With the reputation of Blackburn Lake Primary continuing to grow, our school enrolments over the last five years have annually increased. With 50% of our families coming from outside of our “neighbourhood boundary,” School Council last year ratified a new Enrolment Policy to ensure our great school can remain so.

Last year enrolments for our Prep classes filled quickly, with some families missing out on securing an enrolment at the end of the year as they were out of our “neighbourhood zone”.

This year has once again started with a flurry of enquiries regarding Prep enrolments for 2016. School Tours will begin next term each Wednesday (at 9.30am by appointment) and existing families with siblings commencing school in 2016 are advised to lodge their application forms at the school office as soon as possible – with enrolment required by 1st August to ensure enrolment. If you know of any family or friends who may be interested in coming for a school tour, please encourage them to contact the school office.

TEACHING AND LEARNING
School data was last week released on the MySchool website (http://www.myschool.edu.au/), and once again there has been a great deal of talk about this site amongst parents. Our results across the domains of English (with Reading results exampled below – Grade 3 on the left and Grade 5 right) confirm the “best practice” we have in place across the school as a result of the last Strategic Plan:

(Our school is represented by the black vertical line, with the score at the peak of the blue curve the average score; the grey shaded zone representing “like schools” – statistically similar schools).

Whilst 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), teachers track each child’s growth carefully using tasks and tests on our school’s agreed Assessment Schedule. Having multiple forms of feedback (that is, a variety of assessments), each teacher uses this information to craft appropriate activities for every child, using class groupings and rotational tasks as one main method to teach to the “point of need”.

The graph (left) measuring the growth of our Grade 5 students in last year’s NAPLAN Persuasive Writing task shows this growth – with BLPS (dark blue) showing better growth than other schools (light blue) from the same Grade 3 starting point.

Our school motto “learning together at Blackburn Lake” means growing students, not just academically (nor focusing on their outright performance) but also social and emotional development.
Moving into a new Strategic Plan we are now embedding this work in Literacy and beginning to discuss the best teaching of Numeracy. At a recent meeting, teachers not only enjoyed playing some “maths games” (pictured) but were presented with a problem-solving scope and sequence (developed by the staff Maths School Improvement Team) and investigated the principles of effective pedagogy of Mathematics — such as building on students’ thinking, planning worthwhile Maths tasks, using Mathematical language, and building an “ethic of care” in bookwork.

School improvement at BLPS is compelled by research and driven by continuing to build teacher capacity and quality teacher practice through collaborative teamwork, peer observations, effective feedback and shared professional learning. In short, “great teachers = great results!”

WORKING BEE
Our first Working Bee for the year (we have one each school term) will be held on Saturday morning 14 March from 9:00am, finishing with a ‘thankyou’ barbeque and raffle draw at midday.

We would really appreciate help from as many families as possible to assist us in tidying the gardens, creating some new garden beds, and adding a surprise to the sandpit. It is a great opportunity to show your children care for the school - no skills necessary! We’ll find a task for everyone!

If you can, safely ride to school tomorrow to support ‘Ride2School Day’ and don’t forget to make sure you’re looking your best for school photos.

I look forward to seeing you at tomorrow’s whole school Assembly @ 3pm to enjoy an instrumental item and acknowledge our ‘Students of the Week’.

Warm regards,

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

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Transition Planning for Preps and Year Six

For children and young people, the most significant transitions occur when they start school, move from primary to secondary school, and from secondary schooling to adult life.

Transition to Primary School

Starting school is a big step for you and your child. It can be both challenging and exciting. As part of our Beginning School Program, we are offering three Friday afternoon ‘Launch Pad’ sessions where Prep 2016 students can come along and experience school life for a short time and parents participate in school information sessions. We believe it is important for your child to gradually become familiar with the routines and programs associated with primary school. ‘Launch Pad’ sessions will be held from 2:35pm to 3:25pm on:

- Friday 24th July
- Friday 14th August
- Friday 4th September

Following our successful ‘Launch Pad’ program, we invite enrolled students to our term four, Orientation afternoons. These sessions will be held from 2:35pm to 3:25pm on:

- Friday 20th November
- Friday 27th November
- Friday 4th December

If you have any queries about our Transition Program, please feel free to contact our Prep Transition Coordinator, Bec Williams-Phillips, or direct any questions about the school to myself or Jason.

Transitioning from Primary to Secondary School


Starting secondary school is one of the biggest steps in your child's life. As there are a variety of options for your child’s secondary education; choose a school to suit your child’s needs. You may want to make a list of things that are important to you and your child or visit the schools you are interested in; they welcome enquiries and will organise a time to visit.

Making your choice

An important step is to involve your child in deciding which secondary school they will go to. The following questions may assist you as you consider which secondary school will best benefit your child.

- Will the school cater for your child’s needs and interests?
- How does the school support children with additional needs?
- How important is it that your child knows other children at the school?
- Does your family have a connection to a particular school?
- Do you have older children already attending a secondary school? If so, will your child benefit from going to the same school as their brother or sister?
- How far do you want your child to travel each day?
- Are any schools close to home and/or your work suitable for your child?
- What extra curricula activities does the school offer?
- Does the school offer scholarships?
- Is the school welcoming? – You’ll know this as soon as you walk in the door.
- Do you agree with, or at least like, the way the school approaches teaching their students?
- Does the school’s policy on homework and discipline reflect your own values and expectations?
- What is the school's approach to dealing with bullying?
- What educational programs are offered?
Transition Planning Timeline

The following timeline provides an indication of when and what you can expect in regards to the Year 6 to 7 Transition process:

- **Grade 6 – Term 1**
  Make a final decision on your preferred secondary school.
  Year 6–7 Review for students on the Program for Students with Disabilities.

- **Grade 6 – Term 2**
  Fill in the preference form provided by the primary school (for enrolment into government mainstream secondary schools).
  New applications for the Program for Students with Disabilities submitted.

- **Grade 6 – Term 3**
  If you submitted preference forms for government mainstream secondary schools, you will be advised by the primary school which government secondary school has offered a place to your child.

- **Grade 6 – Term 4**
  Enroll your child into secondary school.
  Plan and prepare for orientation day.

Regards,

Loisia Steed – Assistant Principal

steed.loisia.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**‘STUDENTS OF THE WEEK’**

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

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<td>Always being organised &amp; ready for her learning!</td>
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<td>Owen R</td>
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<td>Chloe N</td>
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<td>James C</td>
<td>His interesting narrative about a ‘Fire Breathing Dragon &amp; the Pirates’ – well done!</td>
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<td>Harriet d P</td>
<td>Her outstanding PowerPoint presentation showing an amazing variety of old fashioned items – well done Harriet!</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Andy G</td>
<td>A great video showing how to use an old fashioned Australian tool</td>
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<td>Sam McC</td>
<td>The creativity he showed using an iPad in Literacy Groups – well done Sam</td>
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<td>James G</td>
<td>Having a go &amp; exploring Mathematical concepts to his peers – well done!</td>
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<td>Georgia B</td>
<td>Using her initiative in group Reading to find out what unknown words mean!</td>
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<td>Ollie D</td>
<td>Creating interesting characters for his ‘Dreamtime’ narrative</td>
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<td>Jared W</td>
<td>For being an excellent Art Detective on our Urban Experience Excursion</td>
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<td>Bailey T</td>
<td>A wonderful attitude during our city excursion, especially behaving so maturely in the Art Gallery – thank you Bailey!</td>
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<td>Jerry H</td>
<td>Excellent recall of number facts during Mental Maths</td>
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<td>Madeline S</td>
<td>Always taking care in presenting her work!</td>
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<td>Will M</td>
<td>His intricate tessellating pattern design</td>
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<td>Isaac L</td>
<td>100% effort in presenting work in both Maths &amp; Literacy – well done</td>
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<td>Ethan N</td>
<td>Writing a very detailed biography about Steve Jobs – well written</td>
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<td>Victoria G</td>
<td>Completing a biography with sequencing, detailed &amp; factual information &amp; presented creatively as a book</td>
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<td>Erin B – 6D</td>
<td>Persisting with a difficult drawing task to produce excellent results</td>
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<td>Jonathan T – 2E</td>
<td>His fantastic Singing of ‘The Lion Sleeps Tonight’ in Music</td>
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<td>Phys Ed</td>
<td>Sahiba V – 3E</td>
<td>Putting a great effort in her 800 metre Trial</td>
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Preparations are well under way for National Ride to School Day at Blackburn Lake. To celebrate riding, walking, skating and scooting as fun ways to travel to school, we are organising a raffle for all children who participate with the winner receiving a special prize.

We support our students to walk or wheel to school because:
- Students feel fresh and alert at the beginning of a school day
- There are fewer cars around the school which eases ‘drop off congestion’
- Students are more likely to reach the recommended 60 minutes of physical activity they need each day
- Students feel happier, healthier and perform better in the classroom.

Parents can join in the fun by walking or wheeling with the students & discussing the many benefits.

REMINDER!
WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS
TOMORROW - FRIDAY 13 MARCH

BLPS GARDEN UPDATE - MARCH 2015

It is great to see how well the gardens, that were planted by parent volunteers’ one very busy Working Bee in early spring, are doing. If you wander around near the DJ Centre you can see the fruits of this labour. The growth is such it is about time those Grevillea ‘Lady O’s were pruned! We have certainly been lucky over summer to get good rains and no really extreme days.

It has been pleasing to see how much the children have enjoyed moving through the gardens using the pathways and sitting in the Art Garden. More plants will go into the Art Garden itself later in the year to complete the design. It is a critical time for the gardens in terms of their development. The novelty of the garden has started to wear off and as a result the children have started to become just that little bit less respectful removing sticks and knocking the tree guard barriers that help to define the paths and protect the plants. In the short term it is necessary to keep these tree guard barriers in place to give the plants a chance to grow and to continue to make those pathways quite clear. If you have the opportunity to talk to your child(ren) about respecting the gardens, which I’m sure have made the play areas more interesting, beautiful and environmentally valuable, your support would be much appreciated.

At the next Working Bee, this Saturday 14 March, some work will commence around preparing the garden bed running along the Prep rooms as we continue our efforts to spread the garden message around the school.

Chris Larkin

SPORTS REPORT

DIVISION SWIMMING TRIALS – THURSDAY 5 MARCH

Well done to our Division swimmers. All those who participated swam very well. A big thank-you to Catherine G for filling in for Hunter H in the 11 Open freestyle relay. Jesse P and Jack J also performed very well in their individual events.

Nathan Y (1st 12 boy’s butterfly) and Sam M (2nd 11 boy’s breaststroke) qualified to compete at the EMR Trials. The 12 Open freestyle also performed extremely well winning their race to also qualify for the EMR Trials. Great effort and good luck!
**SUMMER SPORT ROUND ROBIN**
This year only our grade 6 students will be taking part in interschool summer sport. This is due to the very large number of students in grades 5 and 6. They will be competing in kanga cricket, basketball, Volleystars and bat tennis against Roberts McCubbin, Blackburn and St Thomas on Friday 20 March. A notice will be coming home tomorrow so please check bags!! Grade 5 students will be taking part in their own house sport competition at school on that day.

**MORNING MOVERS**
We are up and running - again. It was good to see so many out and about again this week. Remember we start at 8.35am and finish at 9.50am on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Keep running as it is terrific preparation for the House Cross Country which is coming up soon.

**HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY**
Our annual House Cross Country will be run on Friday 24 April. Get out there and start training. More information in the coming weeks.

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

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**SCIENCE LAB**

**COLOR SYMPHONY**

**YOU WILL NEED:**
- A flat tray (like a baking tray)
- Food colouring (at least 3 different colours)
- Whole milk - low fat milk will not work for this experiment
- Liquid soap used for washing dishes

**WHAT TO DO:**
1. Carefully pour the milk into the tray so that it just covers the bottom
2. Add about 6-8 drops of different colour food colouring onto the milk in different spots
3. Add about 5 drops of the liquid soap onto the drops of food colouring and watch the show!
4. To clean up, simply pour the coloured milk down the drain. (don't drink it!)

**HOW DOES IT WORK?**
So you know where the colour comes from, but why milk and liquid soap? The main job of dish soap is to go after fat and break it down. Usually the fat is on dishes from the food we eat, but fat is also in whole milk. When you drop the liquid soap onto the tray, it tried to break down the fat in the milk. While it was doing that, it caused the colours to scatter and mix creating a very colourful display. Have fun!

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**MAGICAL MUSIC NOTES**

**Classroom**

**Level 1 & 2**
We are still in the jungle searching for the Lion. This week we listened to a different version of our song seeing if we could identify what instruments were playing, and if there were any jungle sounds in the introduction. We heard rattle snakes, birds, running rivers and leaves rustling to name a few.

**Level 5 & 6**
This week we saw and heard a couple of different instruments. One was called the Bouzouki, which looked a bit like a guitar, and the other was a Tapan, which looked a bit like a bass drum. We discussed the terms of layering and texture as well as doing some math when we investigated the difference between dividing rhythms in 4/4 time and 9/8 time.
Instrumental
Thanks to those who came to the Instrumental Information Evening on Tuesday. It was a great chance to meet the teachers and to see them in action as they all performed a piece of us, and spoke about their instruments. Forms for instrumental lessons are available at the sign-in desk if you are interested in learning an instrument.

Open Concert
Next Open Concert will be held during the last week of term on Wednesday. There are only 4 spots left so be quick to sign-up if you want to perform! The concert will begin at 12.50. Parents are welcome. Please sign-in at the office, and then make your way down to the DJC.

Marimba Ensemble
We missed our last rehearsal due to the Labour Day holiday. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday at lunch.

Choir
We missed the Grade 5/6 students this week with camp, but have started working on a song that has been written especially for ANZAC day.

We have learnt a new rhyme which is a bit of a tongue twister. The choir’s job is to learn this off by heart next week.

The tip of the tongue if it slips will eclipse both the lips as it flips.

School Production
Here is the next clue for you….

The production cannot run successfully without the help of our fantastic parent community. Thanks to those who have already volunteered their time. Please fill in the volunteer sheet if you are willing and able to help out with the production in any capacity. It could be helping with distributing flyers to sewing sequins or painting props.

AMAZING ART ARTICLES
As school holidays approach you may be looking for something to do with the children. Can I suggest Art classes at the Box Hill Community Art Centre? They offer activities for the family and individuals. Their holiday program is available to peruse on line at: www.bhcac.com.au

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

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

RETURN BY NEXT - WEDNESDAY 18 MARCH
HOT CROSS BUN DRIVE EASTER 2015
Bakers Delight Brentford Square is offering us the opportunity to purchase delicious Hot Cross Buns and raise funds for Blackburn Lake Primary School.

A 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns will cost $6.50 (RRP $7.00) and come in 4 delicious varieties. For every 6 pack of Hot Cross Buns ordered, the school will raise $2. The more buns you purchase the more money we raise.

Simply fill in the details below and select how many and which type of Hot Cross Buns you would like to order.

Please the return your completed order form to the school with correct
money by **Wednesday 18th March** and place it in the PA Fundraising Mail Box in the front office foyer.

Orders of 1 or 2 packs will be sent home with your *nominated child* on **Wednesday 25th March**. Larger orders will be available for pick up from school from 3.00pm – 4:30pm on the same day (from the Gazebo).

Remember to ask family and friends if they would like to order some too. For further details please contact Katie D on katie.davidson@bigpond.com Order forms also available in the *Notices* section of BLPS website.

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**BLPS PA HOT CROSS BUN EASTER 2015 ORDER**

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Parent Full Name: ____________________________  Phone: __________

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS** in MPR

**Monday Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.00pm**  
**Thursday Morning 9.00am – 9.30am**

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**SCHOOL BANKING**  - **Every WEDNESDAY is School Banking Day**

**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.

For further competition details, visit commbank.com.au/schoolbanking

**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

**What’s happening in OSHC Camp Australia?**

The holidays are coming up soon! Here at Blackburn Lake, Camp Australia offers a *Holiday Club Program*. The kids are able to come along for the whole day and enjoy indoor and outdoor play as well as group activities in and out of the school. Contact Camp Australia on ☎ 1300 665 257 to find out where we’re heading to these holidays and any other information you would like to know.

Over the last two weeks in OSHC, we have been discussing group games everyone would like to play together. Last week a roster was made up and every second day (weather permitting) we have been heading outside to play a chosen group game from out list.

We have also implemented a *Cooking Roster* and every second day a group of children work together in the kitchen. Last week we made Honey and Oat slice, Banana cake and Apricot slice. So that everyone has a chance to cook, the group changes having both young and older children buddied up together. This is tying in with our ‘Better Buddies’ program this term.

They children are becoming more aware of water usage in the service. We have now started rinsing breakfast and afternoon snack dishes in a warm soapy bowl provided instead of running the tap in the sink.
If you would like to know more about what we get up to in the program, please feel welcome to come and talk to any of the friendly OSHC staff.
From the OSHC team, we wish you all a wonderful weekend :)

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COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD
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ALL VERY WELCOME!
BLACKBURN LAKE NAB AFL AUSKICK CENTRE
BLACKBURN LAKE PRIMARY SCHOOL OVAL - FLORENCE STREET BLACKBURN

Yes, it’s time for 2015 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 Rules football.

Children participate in activities designed to introduce & improve their skills of the game. This is followed by a modified ‘Grid’ game in an environment which safely allows children to put into practice their skills.

All Auskick participants in Victoria must now register and pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au and if you do so before Monday 20th April 2015 you will be allocated 2x children tickets and 2x adult tickets to an AFL match during the 2015 AFL Home & Away season. The cost for the season is only $85.00 and includes a backpack filled with great goodies that will be home delivered.

‘Welcome’ Day
Our Auskick Welcome Day at Blackburn Lake Primary School will be on Saturday 18th April so please arrive by 9.00am.

We will be also be running our annual In-House Auskick Level 0 Course from 9.30am. This will run through to 10.30am and is open to all our Auskick parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts! Kids will have some organised play during this time to kick the footys, practice some skills and maybe play some games.

Our subsequent Saturday morning sessions start 9.00am sharp and go through to 10.30am. Any queries please contact Michael Whelan (Co-ordinator) on 0407 081 100 or via email on mwhelan7019@gmail.com.

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Auskick this year!!! Remember to register (or re-register) and pay online at www.aflauskick.com.au
Moonlight Cinema
Starring ‘FROZEN’
Saturday 21 March 2015

This is a fundraising event for

Eley Park Oval
87 Eley Rd Blackburn South

Tickets $10 per person
$35 for a family of 4.
(Children under 3 free)

For more details regarding bookings and what to bring please visit www.theavenue.org.au

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Discovery Evening
Tuesday 17 March
Principal’s Address
7:00pm in the College Theatre

Families are invited to discover and explore:

› Our classrooms in action
› Our Academic Enrichment Program (AEP)
› Our Specialist Sporting Programs in Soccer and Tennis
› Our broad and diverse curriculum program that enables students to achieve their best
› Our extensive co-curricular and student leadership opportunities
› Our high expectations and commitment to academic excellence

At 8:00pm there will be an additional information session in the College Theatre focused on our Specialist Sporting Programs in Soccer and Tennis.

Book a College Tour now by contacting the General Office on 9814 9444 or on our website www.fhc.vic.edu.au

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WHITEHORSE GLOBAL FIESTA
SUNDAY 15 MARCH 2015
12NOON-5PM • BOX HILL GARDENS
BETWEEN NELSON ROAD AND STATION STREET, BOX HILL

FREE EVENT
RIDES, ACTIVITIES ENTERTAINMENT

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**Host Families Needed For New Exchange Students in 2015**

Many girls and boys aged between 15 and 18 from exciting countries like Italy, France, Belgium, Germany, Holland, Canada, Japan, Switzerland, Brazil, Norway, Sweden, Argentina, Finland and Austria are hoping to come here to study for 3, 5 or 10 months from July this year and stay with a volunteer family that is willing to host and welcome them and can afford an extra member at the family table.

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

Yours sincerely,
Klaus Schumann, WEP Community Coordinator

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**Blackburn South Guides**

Have vacancies for girls in all age groups.
- Brownie Guides (6 – 11 years)
  - Wednesday 5:00pm – 6:30pm
- Guides (10 – 15 years)
  - Monday 7:00pm – 9:00pm

Meet at the Guide Hall, Eley Park, Eley Road.

Please contact Barbara McMurtrie on 9833 4210 for any inquiries.

The Guide Association offers opportunities for girls to participate in:
- Outdoor activities
- Craft
- Fitness
- Adventure and challenge
- Fun with a purpose
- Leadership
- Travel

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**Yackandandah Young Players**

These school holidays a bunch of kids from rural Victoria (Yackandandah) are set to take the Melbourne International Comedy Festival by storm by performing their original children’s show ‘Scaredy Cat’ at the Famous Spiegeltent outside the Arts Centre. We would love it if you could help promote this event through your newsletter, leading up to the Victorian school holidays. A flyer is attached.

More information can be found at [www.yackandandahyoungplayers.com](http://www.yackandandahyoungplayers.com)
School Holiday Bike Skills Program

The Bike Skills School Holiday program is a free bicycle confidence, skills and awareness training program for children aged 8 to 12 years.

The course teaches a range of skills and the knowledge of the laws and controls that apply. It focuses on skills for riding safely and includes four sessions, which are a combination of road, gaming and in the school yard. The training involves a combination of fun, facts and role-play activities.

Participants need to:
- Have basic bike riding skills
- Not need to use training wheels
- Bring their own bike in roadworthy condition and their helmet.

When
Thursday 9 April
9.30am – 2.30pm (5 hours)
and
Friday 10 April (optional)
9.30am – 2.00pm (4.5 hours)

Where
Mont Albert Reserve, Melrose Street
Mont Albert

Suitable for children aged 8 to 12 years

To register or for more information, please contact Justine Girgin
Email
justine.girgin@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Phone
9262 7662 (Tuesdays and Thursdays)

Bookings Essential

DON’T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND ONE OF MELBOURNE’S PREMIER BASKETBALL CAMPS!

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IMPROVE YOUR:
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1. BOX HILL CAMP

EXCLUSIVE ADVANCED CAMP
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Age: 10 years – 14 years
Where: Melbourne Girls College
Time: 9am – 4.30pm
Cost: $165 ex Full Price
$155 ex Early Bird Special
$155 ex Sibling Discount

Includes:
1 x Pair of Peak Basketball Shoes
1 x TSB Camp T-shirt
1 x Group 6x7 Camp Photo and 1x participation certificate

For children already playing basketball at advanced levels and who are aiming to keep improving their game. All facilities of the Box Hill High School, including Sports Hall, Gymnasium and Outdoor Basketball courts. No coaching experience required.

Maximum 100 places available only.

1. RICHMOND CAMP

Age: 8 years – 16 years
Where: Melbourne Girls College
Time: 9am – 4.30pm
Cost: $145 ex Full Price
$135 ex Early Bird Special
$135 ex Sibling Discount

Includes:
1 x Pair of Peak Basketball Shoes
1 x TSB Camp T-shirt
1 x Group 6x7 Camp Photo and 1x participation certificate

Maximum 100 places available only.

FREE Pair of Peak Basketball Shoes for every camp participant

2. RICHMOND CAMP

Age: 10 years – 14 years
Where: Melbourne Girls College
Time: 9am – 4.30pm
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BOOKINGS WWW.TSBASKETBALL.COM

Bookings close Friday 27th March 2015 for all camps.