Torch

We have a few reward items leftover from last year, so if you have 10 tokens saved, you can also redeem them for the items below. Please come and see Vickie personally next Wednesday morning with your tokens and it will be first in, best dressed.

- One USB stick
- Three pen pods
One Booklight
There are also some fridget magnet sets and plastic pencil cases for FREE if anyone would like them - please come and see Vickie in the staffroom on Wednesday morning.

DOLLARMITES TREASURE TO BE WON!!
Win a share of the Dollarmites’ treasure by saving in Term 2 of School Banking.
The Dollarmites have found some amazing treasure on Savings Adventure Island and both your child and school could win a share of it in Term 2 just by saving.

First prize is a $5,000 family adventure holiday to anywhere in Australia, with $500 spending money. Plus, the winning student’s school will also receive $5,000 to spend as they wish. What’s more, there are 25 Runners-up Kid’s Adventure Packs, worth over $700 each, to be won. Each adventure pack includes a Wii U, night vision goggles, a waterproof camera, walkie talkies and a Razor eSpark electric scooter!

For you chance to win, students need to simply make three or more School Banking deposits during Term 2. To find out more, talk to your School Banking Co-ordinator or visit commbank.com.au/adventureisland


Thanks everyone for supporting the School Banking Program.
Regards, Vickie Liew, School Banking Coordinator ☏ 0419 773335

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
Any advertisements in this newsletter are in no way endorsed by Blackburn Lake Primary School

BLPS UNIFORM FOR SALE - ALL GOOD CONDITION

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These garments are available for viewing and purchase at the school office.

Florence Avenue Playgroup OPEN DAY SATURDAY 4 MAY
Saturday 4th May 10am-12pm. We invite all interested parents and carers of pre-school children to view our delightful, well-equipped Playgroup facilities which cater for indoor and outdoor play. We are a not-for-profit organisation, a member of Playgroup Victoria and are open Monday to Friday, for 2 hourly sessions. 7 Florence Ave, Donvale. Krissy Carmichael: florenceaveplaygroup@gmail.com

BLACKBURN LAKE SANCTUARY
Meet @ the Visitors Centre Central Rd Blackburn 3130

SATURDAY 25 MAY @ 2pm
‘Finding Fungi’
Walk & Talk with Cecily Falkingham

For information: email: http://home.vicnet.net.au/~blsac Or Education Officer ☏ 9262 6211

Junior Naturalists
Juniors Group of FNCV Inc
The group meets at 7.30 pm on the last Friday of each month (except Dec) at the rooms of the Field Naturalists Club of Victoria Inc, 1 Gardenia St Blackburn 3130.

MEETING – Fri 31 May @ 7.30pm
TBC
Speaker:

For further information & bookings contact: Clare Ferguson ☏ 8060 2474 or email: toclairef@gmail.com
Australian Plants Society
Yarra Yarra Inc

NATIVE PLANT SALE

& Propagation demonstrations from
12noon

SUNDAY 5th MAY - 10 am - 3 pm
Cnr Brougham Street & Main Road Eltham (Mel 21 J7)

• Tube stock, advanced, & grafted plants – many unusual species including native peas (Fabaceae) this year
• Indigenous plants too
• Propagation starts from 12noon – from seeds, cuttings and grafting

Ph (03) 94397228 for more info
apsyarrayarra@gmail.com.

Blackburn Primary School - Family Fun Day
Saturday 4th May 2013 12noon-5pm

185 Whitehorse Road Blackburn

BOX HILL MOBILE UNIT

Box Hill Town Hall Whitehorse Road Box Hill.
Monday 13 May 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Tuesday 14 May 2:30pm – 7:30pm
Wednesday 15 May 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Thursday 16 May 1:30pm – 7:30pm
Friday 17 May 9.30am – 3.00pm

Before giving blood:
- drink up - in the 24hrs before donation, especially in warm weather, have at least 3 good sized glasses of water/juice in the 3 hours prior to your visit.
- eat up - make sure you eat something in the 3 hours before donating.
- bring ID - please bring at least form of photo identification

To secure your appointment; ☎️ 13 14 95
Just one blood donation can save three lives. Imagine how many lives you could save if your group donated.

Club Red gives you the opportunity to do something really special and give blood in a group. Over 27,000 blood donations are needed every week and blood has a short shelf life, so regular donations from groups like yours are really important. By joining Club Red, you can make a big difference.
Donating as part of the Club Red program is a great way to build community spirit, and to play a part in community engagement and service programs.

Sincerely,
Australian Red Cross Blood Service
2013 NAB AFL AUSKICK AT BLACKBURN LAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL ALL VERY WELCOME!

Yes, it’s time for Auskick enrolments!

The NAB AFL Auskick "Rookie" program has been designed for children aged five to eight years (Kinder age upwards). It ensures that all children develop the fundamental skills required to participate in Australian Football. Children participate in activities designed to improve their various skills of the game, followed by a modified ‘Grid’ game in an environment which safely allows children to put into practice their Australian Football skills.

Saturday morning sessions start 9.00am sharp and go through to 10.30am.
Feel free to arrive before 9.00 for a kick.

Any queries please contact Katie S (Coordinator ☎ 9877 0887) or Mark C (Head Coach ☎ 0417 120 240).

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Auskick this year!!!

Parenting After Separation

This parenting program deals specifically with the issues of parenting after separation. It aims to improve your parenting relationship with your former partner and focus on the needs of your children.

This course is open to all separated parents and also meets the requirements for those ordered by the Family Court to attend a Post Separation Parenting Course; or if you are at risk of breaching existing orders.

Some topics covered include:

- Dealing with your former partner and developing boundaries
- Effective communication and conflict resolution
- Separating needs of children from emotions of separation
- Challenges of parenting and discipline styles
- Problem solving

WHEN: 6 x Tuesday evening sessions will be held – 7, 14, 21 May & 4, 11, 18 June 2013
TIME: From 5.30pm to 7.30pm
WHERE: Family Mediation Centre, 367 Maroondah Highway, Ringwood.

Before the course commences participants will need to attend an intake & assessment meeting of 1hr.
COST: $90.00 for the course to be paid in full at the preliminary meeting – Concession available.

Refreshments provided. CONTACT: Reception on (03) 9847 5888 to register your interest
Adult Exhibitions & Special Events
Matsudo Week Workshops, 2 Weeks $20
Saturdays 11 - 18 May 2013
BHCAC will be offering a range of exciting Japanese themed workshops for community members to participate in during Matsudo Week including Japanese Cooking, Sumie Painting, Furoshiki, and Japanese Calligraphy.

Free Film Production Workshops
Camera Skills and Editing with Matt Bonner, Monday 6 May, 5.30pm-7pm
Directing and Producing with Andrew O’Keefe, Wednesday 8 May, 6.30pm-8pm
Acting for the Camera with Sharon Scott, Tuesday 14 May, 5.45pm-7.15pm

Jewellery Mother & Daughter, 1 Day $25 per person
Sunday 26 May, 1pm - 4pm
Mothers and daughters of all ages are invited to attend this class together. Participants will make a range of beaded jewellery. Choose to make necklaces, bracelets, anklets, earrings or hair accessories. All basic materials are included in the cost of the workshop.

National Reconciliation Week Exhibition - Recognition
Exhibition 28 May - 19 June
To coincide with National Reconciliation Week, BHCAC will present an exhibition of artworks on canvas created by children and families who attended workshops under the guidance of Healesville based Indigenous Artist Rex Murray.
For more information

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