At the end of last week we “farewelled” Kerryn Straughan, beginning her family leave – and we eagerly await her news. Coincidentally, on Monday afternoon another staff member, David Dowson, began a week of parental leave, after he and wife Katie welcomed the safe arrival of baby daughter Harriet Mae Dowson. We congratulate David, Katie, and daughter Mabel (who is most excited to be a “big sister”) on their wonderful news.

CLASS VISIT – 5/6M’s LITERACY BLOCK
Blackburn Lake Primary School has a reputation for its quality in teaching and learning programs and this is evidenced not only by the work and interactions that happens in the classrooms each and every day, but also from the high volume of job applications we receive when we are advertising staffing positions, as well as the many requests we receive from student-teachers wishing to complete their university placement here. We currently have Mark Whitehead (assisting 5/6M) and Liesl Ratten (in Prep S) completing their fourth year practicums over the course of Term Two. Having teachers of the future in our school is a “win-win”, as the class teacher has “an extra set of hands” as well as the opportunity to collaborate and develop the instructional skills of others (as well as reflecting upon their own practice). We are certainly “learning together @ Blackburn Lake Primary.”

Student “voice and choice” was also evidenced in the tasks undertaken, with a choice of Word Study activities to firstly complete, such as: task cards (pictured), a rubric and ICT activities. Likewise, Reading Hour tasks focused on Guided Reading (with Mark as teacher leading), as well as Independent Reading (with Marnie), whilst I assisted a group work independently on the desktop computers on a KWL (What I Know, What I Want to Know, and What I Learned) using Encarta to research the area of recycling.

I was fascinated with the discussion during the Writing Hour, where the learning intention “to express a point of view in an articulate manner” achieved – with the children supported in the structure of a persuasive text using templates as a planning tool, the discussion of emotive vocabulary and also the brainstorming of “snappy” titles (with my favourite ‘Yum, Yum, Tum, Tum’ - clearly expressing an argument for ‘Should Junk Food Be Banned’.

ANZAC DAY
Anzac Day marks the anniversary of the first campaign that led to major casualties for Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. The acronym ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps, whose soldiers were known as ANZACS. ANZAC Day remains one of the most important national occasions of both Australia and New Zealand, a rare instance of two sovereign countries not only sharing the same Remembrance Day, but making reference to both countries in its name.
With the coming of the Second World War, ANZAC Day became a day on which to commemorate the lives of Australians and New Zealanders lost in that war as well and in subsequent years. The meaning of the day has been further broadened to include those killed in all the military operations in which the countries have been involved (Source: Wikipedia).

I encourage as many BLPS students (with parents) as possible to attend the community services to help carry on the tradition and to remember and honour the fallen. I’m taking my sons to the Dawn Service at Blackburn War Memorial, assembling at Morton Park Memorial (Central Road) at 5:45am. (There is also a Sunday afternoon Commemoration Service outside Blackburn RSL Clubrooms 2 Diggers Way, Blackburn at 2:15pm to march to Morton Park Memorial for a short service followed by a 3pm ANZAC Commemorative Service in the Clubrooms).

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**No school tomorrow (Thursday) – ANZAC Day Public Holiday**

I hope to see you at Friday’s Whole School Assembly @ 3pm, where Federal Deakin MP Mike Symon will join us for an ANZAC Day ceremony and assist in acknowledgement of our ‘Students of the Week’.

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

**REMINDER - PARENT CONTRIBUTION FOR 2013 - PART PAYMENTS DUE FRIDAY 3 MAY**

Next **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.

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Curriculum update
This semester, teachers will be reporting on the new Victorian Curriculum, AusVELS. AusVELS outlines what is essential for all Victorian students to learn during their time at school from Prep, (Foundation) through to Year 10. It incorporates the Australian Curriculum; Foundation to Year 10, for English, Mathematics, History and Science, whilst retaining Victorian priorities and approaches to teaching and learning.

Over the past 18 months, our Staff have systematically planned toward this change which has included planning for History and Science and the inclusion of Literature, Literacy and Language within English. To ensure our students have understood the desired learning intentions, teachers have strategically included reflection opportunities within or at the end of a day. By using thinking routines, such as the Word, phrase, sentence routine, traffic lights and headlines, students are given the opportunity to restate the learning intention and provide teachers with valuable information on the needs of the class and individual students. As Purdon says, “Working with students is sometimes like riding a roller coaster in a parallel universe – nothing is as you expect and everything is unpredictable.” (Leadership in Focus pg 19)

By asking students what they learned, teachers are given an invaluable insight into the needs of their class and are able to decide if additional practice is needed, whether to re-teach or whether to move on to the next part of the lesson.

Educating our students is a shared responsibility supported by the classroom teacher, the school and the home. As we continue to work together to have our students reach their very best, our shared challenge is to ask the question, ‘What’s happening?’

The Premier’s Reading Challenge has begun!
‘Current and past premiers proudly support this important Literacy initiative and invite you and your children to participate in the ninth annual Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge.’

This week your child will receive information on The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge. The aim of the Challenge is to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge for each student to read more and to read more widely.

If you would like your child to accept the Reading challenge, ensure your child’s consent form is returned to their class teacher for Challenger registration. Once registered, they will receive their username and password for access to the site.

Students in Prep to Year 2 who accept the Challenge need to read or experience 30 books and students in Years 3 to 10 who accept the Challenge must read 15 books. Books must be selected from the Challenger booklists and read before the 12th September 2013. Happy Reading!

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

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

Family Name: __________________________________________

We will be attending:

- Session 1 ☐
- Session 2 ☐
- Session 3 ☐

Cost: $25 per family

Payment: Cash or Cheque only

Cheques payable to: ‘Family Life’

www.familylifevictoria.org.au

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

Principal’s Award

Kieren H – 5/6N
Challenging himself in his ANZAC reflection piece – using improved adjectives

Assistant Principal

Nandika P – 3A
Showing initiative & demonstrating a readiness to learn in Reading – well done Nandika

Billy Y – 3A
Showing initiative & demonstrating a readiness to learn in Reading – well done Billy

Prep A
Josh L
His fabulous recall of high frequency words – fantastic work!

Prep B
Thomas S
Having a positive attitude and working hard at your Reading

Prep E
Chloe F
Always being a kind, caring and bubbly class member

Prep S
Holly T
Wonderful writing about her weekend experiences

1D
Anji T
Being a helpful and considerate member of 1J who is always ready to lend a hand

1L

1/2D
Millie C
Outstanding dedication to all her work!

2D
Bella F
Answering all questions about mapping correctly – brilliant effort

2M
Porter D
Writing three convincing arguments in his exposition on ‘Why Cats Make Better Pets Than Dogs’ – excellent work Porter!

3A
Lorcan McC
Writing an excellent persuasive piece on whether or not homework should be banned

3K
Annabelle P
Writing a fantastic Exposition on why the school should have more productions

3S
Koen T
Being our 3 x table champion – well done Koen!

3/4J
Lachlan R
Displaying persistence in every learning task

4E
Bryce F
Settling nicely back into routines and for his excellent work on a recount of his trip to America

4S
Nathan R
A good explanation about what a contraction is during this week’s spelling sessions

5/6C
Stefanie P-S
A wonderful discussion about courage and the ‘Little Rock Nine’

5/6M
Bridget D
Her persistence when decoding challenging words during Reading Rotations

5/6N
Amy R
Taking risks by contributing excellent ideas for solving Mathematical problems

5/6S
Melanie V
For using emotive language & evidence to support her arguments in a persuasive text

Art

Music

Italian

Phys Ed

Rachel W – 2M
Thinking in Italian and getting the words right

A REQUEST…

Hello, my name is Heidi. You have probably seen me in and around the school campus during term one assisting my daughter Charlotte to school with her brother Sebastian and my Guide dog ‘Zoltan’. It is now term two and ‘Zoltan’ is nearly ten years old which is quite old for a Guide dog. He is getting tired and it is
getting harder for him to guide me and keep me safe. ‘Zoltan’ is going to retire on 28 April and become our family pet. On Monday the 29th April I will be going to live at Guide dogs Victoria to train with Guide dog number three. We will be training for four weeks. During this time you will not see me around school until week four of my training. Once our training starts, it will be a new beginning for me and ‘GD3’. We will need to learn to live together and work together as a team for the next eight to ten years. The first six months will be the hardest for us. I will need to learn how to care for and direct ‘GD3’ both in and out of work. ‘GD3’ will need to learn how to live and behave both at home and work. We will both need to listen to each other and learn everything we can about each other as we grow and develop our own style of navigator / pilot relationship.

‘GD3’ and I would really like your help in these early days of our working life. We would appreciate lots of room to move along the necessary paths we need to take both in and around the school grounds. There will also be times when we will need to practice or rework parts of the routes we need to travel. If you see us doing this we would appreciate it if ‘GD3’ was not distracted in any way. It is hard work for a new Guide dog just out of training. There is so much for them to remember and do in order to guide their handler and keep them safe. The best way to help ‘GD3’ not become distracted is to pretend that he is invisible and not really there. However, if at any time you see us getting lost, please approach me and ask me if I am ok, because if I think I am lost or not going the right way, a little sighted assistance can help a lot.

Thank you in advance, Heidi.

FROM THE OFFICE...

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

It’s commenced! 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.

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...
Week 1 Results
Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre

Welcome to our first results update for Forest Hill Chase Shopping Centre’s ‘Run Around Australia’. Congratulations on a fantastic start to your school run! Here is the leader board after the first week.

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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 website.

HOW CAN MY SCHOOL WIN BONUS KILOMETRES?
• Host a healthy / fitness focused event at your school
• Encourage parents to increase your school’s chance of winning by shopping at our fresh food stores which earn double kilometres

ART ARTICLES

In Art this term our learning focus is making and creating fabulous art for our MASSIVE Art Show! There will be painting, textiles, construction, collage, drawing and modelling out of clay and plasticine. This will be a must see exhibition of ‘Art Works’ from every student at Blackburn Lake Primary School.
See you there,

Pia Chadwick ☺ Art Teacher

SUPER SPORTS REPORT

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.
**Summer Sport – District Finals**
Following our finals last week, we finished runners-up in both Girls Volleystars and Kanga 8”s. Both matches were very close. Congratulations to both teams, and coaches, for this result.

**Cross Country Time**
BLPS House Cross Country - Friday, May 10th.
We will need lots of helpers. More information next week.

District Cross Country - Monday, May 27th (Ruffey Lake Park).

**INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM - MONDAY 15 JULY - THURSDAY 25 JULY**
This years’ Swimming Program will again be the first 9 days of Term 3 - **Monday 15 July to Thursday 25 July**, at Nunawading Aqualink.
More information to follow.

**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

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<td>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 <a href="mailto:blps.pa@gmail.com">blps.pa@gmail.com</a></td>
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**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**
**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 to $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.
As a fundraiser, we are selling Entertainment Books. 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. These include great discounts and 2 for 1 offer such as savings of up to 5% on gift vouchers for various petrol outlets, supermarkets and other large retailers.

To obtain your copy and support the school, visit: [https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1894b68](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.

If you have any queries, please contact Vanessa McCallum on JamesMcCallum@bigpond.com or Nicola Gray on nadams@pacbrands.com.au.
LAKERS LUNCHES UPDATE
Thank you to everyone for supporting our Party Pie & Yummy Drummy fundraising day today. It was a big success and very well supported. Our tireless volunteers cooked and packed over 850 hot little treats as well as selling ice creams and drinks in the Canteen.

We wouldn’t be able to continue these fun events without the help and support of parents and carers who so kindly and generously volunteer their time. If you would like to help out on any special days even for an hour, then please contact Nicola Adams at nadams@pacbrands.com.au or complete a Helping Friends Form (found on the Newsletter page of our school website) and Nicola will be in touch.

Apart from all our icecreams, drinks, chips and pretzels, we are now trialing Popcorn in our Canteen for $1 a bag. These items will be for sale each Monday during lunchtime from the Canteen – so don’t forget to bring along some change and support our school.

Happy Lunching
Your Canteen Committee

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
MONDAY AFTERNOONS 3.30pm – 4.00pm in the MPR
THURSDAY MORNINGS 9.00am – 9.30am in the MPR

SCHOOL BANKING
Hi everyone and welcome back to a new term of school banking. We have a new reward item to save 10 tokens for - a TORCH, so get saving! Also there is an exciting competition this term to win some great prizes, please see the flyer below.

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

Things to know before you Can:

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

COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

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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

FREE PARENT AND CHILD INFORMATION NIGHT

Bullying: Prevention and Coping skills for children and their parents

Wednesday 22 May at 7.30pm – 9.00pm

Location: Brighton Grammar Senior School: Roberts Sanderson Hall, entrance off St Andrews St
Presenter: Melissa Anderson - resilience educator, pharmacist, counsellor
Cost: Nil. A gold coin donation to a selected charity is warmly welcomed
Bookings: ☏ 9596 8814 or email: info@shineacademy.com.au

Calling all young musicians:

We invite all young brass, woodwind & percussion players to play with us in: We do not teach instrumental music but offer an opportunity for those who learn in or outside schools to meet and play in a larger band with children from around the region. YBP is a not-for-profit music educational program which offers young instrumentalists the opportunity to play in a variety of ensembles.
The John Mallinson Youth Band (= AMEB 4-6)  
The Wilf Dyason Wind Ensemble (= AMEB 2-3)  
**Scholarships available**  
**Time:** every Saturday afternoon  
**Venue:** Forest Hill Hall cnr. Canterbury & Springvale Rds.  
**Email:** melaniebennetts@optusnet.com.au  
**Director:** http://www.musicteacher.com.au/joseph-yu/  

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**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  

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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.  

![Auskick image](image)  

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!!!
PRIOR NOTICE OF TARALYE CHILDREN’S MARKET FOR ANYONE INTERESTED IN BEING A STALL HOLDER AT THE MARKET

Taralye Children’s Market
Pre-loved baby & kids goods for sale

Clothing, books, games, toys & furniture

Sausage Sizzle

Gold coin donation to Taralye on entry

Saturday 15th June
9am to 2pm

At 137 Blackburn Road, Blackburn 3130

All enquiries contact Cathy on 0400 600 126.
Stallholders welcome, for conditions please refer to www.taralye.vic.edu.au (bottom of homepage under Latest News).
Stall hire costs $25.