JASON’S JOURNAL – The Principal’s Message

You can read all types of research that will tell you how to identify a successful school; however we believe the best ‘litmus test’ is the response of the children, teachers and parents. We have had an extremely smooth start to the school year. The ease to which all students have slipped back into the routine of school doesn’t just ‘happen’. It is indicative of the time, effort and excellent preparation carried out by our staff. Credit must also go to the children who have settled quickly and industriously back into ‘school mode’. We have been delighted by the many positive comments we have received about the school. We are also most appreciative of our supportive parents who have clearly prepared their children for a positive start to the school year.

SCHOOL STAFFING

As mentioned, I thank all parents for sending their children ready and keen to commence the school year, with a big thank you to the school staff for all their outstanding preparation, and their focus on building relationships with our students in the last week. Our enthusiastic and energetic 2015 teaching and support personnel are as follows (noting the change in terminology this year from ‘Grade/Year’ to ‘Level’ in line with AusVELS curriculum language):

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Lyn Ford  Office Manager
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Caroline Knight  Admin Assistant

Educational Support Staff (Teacher Aides):
Anita Andic
Cathy–Anne Verden
Duncan Wise
Gay Burnett (& First Aid Coordinator)
Jo Acs

Ancillary Staff:
Charmaine Alexander  Camp Australia Coordinator
Dean Conman  Maintenance
Malcolm Holt  Computer Technician
Robyn Hazlett  Library Technician

We are very excited to have such an excellent staff in place again this year, welcoming Mrs Annie Susanto (class teacher of Level 3A, pictured), and also 4th year Deakin University student teachers Ed Distler (2S) and Josh Cram (3N) currently joining us on their placements. Should you have any queries throughout the year please feel welcome to contact your child’s teacher to make an appointment to meet at a mutually convenient time, with the use of student diary the main form of communication – particularly as we understand that working parents are not able to visit the school and meet with us on a regular basis.

Some changes you may have noticed (all happening in the previous week!) are:

- Tasmin Price is leaving Camp Australia and Blackburn Lake OSHC and finishes tomorrow. We are thankful for her energy as Coordinator as she has revitalized this program in the last year. No doubt Charmaine (“Charm”) - who has worked with Tasmin - will continue this high standard of care.
- Vincey Montesalvo is retiring from the Department of Education and Training (DET) after 15 years. We thank Vincey for her contributions to the Italian Program of Blackburn Lake Primary School and wish her well. I have just begun the process of finding a short term (and longer term) Languages teacher, with Vincey finishing on Wednesday 11th February.
- Liz Fay has been granted a year’s Leave; with Reading Recovery plans to be made once we assess and consider the students qualifying for this support.

HOME SCHOOL COMMUNICATION
As we are in the “relationship business" as a school community we all have a vested interest in the wellbeing of the school, with our number one priority the happiness and safety of every child. Children who are feeling happy and safe are receptive learners.

If you have concerns about your child, please contact us, as ‘problems’ are far more easily attended to now than in the last week of school. If you have concerns or want clarification, please contact us. We will ask you, however, to consider the following points:

- **Use our diary system regularly** – it is a great communication tool between your child’s teacher and home. The teachers’ number one priority is instructing the children and therefore if you arrive unannounced, it may not be convenient or possible to release them from teaching duties to speak to you. It is always best to arrange a meeting time.
- **Email is not a replacement to the school diary**, with the diary the school’s main communication tool. We very much appreciate that you use your child’s diary or email as a form of quick communication with us. Please give staff sufficient time to respond to emails or to take action as requested, as again, during school hours we concentrate our efforts on the children. It is very important that we devote our attentions and ‘duty of care’ to our school’s students throughout each school day (also noting that some specialist staff are not full time, therefore there may be a longer response timeframe depending on working hours and days). Furthermore, please keep in mind that staff responses to emails should not be expected after school hours, during holidays or on weekends. Of course, the expectation is that students, parents and other members of the school community will observe common courtesy when addressing staff and other members of the community in communications.
Our most important form of communication is our weekly newsletter, with an electronic copy available on our website. Important information is included in the newsletter including dates of upcoming events – please take the time to read ‘The Lakeside News’ and stay informed.

All class teachers are available in their classroom between 8:50 – 9:00am each morning before commencing instruction. Likewise, I remind everyone of an open invitation to approach Loisia or myself at any time if you have an issue of concern about the school or an idea to discuss. Please don’t let any concerns go “underground” or allow others issues become “hearsay”. Having said this, your child’s class teacher – and also the Level Coordinator (asterisked above) – are your first port-of-call.

As a school we are dedicated to effective and productive communications with our families. As a father of primary-school-aged boys I am very aware that at times parents tend to think their concerns are trivial and that you debate with yourself whether you should contact the school. Our response is that nothing is too trivial when it comes to the education of your child.

**‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEW EVENING**

As children spend a majority of their time at either home or school, it is important for the school and families to work together to provide the best education possible for our students. Our ‘Getting To Know You’ interviews are another aspect of the school’s commitment to developing home-school relationships and will be conducted in the next fortnight, on Tuesday 17th February 2015.

Rather than host general school information evenings (with a Level specific Parent Planner coming home tomorrow with such information) ‘Getting To Know You’ interviews are a great opportunity for families to briefly meet their child/ren’s teacher (for a 10 minute interview) to let them know any pertinent issues relating to your child and their learning. (Prep parents please note that interviews on this night are for families of children in Years 1 to 6, as school Entry Assessments on Wednesdays provide us with an introduction to you and your child).

More information about these formal parent-teacher chats and the online booking process will be distributed soon.

**CLASS PARENT REPRESENTATIVES**

Another essential form of communication across the school is our Class Parent Representative system, with each class needing 1 or 2 parents to be “Class Reps” each year. The role of the Class Parent Representative is also to facilitate the development of links within the school community (such as organisation of class social events); and also to assist the class teacher (wherever possible), which may involve recruiting help for a special activity or event. A number of parents expressed their interest in these positions at the end of last year, and I call upon anyone else who is able to offer their time and become involved in their child’s classroom and the greater school community to contact their child’s teacher asap. I aim to contact and meet with Parent Reps at the end of the month.

**PARENT PERMISSIONS**

Blackburn Lake Primary School offers a range of activities that require the written consent of parents and guardians. To save extensive paperwork several of these activities can be covered by gaining your written consent only once each year. Please read and keep the explanatory notes sent home today for your personal reference.

**2015 RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION PROGRAM**

Our school runs many programs for the children; some being held specifically for children at a certain level, other programs run throughout the school Foundation to Level 6. One such program is Special Religious Instruction (SRI); “If a principal receives notification from an accredited and approved instructor that the instructor is available to deliver special religious instruction at the school the principal must offer parents of children enrolled at the school the opportunity for their children to be provided with special religious instruction.”

The SRI program is endorsed by the Education Department and offered through trained facilitators. It is a requirement that parent approval is gained before students can participate in this program. Parents are asked to discuss this matter with your child/ren (where appropriate) and sign the attached consent form if intending to participate in this weekly session. Please note: it is a government requirement that schools seek written permission from parents for their child to participate in this program on an annual basis. Previously signed permission forms are no longer valid. All signed forms are to be returned to school before the ‘Getting To Know You Interviews’ on Tuesday 17th February. After this night I will assess participation numbers across the various levels of our school and to what extent this program is to proceed.
ACCIDENT INSURANCE
The Department of Education and Training (DET) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. The Department of Education states that reasonable low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector. For those parents who seek personal cover, details of an insurer who offers individual accident insurance for $29 for the year is EBM Insurance Brokers and their website is www.studentcover.com.au. Similarly, DET (which includes the school) does not offer replacement of personal items which are brought to school and are lost, broken or stolen. Sentimental or expensive belongings and toys are normally best left at home. This includes electronic games, mobile phones and tablets (accidental damage by another student can be discussed on an as needed basis), expensive sports equipment and even rare footy cards.

PARENT PAYMENTS
My thanks to the many parents who paid the Parent Payments and elected to make voluntary payments as well as the Essential Education Contribution. We understand that it has been an especially difficult year for some with the removal of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA). Your support enables us to continue to provide a quality of resources that greatly enhances children’s learning and is the envy of other schools.

Thank you to the many families who made Parent Contributions for 2015.
If you have not yet finalised this payment, please contact the office to make arrangements to pay or to discuss a payment plan. Thank you all for your support.

STUDENT SAFETY – ANAPHYLAXIS AND OTHER SERIOUS MEDICAL CONDITIONS @ BLPS
With our genuine concern for student wellbeing, staff at this Tuesday’s Staff Meeting discussed students in our care who have serious medical conditions including Diabetes, Asthma, Severe Allergies and Anaphylaxis. Gay Burnett, our First Aid Coordinator (funded by parents who paid this year’s First Aid Levy) outlined the medical plans in place for children and I remind parents of students with medical plans to please return these updates as a matter of urgency (at this stage we only have 5 out of 56 asthma plans returned).

We have a number of students in our school who suffer Anaphylaxis. In each of these cases, Anaphylaxis is triggered by food allergies. Where possible, we seek your assistance in not sending nuts and associated products to school. Furthermore, due to a number of allergies across the school, we request that birthday treats need to be wrapped to enable teachers to see ingredients (for example Freddo Frogs) and that parents consult with the class teacher to determine if substitutes may be necessary (such as a toy yo-yo) to ensure that nobody misses out.

Finally, we have a child in Grade 2 at our school who is receiving medical treatment which puts them at significant risk this year if they develop Chicken Pox or Measles. The risk for this child can be reduced if they receive a special injection immediately upon coming in contact with these illnesses. It is very important therefore that you let us know immediately by contacting the school office if your child, or their sibling, develops Chicken Pox or Measles. The protection that the child at risk receives in this instance lasts for a few weeks only and must be repeated every time they come in to contact with these illnesses. Your child is at no risk whatsoever from this situation, however, the health and well-being of one of his / her classmates does depend on your help and cooperation. Thank you for your support.

STUDENT SAFETY – BUSHFIRE EMERGENCY PROCEDURES @ BLPS
Being next to the beautiful Blackburn Lake Sanctuary classifies our school on the ‘Bushfire At Risk Register’. As the wellbeing of your children is paramount, we have a detailed Emergency Management Plan that was a consideration of staff during our recent Curriculum Day and Staff Meeting. Classes have discussed safety and emergency procedures as a part of their Linking TRRACs introductory unit of work as we establish classroom routines and school expectations for the year.

Should there be a predicted “CODE RED” day, school community members will be notified three days prior to the predicted closure. One day prior to the closure day(s) another letter / phone call will confirm the closure. If the school is closed, nobody will be on site: this includes all staff and students. As the Out of School Hours Care Program will also be closed, families will be required to make alternate arrangements for such days.

Whilst our new Preps will not be joining us at tomorrow’s whole school Assembly as they transition to school, I hope to see everyone else who can make it at 3pm to formally congratulate our 2015 Student Leaders (listed below in Loisia’s Letter) with Federal Member for Deakin Michael Sukkar to assist in badge presentations.

Regards, Jason Walker - Principal walker.jason.r@edumail.vic.gov.au
LOISIA’S LETTER – The Assistant Principal’s Message

At the end of last year our (then Grade 5) students went through a selection process for the formal positions of student leadership, presenting to different panels of staff. We will formally congratulate these Grade 6 students at Friday’s Assembly, presenting badges to these selected 2015 Student Leaders, beginning with our worthy School Captains for 2015:

School Captains: Victoria G and Henry S
School Vice Captains: Lauren W and Aiden P

Peer Mediators are positions of honour and responsibility, and the following students have earned the respect and recognition of the school community as Peer Mediator Captains for 2015:

Reva C Bianca E Olivia G Zoe J Nick M
Josh M Ethan N Elliot S Chloe S Elise W

Student School Council (SSC) meet monthly, a forum that promotes “student voice”. The following Year 6 representatives will lead and assist junior SSC class representatives (other classes selecting theirs in 2015):

5/6A - Catherine G and Olivia D
6D - Cassie Mc and Nicholas D
6M – Bella E and Milla H

Our 2015 House Captains – our student leaders in sport - will be:

Acacia: Katya Mc and Sam H
Jacaranda: Eliza C and Lachlan W
Kurrajong: Ellie G and Jak K
Waratah: Alyssa D and Joel D

We congratulate the following students on being awarded the specialist captaincy positions of:
Art Captains: Jacob K and Kate Mc
Music Captains: Lily W and Lucas B
LOTE Captains: Jack J and Nathan Y

And we look forward to working with these skilled Monitors:

ICT Monitors: Nathan R and Thomas A
Environment Monitors: Hannah S and Oscar A
First Aid Monitors: Tabitha R and Zoe K
Games Club Monitor: Erin B and Stuart Mc
Library Monitors: Catherine L, Emma S, Emily S and Jasmine S
Science Club Monitor: Grace J and Jana T

**Will my child be catered for?**

As I’ve wandered around classrooms this week, I’m reminded again that no two students are alike. They are different in their learning styles, their interests, motivation, in the experiences they bring to school and in their family backgrounds.

As a school we seek to support all students and aim to build on their strengths through a number of Intervention programs.

**Reading Recovery:** Reading Recovery is an early intervention program, which provides one to one daily tutoring, supplementing classroom Literacy instruction. This program is offered to Year one students who would benefit with additional reading support.

**Toe-by-Toe:** Toe by Toe is a reading program for students from Years three to six. It focuses on students’ phonemic awareness and word building skills. In groups of two or three, students attend 30 minute sessions daily. They are selected in consultation with classroom teachers as well as student achievement in national and school based assessment.

**Numeracy Intervention:** Our Quick smart, Numeracy intervention program, is a program designed for students from Years four to six. The program focuses on developing automatic response of number facts. Effective strategies to mentally solve problems and equations using the four processes are taught. Students attend a 30 minute session, three times per week. Two students participate in each session.

Additionally, teachers plan for student diversity through a Differential Curriculum. Planning a Differential Curriculum means planning a curriculum that is challenging for students who work above their expected academic level as well as students working toward their expected level. Teachers plan for a variety of levels of instruction and may use flexible student groupings, especially in the core teaching and learning areas of English and Mathematics. To assist students make sense of their learning, thinking routines and reflective strategies are also built into classroom practice. Furthermore, teachers aim to support and plan for several ways students can show what they have learnt.

Please feel free to contact your child’s classroom teacher if you have any concerns over your child’s learning. We recognize and value the home and school partnership, and appreciate the influence that working together has on your child’s learning.

One of the many ways parents can be involved in their child’s schooling is by becoming a ‘Classroom Helper’

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 school Assembly

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Welcome back! The year is up and running and some sporting activities at school are already upon us.

DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS – FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY
Interested children have received information about this event. I have received a number of forms already but would like more. It is hoped to make at least a 4 X 50 freestyle relay team for each age group. It would be even better to have a boys and a girls’ team at each level (6 teams, 24 swimmers).

If your child did not receive any information please feel free to nominate them if they are strong swimmers – can easily swim 50 metres of their chosen stroke/s.

Nominations need to be returned to me by next Monday 9 February 2015.

ELITE SPORTS TRIALS
As in the past children have the opportunity to “trial” for a variety of sports to represent Victoria at state level. These trials are for children who “elite” at their sport.

Our District will be holding trials throughout the coming months however we have two events coming up very soon.

TENNIS TRIALS
These will be held very soon. We are able to send 1 boy and 1 girl from BLPS. Students will be receiving more information next week and those who would like to try out will need to return the nomination form as indicated.

Trials for Basketball, Netball, Australian Rules and Soccer will be held on later in the term. More information about these trials will also be forwarded soon.

OTHER SPORTS
The following sports also have state teams for primary aged students;

- Cricket, diving, golf, hockey, rugby league, softball and touch football.
All information for these sports can be found “on-line” on the School Sport Victoria website (www.ssv.vic.edu.au). If you have a child who is very talented in any of these sports please check this website. If you have any questions about these sports please contact me about nominations after referring to the SSV website.

MORNING MOVERS
It’s back!! Exact details are still to be finalised but we will commence in the next few weeks.

Regards, Phil Lumsden - PE / Sports Coordinator lumsden.philip.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

MAGICAL MUSIC NOTES

2015 is shaping up to be a great year.

School Production will be held this year in the last week of Term 3 - September 16th & 17th. Mark this in your diaries now. Over the coming weeks, there will be opportunities for you to volunteer to assist. If you are keen to offer prior to the forms coming out, please come and see me in the music room.

Classroom
This term will see singing and dancing and playing of instruments as we learn different aspects of music. I am excited to see all the smiling faces refreshed and eager for another year of school.

Instrumental Lessons
Instrumental Lessons will be continuing this year. Instruments available for lessons are: piano, violin, viola, cello, flute, clarinet, saxophone, trumpet, trombone French horn, oboe, drums / percussion, guitar and will now voice. If you are interested in any of the above, please take a form from the school foyer and return to me as soon as possible.

If you are currently learning an instrument, there is no need to do anything. Your teacher will timetable lessons. Lessons will recommence in week 3 of term 1.

Open Concert
Our first Open Concert will be held in week 4 on Wednesday lunch in the DJC foyer. The sign-up sheet will be outside the music room from next Monday. We would love to see as many as we can performing for their friends. Make sure you get in quick.

Marimba Ensemble
Marimba Ensemble will be running again this year. It is held on Monday at lunch time for any students from Grade 3 to Grade 6. Our first one will be next week and I would love to see all your smiling faces. Meet me in the Music Room at 1.40pm.

Choir
Grade 4 – 6 Choir is also starting up again next week. It will run for the last hour of school on Tuesday (from 2.35 – 3.23). Make sure you have you name ticked off by the teacher before you come down to the music room to join in some singing.

“Ah, music," he said, wiping his eyes. “A magic beyond all we do here!”

Regards, Sam Collins - Music Teacher collins.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au

AMAZING ART ARTICLES

We are celebrating the completion of the beautiful Reflective Art Garden which will be officially opened Friday at Assembly.

I wish to thank the Artist in Residence Suesy Circosta and Marilyn our art technician for their tireless work and commitment to excellence. I would also like to thank the parent helpers who gave their time and skills to the project.
Our wonderful Garden is being explored by the students every playtime and the respect they are showing for the artworks is very pleasing to see.

Regards,

Johanna McPhail - Visual Arts Coordinator
mcphail.johanna.j@edumail.vic.gov.au

STUPENDOUS SCIENCE LAB

The amazing Human Body
- At birth the human skeleton is made up of around 300 bones. By adulthood, some bones have joined together to end up with 206 bones.
- As well as having unique fingerprints, humans also have unique tongue prints.
- Infants blink only once or twice a minute while adults blink around 10 times a minute.
- Your heart beats around 100,000 times a day and around 36,500,000 times a year.
- Your nose and ears continue growing throughout your entire life.
- Most adults have 32 teeth.
- Skin is the human body’s largest organ.

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS
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 @ blps.pa@gmail.com

BLPS PA CANTEEN NEWS

BLPS Canteen is NOW OPEN!
Monday & Friday lunchtimes during Term 1 selling: Quelch Frozen Fruit Sticks 50c; various icy poles (including Sunny Boys & Paddle Pops) priced between $1 - $2; chips $1; drinks for $1.50.
A full pricelist will be published soon on the BLPS website.

BLPS Canteen is NEEDS YOU!
BLPS Canteen is calling for more parent (or grandparent) Volunteers.
If you have an hour to spare on either a Monday or Friday afternoon from 1:15-2:15pm to help serve in the Canteen please contact: Amelia on ameliadking@bigpond.com

MISS PEPPERCORNS LUNCH ORDERS NOW AVAILABLE MONDAYs ONLY
Miss Peppercorns are again providing the Canteen lunch order service on Mondays in 2015.
All orders are placed online via the ‘Flexischools’ online payment & ordering website and are then delivered to the school.
To Register & place your order please follow the link below:

DESPARATELY SEEKING CHILLING OPTIONS
Unfortunately over the holidays our drinks refrigerator broke down and one of our freezers also broken down in 2014. Repairs are expensive, as are new fridges! So we’re on the search for people who may be able to help us out. Maybe you’re upgrading your still working fridge or freezer which you would be willing to donate to the school. Or you know someone who is willing to donate labour to repair our existing fridge. Or better still, you know someone who is willing to give the BLPS a great deal on a brand new fridge & / or freezer!
If you can help out in any way, the BLPS PA Canteen Committee would love to hear from you.
Please contact Katie D at katie.davidson@bigpond.com or ☎️ 0418 881 374

Sushi Foodie Day coming soon...

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS in MPR
Monday Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.00pm
Thursday Morning 9.00am – 9.30am
Welcome to another exciting year of School Banking!
This year’s theme is the Outer Space Savers and we’ll join the Dollarmites on an intergalactic mission to Planet Savings.

**The year that was**

We had a fantastic saving year in 2014:
- 2,677 deposits were made
- 76 new accounts were activated
- a total of over $17,000 was saved; and
- our school earned a commission of $1,250.00.

Well done to our school bankers for their fabulous saving - let's see if we can keep up the great work in 2015!

**Taking part in School Banking is easy**

If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. If not, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, or if you are an existing customer with the bank with access to NetBank you can open the account online. Alternatively, we have application forms - just come and get one from us on School Banking Day.

**How School Banking works**

- Every Wednesday, make sure you have your bank book and money ready for school banking, and complete a deposit slip.
- At the start of the school day, bank books are collected in a grey satchel and sent to the Staffroom.
- The School Banking team will collect the money and deposit slips, and then return the books to the classroom teacher via their pigeonholes.
- The team will process the deposits and send the money to the nearest branch.
- Any reward redemptions will be ordered by the team and items should be delivered to the classroom teachers in 1-2 weeks.

**Rewards Program 2015**

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward. We will be putting redemption cards into your bank books in the next few weeks so you will be ready to order your Term 1 reward when you have 10 tokens.

The rewards items available during 2015 are:
- Term 1 - ET DVD
- Term 1 - Planet Handball
- Term 2 - Invisible Ink Martian Pen
- Term 2 - Intergalactic Rocket
- Term 3 - Glow-in-the-Dark Solar System
- Term 3 - Cosmic Light Beam Torch
- Term 4 - Outer Space Savers Money Box
- Term 4 - Lunar Light Band

**Grand Prize Competition: Win a family trip to Disneyland**

In a School Banking first, the Commonwealth Bank is introducing a new Grand Prize competition in 2015. Students who make 25 deposits or more in 2015 will automatically receive an entry into the competition draw to win a trip to California’s Disneyland. The prize includes return airfares, five nights’ accommodation, transfers and 3 days park entry for up to two adults and two kids, as well as AUD$2000 spending money.

Volunteers needed

We need some help!
The program requires volunteers to facilitate the banking and distribution of rewards. This only takes an hour, once every 3 weeks on a Wednesday morning, and involves counting up the money, entering the amounts into the online portal, and taking the money to the bank. If you would like to help out, please contact Vickie on ☎ 0419 773 335.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking Program!
Vickie L | School Banking Coordinator | Contact: ☎ 0419 773 335

SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS

Dear Families
I would like to thank you all for your support throughout last year. During my time here at BLPS Camp Australia I have built some wonderful relationships with not only the children but families and the school.

However I will be moving on from this service to further pursue my career as a Trainer, teaching and passing on my knowledge to adult learners. Stepping up into my position will be Charm. Charm has been working with us since October 2014 and is very familiar with all the families, children and service. Please make Charm feel welcomed as she eases into her position.

Thank you for the opportunity to work with such an amazing bunch of kids and you will be greatly missed. Best wishes Tasmin 😊

‘Physie’ Lunch Time Dance Classes now @ BLPS!

As part of our lunchtime Activity Clubs, Kathryn Taylor will again be holding ‘Physie’ (Physical Culture) Classes. ‘Physie’ is Ballet, Hip-Hop, Aerobics and Gymnastics all rolled into one fun dance class. It promotes confidence, posture, and fitness whilst having fun to music. This year we will be holding 2 different classes on 2 different days:

- Years 4 - 6: Tuesday Lunchtimes in DJ Centre
- Prep - Year 3: Wednesday Lunchtimes in DJ Centre

There is no charge for the classes however students will need to pay a once off Registration Fee of $50. This covers the copyright and use of music and syllabus.

If this is something your child might be interested in they may participate in a trial class (their first class) and then if they would like to continue you will need to obtain:
- a Registration Form from the pamphlet holders in the school foyer,
- complete and enclose payment (cash or cheque payable to: ‘Blackburn Lake Primary School’) in a named envelope
- hand into the School Office for collection

Classes will begin in Week 3: Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th February 2015

“Flight, from Icarus to the 21st Century”
Blackburn Lake Primary School
Coming up in Term 1 2015

We observed the birds in their flight, and human beings were certain they could also fly. We can certainly fly but how did we learn to travel through the air? Discover the steps from Icarus to ballooning, to the flying doctor and helicopters to Qantas. Why is the Concorde no longer flying? Do you have a family member who once flew planes? Do you know someone who is now flying planes? We discover the past failures and the huge challenges ahead. This is an exciting new WiseOnes unit.
WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2015

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 6 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.

**The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 9th February, 2015.**

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: 9th Feb, 16th Feb, 23rd Feb, 2nd Mar, 9th Mar, 16th Mar, 13th April (Week 7), 20th April (Week 8). Due to the shortness of Term 1, Week 7 and 8 will be at the beginning of Term 2.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Flight, from Icarus to the 21st Century" starting week beginning Monday 10th Feb, 2014.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ____________________________________  School: Blackburn Lake Primary

Date of Birth ________________________  Class (2015) ________

Parents' Names ________________________________________

Address ___________________________________________________________________

Phone: BH ________  AH ________  Mobile ____________  Email: ____________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO

I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.

I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $240 inc GST).

**Please send this slip and payment of $233.00 on Thursday, 5th Feb, 2015. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date.**

A payment is made at the School Office by Cash, Credit Card or if paying by Cheque please make it payable to ‘Blackburn Lake Primary School’.

For further information please contact Pat Truscott on 03 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.

NB: Due to the Government increase of teachers’ wages, please note the new cost of the program.
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