JASON’S JOURNAL – The Principal’s Message

Last Tuesday night, the first meeting was held with our new group of School Councillors. This is always an exciting time each year when new faces are introduced and the opportunity arrives to look back over our recent school improvement areas, as evidenced through our Annual Report 2012 - which will be published online later this semester on the State Government site http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/.

On a federal level, school data has been released on the MySchool website (http://www.myschool.edu.au/), and once again there has been a great deal of media attention, with some data used to form “league tables.” There is so much more that goes into a school than just assessing how a school performed on one day on one task (such as NAPLAN). For what it is worth, our school is performing well against both state and “like schools” - above the state mean in all core curriculum areas. Our NAPLAN results confirm that when compared to “like schools” – such as Hawthorn West PS, Brighton Beach PS, Caulfield Grammar, St Leonards College and Ivanhoe Girls - we are performing as expected.

This year is the final year of our current four-year Strategic Plan and an opportunity for the whole school community, including students, parents and all staff, to reflect on student outcomes in light of the goals, targets and key improvement strategies from the previous planning cycle. This includes examining teaching and learning strategies, the performance and development culture and other aspects of school operations so they can be strengthened and supported to improve student outcomes.

At Blackburn Lake Primary we consistently reflect on our performance as a matter of course. This year’s school self-evaluation merely formalises this process and makes the process accessible to the school community. Stay tuned!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

I am pleased to say that our new School Council has a very productive, collaborative and experienced feel and I look forward to working closely with all School Councillors throughout the year. I would like to especially congratulate the following School Councillors for their willingness to accept nominations into the following executive roles:

- School Council President - Maya Cordiero
- School Council Vice President - Sharee Baklien
- School Council Secretary - Nadine Mathieson
- School Council Treasurer - Vivienne Saunders

Subcommittees were also formed, of which all parents are also welcome to join. Further information will be released via the newsletter about future meeting dates and plans, with subcommittee information below:

- Education - Shari LoPresti convenes this meeting, which updates and revises school policy;
- Facilities - this subcommittee is convened by Dean Conman and deals with all improvements to the physical surrounds and grounds of our school;
- Finance - our school Treasurer Vivienne Saunders convenes meetings to check the financial management of the school;
- Marketing and Communications – looks at promoting our school and improving communications across the school and community, convened by both Andrew Baugh and Kris Penny.
TWILIGHT WORKING BEE - FRIDAY 15 MARCH
A small team of workers rejuvenated the school sandpit and tidied up our garden beds during last Friday evening’s Term One Working Bee.  Thank you to Dean Conman for his organisation, as well as the work of members of the Baklien, Clarkson, Collins, Cooper Cousineau, Lonstedt, Maher, Sharp, Smith, Treacy and Wadia (congratulations for winning the Hoyts Cinema raffle prize) families, as well as Gay Burnett’s efforts.

CLASS VISITS – LANGUAGE (ITALIAN)
Vincey Montesalvo has delivered Italian at BLPS for 15 years and this week I joined 1D for their weekly LOTE (Language Other Than English) lesson.  Moreso than the other specialists classes (Phys Ed, Art and Music), due to the nature of the curriculum Vincey is able to plan activities that make links to the classroom themes.  As an example, with the Level 2s currently investigating the unit From The Past To The Present Vincey shared a photo of herself attending school, with the session “learning intention” (lesson focus) to “learn Italian words for clothing and colour”.  The children discussed traditional Italian costume, before completing a number of hands-on group activities: gruppo uno - cut and pasting to match clothing and text; gruppo due - a game of concentration to match Italian text to pictures; and gruppo tre - colouring in articles of clothing to match sentences (pictured).  In using the language of Italian, Vincey supported the children in their learning with posters and table resources so that the children could check their attempts – promoting success.  Bravo!

AusVELS CURRICULUM & LANGUAGE (ITALIAN)
You may have heard of AusVELS the new Foundation to Year 10 curriculum replacing the VELS (Victorian Essential Learning Standards).  Blackburn Lake Primary staff are moving to incorporate National standards (AusVELS) when planning student learning programs, assessing student progress and reporting to parents.

AusVELS incorporates the Australian Curriculum for the core subjects of English and Mathematics, within the Curriculum Framework first developed for VELS.  Considering that two languages: Italian and Mandarin, will be focused upon as priority languages in 2014 through the National Curriculum (followed at a later date by French, German, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Spanish) and also that we are in our School Self-Evaluation year (as mentioned above), I ask for parental input @ http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/59KW6WT in setting the school’s Languages direction for the next four years.

I have held discussions recently with parents from our school who have sent their child to secondary school in 2013.  One of the changes that most of these children have to make is to start learning a new language.  This is often required as the language they have been learning at BLPS, Italian, is not offered by their secondary school.  As a snapshot, the following local state schools offer the languages of: German and French; Blackburn High School; Mandarin and German at Box Hill High; Auslan, Chinese and French at Forest Hill College; Indonesian and German at Mullauna College; French, Japanese and Chinese at Koonung College.  The final decision around which language each of the above schools has adopted has laid with each individual school community and their respective School Council.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLBEING – Pink Stumps Day / Ride to School Day
Thank you to all the families who supported today’s Pink Stumps Day fundraiser, and well done to all the children who participated in the cricket skills sessions and games (and thank you to Natasha for her organisation of the brilliant student leaders in these activities.  Congratulations to the Year 6 children in their victory against the staff team at lunchtime today.

In an effort to promote children’s health and well-being we support the annual ‘Ride to School Day’.  This year it is held tomorrow, on Friday 22nd March and we ask that parents consider having their children ride to school.

I’ll see you around the school – perhaps at tomorrow’s Whole School Assembly @ 3pm to acknowledge our ‘Students of the Week’ and enjoy an instrumental performance,

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

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LOISIA’S LETTER – The Assistant Principal’s Message

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS & ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

Welcome to the 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). ICAS competition and assessment program is delivered to schools throughout Australia and over 20 countries in Asia, Africa, Europe, the Pacific and the USA.

ICAS provides an opportunity for all students from Years 3 - 12, to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It provides teachers, parents and students with comprehensive reporting of results in the areas of Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science, Spelling and Writing.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The tests are an excellent preparation for national tests and the student report is useful for highlighting your child’s strengths and weaknesses. The certificate and individual student report are also suitable for your child to include in a portfolio.

High quality certificates are awarded for each year level as follows:
- High Distinction to the top 1% of entrants
- Distinction to the next 10% of entrants
- Credit to the next 25% of entrants
- Participation to all other participating students.

This year, Blackburn Lake PS is going to run these tests in the subject areas of Spelling, Science, Mathematics and English. Your child is invited to participate in 2013. PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS AN OPTIONAL ACTIVITY for students at Blackburn Lake.

The entry fee per student is as follows:
- Science - 5th June - $9.00
- Spelling - 18th June - $12.50
- English - 31st July - $9.00
- Mathematics – 13th August - $9.00

Please return the permission slip and entry fee to your child’s teacher NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 MARCH (TOMORROW) so that the school can complete enrolments and payments by the due dates.

Yours sincerely, Sofia Kesidou

Group Executive Educational Assessment Australia
2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) PERMISSION SLIP

Please return this section to your child’s classroom teacher, in a named envelope, labelled “ICAS Testing” by NO LATER THAN FRIDAY 22 MARCH (TOMORROW).

I give permission for:
Child’s Name:_______________________ Year Level:____ Class:____
to participate in the following 2013 International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Please tick the competition / assessment you wish your child to enter.

☐ Science – 5th June - $9.00
☐ Spelling – 18th June - $12.50
☐ English – 31st July - $9.00
☐ Mathematics – 13th August - $9.00

Please find enclosed $____________________ total entry fee.

Name of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________ Date:____________________

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _______________________________

The BLPS school contact person is Loisia Steed, Assistant Principal.

For more information please visit the EAA website at www.eaa.unsw.edu.au
Or contact Customer Service on ☎ (02) 8344 1010 or by email at info@eaa.unsw.edu.au

ANOTHER DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

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.

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Cost per family: $25
Watch for more details about the sessions, closer to the date

Regards,
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

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Noticing punctuation and Reading with great expression – well done!
Jade’s honest management in her role at ‘Morning Movers’
Her confidence and excellent recall of high frequency words – excellent!
Being a happy and positive member of our class and for being a friend to everyone
Her wonderful effort and practise on her ‘word ring’ – well done
Fantastic writing about her weekend experiences
HELP! WE ONLY HAVE 15 BOTTLES - WE NEED ANOTHER 50!

The Art Room is wanting CLEAR PLASTIC SOFT DRINK BOTTLES preferably 1 or 2 litres. We need 100 of them. Thank you.

Kind Regards Pia Chadwick
Junior Art Teacher

SUPER SPORTS REPORT

ELITE SPORTS TRIALS

Our District Trials for basketball, netball, AFL and soccer are to be held next week. Those students who will be representing Blackburn Lake at the trials need to take their nomination form/s, and $8, with them on the day. Those attending will need to organise their own transport to and from venues.

AFL- Kalang Park Tuesday 26 March 12.30 – 2.00pm
Soccer- Kalang Park Tuesday 26 March 9.30 – 11.00am
Netball- Surrey Hills PS Tuesday 26 March 9 -11am
Boys Basketball- Roberts McCubbin PS Monday 25 March 10 -11.30am

Good luck!!

SUMMER SPORT

Last Friday saw our Grade 5 and 6 students take part in their summer sport round-robin. The weather was very kind to us after the heatwave of the previous week.

All our teams acquitted themselves very well by displaying a very positive attitude and terrific sportsmanship. Our “Red” Kanga Cricket and “Red” Girls Volleysstars teams qualified for their District Final next term. Well Done! Our other teams all had mixed results but had an enjoyable day.
CROSS COUNTRY TIMES
Our BLPS House Cross Country is pencilled in for Friday 10 May. More information to come! This will be followed by our District Cross Country on Monday 27 May at Ruffey Lake Park in Doncaster.

THE 2013 PREMIER’S ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE
If you have registered keep clocking up the minutes and let’s hope all the hard work pays off.
Remember it began on Monday 4 March and continues until 14 April. It involves taking part in 30 minutes of physical activity, per day, for 30 days.
If you wish to register go to www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1300 463 684

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

Instrumental Lessons
There are no vacancies left for piano this year. We are generating a waiting list and will notify parents if a spot becomes available.

Assembly Items
This week Liam Pinto is performing on the violin and next week the choirs will be showcasing what they have been working on this term.

Choir Uniforms
They are being ordered and will be here early next term. A huge thanks to Jane Stamp, Gill Ambrose and Tanya Block for making these uniforms happen. The kids will look fabulous and I am sure they will feel very proud wearing them!

Concert Band & String Ensemble
We currently have over 60 students learning band instruments this year but only about 28 students are joining our ensembles. Can parents please encourage kids to support the ensembles as it is a wonderful learning experience and they will have lots of fun this year. We have some great performances coming up and I would love to see at least another 20 students involved.

Thanks Jo M Music Coordinator myers.joanne.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

CLOSE THE GAP DAY - YEARS 3 & 4
CLOSE THE GAP DAY
Today, Thursday March 21, is National Close the Gap Day, an initiative of Oxfam Australia. The campaign is designed to raise awareness of the health issues faced by indigenous Australians. In particular, it aims to highlight the 10 -17 year discrepancy between life expectancy of indigenous and non-indigenous Australians and to work towards improving indigenous health.

This term, Years 3 and 4 have learning about the culture of the first Australians through our Integrated Studies topic. This week we have been exploring the issues surrounding indigenous health through a series of classroom activities, with the intention of fostering understanding.

Close the Gap
Through Close the Gap Day for the 3/4s we learnt about how aborigines:
Live a shorter life, are sometimes treated poorly and often have to eat food not good for their diet.
Some things we can do are:
Improve education and employment, build more and better homes and hospitals, provide income equality, increase school attendance and teach about healthy food.
With help we can give aborigines a better life style.
Bianca & Jacob (3/4J)

HELP CLOSE THE GAP!
This week the entire grade 3/4s learnt about Close the Gap Day. Close the Gap Day is about closing the 17 year gap in life expectancy between aboriginal and non-aboriginal people.
Some ways to Close the Gap are:
Give indigenous people good jobs and pay them properly, better education, let them eat their own traditional foods, treat them equally, teach some of the different Aboriginal languages in school, teach them different and new sports, help them own their own homes.
We hope you support Close the Gap Day from now on!
Thanks!!
Chris & Thomas (3/4J)

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

Diary date: PA meeting Wednesday 27 March
Our next PA meeting will be on Wednesday 27 March at 7.30 pm in the staff room.
Our primary task for this meeting is to discuss how our event plan is looking for 2013. We’d love to see you there.

HOT CROSS BUNS – LUNCHTIME TREAT ON WEDNESDAY 27 MARCH
Order forms for Hot Cross Buns went home with your child today (a copy is also available on the News / Notices page of the school website). Order forms with correct money are to be returned to the school by MONDAY 25TH MARCH.

The Hot Cross Buns are from Bakers Delight, Brentford Square and are available in Traditional, Choc Chip and Fruitless at only $1 each (usual RRP is $1.30). Big M’s or Mineral Water is also available – the two buns plus drink combo is a steal at only $4. Pre-order by Monday or miss out!

Our range of Ice creams, chips, pretzels and drinks will also be available for purchase at the Canteen on the day.

A special thanks to all our Canteen, Foodie Day and Icypole Friday volunteers this term.
Cheers
Nicola, Amelia and Mandy The Canteen Committee

Brunch at Blacky Lake
Thank you to all the families who came out on Sunday morning to join us for brunch at the Lake. Yes, the weather was questionable (typical Melbourne), but the kids had a ball and it was great to see some new connections and friendships being made. We'll have more news about upcoming events next week.
UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
MONDAY AFTERNOONS  3.30pm – 4.00pm in the MPR
THURSDAY MORNINGS  9.00am – 9.30am in the MPR

LAST WEEK TO ORDER!!
UNIFORM SHOP NEWS - WINTER TUNICS / SKIRTS
Orders are taken for Winter Tunic’s and/or winter skirts as they are not a stock item. The winter tunic has a detachable bib from a winter skirt. They both have an adjustable waist.

Tunic prices are:  Size 4 and 6 = $53, Size 8 and 10 = $55, Size 12-16 = $58
Skirt prices are:  Size 4 and 6 = $43, Size 8 and 10 = $45, Size 12-16 = $48

For the next two weeks only we will have sample sizes available for you to see and try on. Orders must be placed by Thursday 28th March. (No late orders can be accepted and extra tunics are not ordered to keep in stock)

Uniform shop opening hours until the end of term are: Monday 18 & 25 March 3:30 - 4:00pm and Thursday 21 & 28 March 8.45 to 9.30am.

Orders need to be paid in full and will be delivered to the classroom upon delivery. The supplier takes approx. 5 weeks to fill the orders making delivery towards the end of April. Any queries please contact: Allison R on ☎ 0401 576 030 or Mel W ☎ 0407 548 545.

SCHOOL BANKING

PLEASE REMEMBER...
- To change your grade on the front of your yellow wallet so your book can be returned to you via the right classroom teacher.
- Complete your bank deposit slips with your name, student number and the correct amount of savings. Don’t forget to complete the deposit stub as well!
- Keep your tokens at home so they are safe and only bring in your ten tokens when you are ready to redeem them for a reward item.

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

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 fridge magnet sets and plastic pencil cases for FREE if anyone would like them - please come and see Vickie in the staffroom on Wednesday morning.

NEW ACCOUNTS
If you are interested in opening a Dollarmite Saver account for your child, please go up to the office to get an information pack which will give you details on how to set it up, either online, or in person at a Commonwealth Bank branch. If your child already has an account with the Commonwealth Bank, he or she can start banking with us straightaway - just bring the deposit book in every Wednesday morning to the Staffroom!
Thanks everyone for supporting the School Banking Program.
Regards, Vickie Liew, School Banking Coordinator M: ☎ 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 A GOOD CONDITION

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

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

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM -
Email below for information
SATURDAY 13 APRIL @ 7.20am
‘Breakfast with the Birds Autumn Survey’
Bring binoculars, raisin toast & cuppa afterwards
SATURDAY 20 APRIL 10am – 12noon
‘Working Bee’
ALL WELCOME!

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

EASTER GETAWAY SPECIAL $1,000 (4 nights)
New Holiday home at Phillip Island (Surf Beach) Water views 50mtrs from beach
Two storey home with 4 bedrooms (sleeps 10) – can accommodate two families
Two living areas. To check out photos and other availability times please go to this link:
Contact Anne on ☎️ 0423 208 884 with any queries

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 26 April @ 7.30pm
‘Wildlife Rescue & Rehabilitation’. Speaker: Sue Bendel

For further information & bookings contact:
Clare Ferguson ☎️ 8060 2474 or email: toclairef@gmail.com

COME’N’TRY JUNIORS SPORTS PROGRAM

Primary aged children of all standards are invited to attend our ‘Come’n’Try’ Sessions during the April holidays.
With all playing equipment supplied, all you have to do is wear sports clothes and runners and get set for some action!
Thanks to the support of SMASHGEARS, these sessions are FREE for children to attend.
Booking is essential, so make sure you call as soon as possible to reserve your child’s place!

SOCCER
1 Mon April 9th 10.00am - 12.00pm
2 TUES April 9th 1.00pm - 3.00pm
3 WED April 10th 10.00am - 12.00pm
4 THUR April 11th 1.00pm - 3.00pm
5 FRI April 12th 10.00am - 12.00pm

FOOTBALL
1 Mon April 9th 10.00am - 12.00pm
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3 WED April 10th 10.00am - 12.00pm
4 THUR April 11th 1.00pm - 3.00pm
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NETBALL
1 Mon April 9th 10.00am - 12.00pm
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CRICKET
1 TUES April 9th 1.00pm - 3.00pm
2 FRI April 12th 1.00pm - 3.00pm

Can’t make it these holidays? Our Come’n’Try program is on every school holiday period!

BOX HILL INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE
3/9 Clarice Road, Box Hill VIC 3128
PH: 9890 7000
www.boxhillindoorsports.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS
SESSIONS ARE FREE
Maximum 2 sessions per child

Proudly Supported By

Check out details regarding our Childrens Sports Parties, Junior Coaching Programs and Junior Competitions at our website www.boxhillindoorsports.com.au
Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2013

There are girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Argentina, Finland and Austria hoping to come here to study for 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them.

If you feel you could do this for them for the length of their stay or even some of it, please contact Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator on (03) 9758 4279 and let me know of your interest.

Girls footy

Blackburn Football Club is looking for girls aged 9 – 12 who are interested in playing in girls’ only football competition starting in May.
Games are played with special rules. There is no tackling or kicking off the ground so it’s a great safe and enjoyable way for girls to play football.
The competition is designed to cater for girls who have played football and for those who have not played before.
If you are interested or want any further information, please contact Courtney Young at courtney.young@mac.com or on 0421 796 659 or Craig Smith at craigs@srw.com.au or on 0425 801 545.

NUNAWADING VIKINGS BASKETBALL CLUB

The Club are looking for extra Boys U12 to make a Blackburn Lake team. Boys born early 2002, late 2001 and late 2000 qualify for the U12s. The team plays on a Friday night.
Please go to the website: www.nunawadingvikings.com.au or contact Chris Lloyd 9898 5682 or 0414 785 682 or email: registrar@nunawadingvikings.com.au

RINGWOOD CELTICS BASKETBALL CLUB

Ringwood Celtics Basketball Club is looking for girls to fill it’s under 12 team for the upcoming season. The team plays Saturday mornings and trains Tuesday nights.
Please contact Greg Matthews 0409 530 897 or Tim Killian 0430 116 690.
You are invited...Come along & join us

SATURDAY 13 APRIL 2013 11am – 12.30pm
Box Hill Town Hall (Lower) 1022 Whitehorse Road Box Hill

Events catered for ALL AGES
Dancing, Face Painting, Music, Crafting, Singing, Games & Lots more...
RSVP to Cindy by the 27 March 2013 ☏ 9285 4850 or email: ckung@aanet.com.au

Always wanted to work in:

Aged Care or Home and Community Care?
Enrol now for Government Funded courses starting in BOX HILL in April 2013.
Call our friendly staff on ☏ 9761 2156 for more information, or visit:
www.employease.com.au
*This training is delivered with Victorian & Commonwealth Funding.
Subject to eligibility. TOID 6832

2013 NAB AFL AUSKICK AT BLACKBURN LAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL
ALL VERY WELCOME!
Yes, it’s time for Auskick enrolments again!

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.

All Auskick participants in Victoria must now REGISTER AND PAY ONLINE at www.aflauskick.com.au and if you do so BEFORE 15TH APRIL 2013 you will be allocated 2 x children tickets and 2 x adult tickets to an AFL match during the 2013 AFL Home & Away Season. The cost for 14 sessions is only $70.00 (that’s just $5.00 a session) and includes a backpack filled with great goodies.
Auskick at Blackburn Lake Primary School will COMMENCE ON SATURDAY 20TH APRIL (the first Saturday after Term 2 commences). Please arrive by 9.00am to collect your pack so we can get our first session up and running by 9.30am.
We expect our first session to finish at around 11.00am but subsequent Saturday morning sessions start 9.00am sharp and go through to 10.30am.
The School’s oval is looking absolutely fabulous following its recent make-over allowing us for the first time in years to utilise its full size promising for an even better 2013 Auskick season so 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!!!
## APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES 2013
**AT MITCHAM COMMUNITY HOUSE**
19 Brunswick Road MITCHAM Bookings essential on 9873 4587
www.mitchamcommunityhouse.org

### Cushion Making for 6 to 13 Year Olds Tuesday 9th April 10 am to 12 noon
**Cost** is $15 plus $7 for materials
Make an octopus, flower or fish cushion with Anne

### Beaded Key Tags for 7 to 12 Year Olds Tuesday 9th April 1.00 to 3.00 pm
**Cost** is $10 plus $5 for materials
Use beads and cords to make key tags or identity tags for school bags.

### Multi-Craft Afternoon for 6 to 12 Year Olds Wednesday 10th April 1.30 to 3.30 pm
Cost is $20 per child and includes all materials
A creative, fun-filled afternoon using a range of craft materials to make cards, masks, pictures and much more.

### Kids in the Kitchen for 8 to 12 Year Olds Thursday 11th April 10.30 am to 12 noon
**Cost** is $20 per child and includes all ingredients
Bring out the master chef in you—bring containers to take what you make and bake home.

### Science Activities for 6 to 13 Year Olds Thursday 11th April 1.30 to 3.30 pm
**Cost** is $15 plus $5 for materials
Make a lava lamp to take home and many more fun, hands-on activities.

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### LABURNUM PS FETE
**JANET STREET, BLACKBURN**
**SATURDAY 16th MARCH**
**12PM—6PM**
JOIN US FOR GREAT FOOD, STALLS, RIDES & FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY

### FREE ZUMBATOMIC EVENT FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES PREP-2.
Event details are as follows:
- **Date:** Thursday 4th April
- **Time:** 10:30-11:30am
- **Location:** 12-16 Court Street, Box Hill
- **Age:** Children in grades PREP - 2
- **Cost:** FREE!

**Description:** Do your kids love to dance? Do they seem to have crazy amounts of energy? Designed exclusively for kids, Zumbatomic classes are rockin', high-energy fitness-party is packed with specially choreographed, kid-friendly routines and all the music kids love, like hip-hop, reggaeton, cumbia and more. Parents love Zumbatomic because of the effects it has on kids, increasing their focus and self-confidence, boosting metabolism and enhancing coordination.

*Parents are to register their children at [http://zaholidays.eventzilla.net](http://zaholidays.eventzilla.net)