Over the first ten days of school this year I have had the pleasure of visiting your children in their classrooms and specialist programs. I could not be more pleased with the atmosphere of calm and productive endeavour evident throughout the school. The teachers’ focus has been on embedding our TRRAC (Thinking, Respect, Responsibility, Attitude & Care) core values and the expectations and behaviours as outlined in activities (with our On TRRAC booklets coming home on Friday for discussion at home). Teachers have also been building strong relationships and establishing a positive environment in each classroom and I have certainly seen that in operation.

In the playground it is also wonderful to see students who are new to BLPS being welcomed into the school and to see all children playing safely and cooperatively (and indeed our Preps doing so well that as a part of their transition into the school playground they will be joining the rest of the school at recess and lunchtimes next week). This great start certainly points to a positive and exciting year ahead for all in the Blackburn Lake community.

UNIFORM / SUNSMART
A big ‘thumbs up’ to the parents. We are very appreciative of your work in setting children up for school, and indeed ensuring students are attired each day in correct uniform. It really makes a difference to students, promoting a ‘sense of belonging’ to both the school and their friends. I also thank Allison Rusmir, Mel Worsam and other parents who have assisted our busy Uniform Shop sales at the beginning of this year.

BLPS hats are available through our Uniform Shop (open Monday afternoon 3.30 – 4.00pm and Thursday mornings 9.00 – 9.30am) for $12 and during term one, please remember that hats are compulsory at all times when outside at school (including Phys Ed and Sport sessions). As a ‘SunSmart’ school (www.sunsmart.com.au) we strictly enforce the use of hats, and I was pleased to see this week that only a few students have been seated in the gazebo due to not having a hat at school.

With summer weather this week we have enacted our ‘extreme weather timetable’, whereby on days of extreme heat students remain in their classrooms with all staff sharing the supervision of children. This will only apply to days of extreme and excessive heat and will operate similarly to the ‘wet day timetable’.

STUDENT SAFETY – SUPERVISION
During the school day, all teachers take their “duty of care” very seriously and work closely together to ensure students are supervised whilst in classrooms and also out in the playgrounds.

In our planning, we have the school divided into distinct zones and staff are assigned to each of these zones from 8:45am before school, through each recess and lunchtime, as well as after school until 3:45pm.

To ensure that students are appropriately supervised, we ask that students arrive at school after 8:45am each morning. If you elect to send your child/ren to school prior to 8:45am, it is important that you understand that they will not be supervised until yard duty teachers begin their assigned duty from 8:45am. Similarly, at the end of the school day, the school will ensure the appropriate supervision of all students until 3:45pm and after this time it is the responsibility of parents to collect / supervise their children. In further support of parents on this important matter, Camp Australia Before and After School Care Programs provide wonderful levels of care for students.
STUDENT SAFETY – TRAFFIC & PARKING

No matter where your child goes to school, dropping off and picking up times can be chaotic and dangerous. As almost half of our school population comes from outside of our school’s “neighbourhood boundary” – with many families driving past their local school to come to BLPS - this continues to be an issue. We only ask that parents consider the safety of everyone when around the school.

With onsite car parking for staff use only (a strictly out-of-bounds area) parents driving to school are encouraged to park in side streets (where permitted) and walk the remaining distance to school. For those dropping-off and picking-up, this system works well when the “No Parking” signs are obeyed. “No Parking” essentially means “kiss and drop off”, as drivers are not to leave their vehicle unattended, and are to complete the pick up or drop off within 2 minutes.

Our “kiss and drop off” zone takes place outside our school gates (adjacent to the gazebo) and to assist, this year teachers are supervising this zone between 3:30-3:45pm and we ask:

- Cars heed the yellow line near the curb indicating NO STANDING;
- Drivers to regard the 40kmph limit and travel carefully at all times;
- Ask your children to wait on the footpath next to the No Parking (and not on the nature strip);
- If you get to the “kiss and drop off” and do not see your child there, please do another loop.

As well as Nunawading Police “drive-bys” (as was the case last night) Whitehorse Council are taking photographs of cars illegally parked (and later sending fines), I have also instructed staff supervising this area to record any registration numbers of offending vehicles. This will hopefully improve traffic flow and ultimately student safety.

RIDE TO SCHOOL

It has been pleasing to see our bike shed full, and that many children are riding to school. This not only eases traffic congestion but also promotes healthier lifestyle.

We encourage bikes and scooters to school provided they have an approved helmet. This helmet must be worn until the children are inside the school gates and must be on the student’s head and fastened before they exit the school grounds. I also thank children for walking their bikes / scooters to and from the school gates.

‘GETTING TO KNOW YOU’ INTERVIEW EVENING

A letter regarding next Tuesday’s ‘Getting to Know You’ Interviews was distributed today. These meetings will be a great opportunity for families to briefly meet their child/ren’s teachers for a 10 minute interview to let us know any pertinent issues relating to your child and their learning. Teachers will also outline how your child has settled into the routines of the new school year, and discuss the attitude and work habits that have been displayed so far. (Prep parents please note that interviews on this night are for families of children in Levels 1 to 6, as School Entry Assessments on Wednesdays provide us with an introduction to you and your child).

Please make a booking via the online booking system @ www.blps.vic.edu.au using the COMPASS link and your child’s access code.

(For quick communication with us, a reminder that as well as your child’s diary or teacher’s email - published in last week’s Lakeside News - our teachers are available in their classrooms each morning for any informal meetings between 8:50 – 9:00am before commencing instruction. Likewise, as principal I remind everyone of an open invitation to approach me at any time if you have any cares, concerns or compliments).

Thank you to the families who have returned the yellow ‘Standard Permission Form for 2015’ sent home last week.

These are required for ALL school students (and can be downloaded on our school website – to be found under Notices).
LANGUAGES PROVISION @ BLPS

Given the recent retirement of the school's Italian teacher – Vinc ey Montesalvo farewell ed yesterday - we are interested in our community's thoughts on Languages Education (to view the Department vision please access: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Documents/about/department/languageseducationvision.pdf). To assist our strategic and workforce planning in this area, I ask families to spare a few minutes and complete a brief survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/65Q59CB to have input into future Languages provision at BLPS. Due to Vinc ey’s sudden announcement, Judy Mansell – a regular replacement teacher at BLPS – spent this week with Vinc ey as a part of a “hand over” to take over a Languages program for the remainder of this term. Plans beyond this term will be made following consideration of the survey feedback.

In asking for your thoughts, I conducted a quick survey of secondary schools in the Whitehorse Network (of which BLPS is a part). The Languages offered locally are: Blackburn High - French and German; Box Hill High - Chinese and German; Forest Hills – Chinese and French (and Auslan); Koonung - Chinese, French and Japanese; Mullauna – German and Vermont - French and German.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our first School Council Meeting for 2015 will be held later this month on Tuesday 24th February. This meeting will be the final meeting for the existing School Council and therefore the final meeting for some of our hard working School Council members. Next month information will be distributed about how our new School Council will be formed and a timeline outlining the process will be highlighted.

I hope you can make it to tomorrow’s whole school Assembly where we will acknowledge our Students of the Week, as well as celebrate February birthdays and enjoy a music instrumental item. (In coming weeks we will have a Student School Council badge presentation on Friday 20th and our Preps will be joining us the following week – Friday 27th February).

Regards,

Jason Walker - Principal

walker.jason.r@edumail.vic.gov.au

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**DIARY DATES FOR 2015**

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| Tuesday 17 Feb | 9.30am - 3:40pm Classroom Helpers 'Literacy Training’ - Library  
 3:40pm – 8:00pm 'Getting To Know You Interviews’ in classrooms |
| Wednesday 18 Feb | 7:30pm – 9:00pm Parents Association Meeting – Staff Room |
| Tuesday 24 Feb | 9.30am - 7:30pm Classroom Helpers ‘Literacy Training’ - Library  
 7:30pm – 9:00pm School Council Meeting |
| Tues - Fri 24 – 27 Feb | Level 5/6 Camp @ Beechworth |
| Monday 9 Mar   | Labour Day Public Holiday                  |
| Tuesday 10 Mar | All Day ‘1st Australians Urban Experience’ Fed Sq - Year 4 |
| Thursday 12 Mar| All Day ‘1st Australians Urban Experience’ Fed Sq - Year 3 |
| Friday 13 Mar  | All Day Whole School Photos                |
| Tuesday 17 Mar | 7:30pm – 9:00pm School Council AGM        |
| Friday 27 Mar  | 2:00pm – 2.30pm Assembly (Term 1 concludes – EARLY DISMISSAL) |
| Friday 3 Apr   | Good Friday                                |
| Monday 6 Apr   | Easter Monday                               |
| Monday 13 Apr  | 9.00am Term Two commences                  |
| Thursday 30 Apr| 5:30pm – 9:30pm Life Education Health & Human Development by Family Life Victoria Information Evening - Library |
| Tues – Thurs 12 – 14 May | NAPLAN testing (Level 3 and 5) |
| Monday 18 May  | CURRICULUM DAY - No Students at School     |
| Mon – Friday 18 – 23 May | Education Week |
| Monday 8 June  | Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday            |
| Friday 26 June | 2:00pm – 2.30pm Assembly (Term 2 concludes – EARLY DISMISSAL) |
| Monday 13 July | 9.00am Term Three commences                |
| Friday 31 July | CURRICULUM DAY - No Students at School     |
| Wed & Thurs 16 & 17 Sept | School Musical Production – Kel Watson Theatre |
| Friday 18 Sept | 2:00pm – 2.30pm Assembly (Term 3 concludes – EARLY DISMISSAL) |
| Monday 5 Oct   | 9.00am Term Four commences                 |
| Monday 2 Nov   | CURRICULUM DAY – No Students at School     |
| Tuesday 3 Nov  | Melbourne Cup Public Holiday               |
| Friday 18 Dec  | 1.00pm – 1.30pm Assembly (Term 4 concludes – EARLY DISMISSAL) |
‘STUDENTS OF THE WEEK’
We congratulate the following ‘Students of the Week’ – to be presented at Friday’s school Assembly

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<th>Evie P – 3A</th>
<th>Embracing the TYRRAC Values – also creating own homework task on the topic!</th>
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<td>Assistant Principal</td>
<td>Morgan S – 5K</td>
<td>As a part of transition to school, our Preps won’t be joining us for whole school assembly until Friday 27th February</td>
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<td>Prep A</td>
<td>Henry S</td>
<td>Displaying a positive ‘ATTITUDE’ towards his learning especially during discussion</td>
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<td>Prep B</td>
<td>Katie Y</td>
<td>Always working hard at everything she does – what a great start to BLPS!</td>
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<td>Prep S</td>
<td>Poppy V-R</td>
<td>Telling the class how our TRRAC Value ATTITUDE is being a good sport - well done!!</td>
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<td>1D</td>
<td>Kate N</td>
<td>Her positive attitude to learning &amp; a wonderful start with her new friends at Blackburn Lake – well done Kate!</td>
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<td>1J</td>
<td>Darcy D</td>
<td>Showing excellent organisation in the classroom &amp; a great ATTITUDE towards learning</td>
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<td>1L</td>
<td>Olivia G</td>
<td>Always trying best to present 5 star quality work – well done!</td>
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<td>2C</td>
<td>Zach W</td>
<td>Settling in confidently to BLPS &amp; showing a great attitude in 3E – welcome Zach!</td>
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<td>2E</td>
<td>Ella H</td>
<td>Showing the TRRAC Value of CARING by helping a younger child in the playground</td>
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<td>3A</td>
<td>Gemma M</td>
<td>Working responsibly to complete all set tasks during Literacy rotations</td>
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<td>3E</td>
<td>Ka-mon F</td>
<td>Showing RESPONSIBILITY by working hard and RESPECT with her excellent listening skills!</td>
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<td>5A</td>
<td>Max C</td>
<td>The enthusiasm he showed towards a Mathematical problem solving activity</td>
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<td>5K</td>
<td>Naomi A</td>
<td>Her brilliant acting skills during our History Incursion</td>
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<td>5L</td>
<td>James F</td>
<td>Presenting his Junior School Council speech with such confidence</td>
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<td>5/6A</td>
<td>Stuart M</td>
<td>His enthusiastic participation in our Socratic Seminar – great work Stuart!</td>
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<td>6D</td>
<td>Adrita M</td>
<td>Demonstrating the TRRAC CARING Value toward a class mate – brilliant effort</td>
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<td>6M</td>
<td>Henry S</td>
<td>Being an excellent role model as School Captain demonstrating all of the TRRAC Values</td>
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<td>Art</td>
<td>Max Z – 4S</td>
<td>Focusing well on work &amp; completing each stage to the best of his ability</td>
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<td>Italian</td>
<td>Noah S – 2S</td>
<td>Independently writing in Italian the word ‘il Palio’</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Chloe D-C – 2S</td>
<td>Neatly finishing her front cover in Italian</td>
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<td>Phys Ed</td>
<td>Marcus H – 3E</td>
<td>Contributing great ideas during Phys Ed</td>
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BLACKBURN LAKE PS CALENDARS for 2015
We still have a few Calendars left.
If you would like to purchase one - they are selling for well below cost @ $5.00 each

SPORTS REPORT

DISTRICT SWIMMING TRIALS – FRIDAY 20 FEBRUARY
Thank you to those students who submitted times for our swimming trials. Unfortunately not all those who submitted times will be attending. Keep practising and get those times down for next year.

Those students who will be attending have received their notice. Please return forms and money by Tuesday 17 February.

The individual and relay events will be finalised by the end of the week.

‘MISSION X’
Once again, as part of our PE program our Year 5/6 students are taking part in Mission X “Train like an Astronaut”. This involves a variety of challenging activities. The students record their data to score points for our school.

Go to https://trainlikeanastronaut.org to have a look. Once on, open the “mission data” tab for an idea of some of the activities involved.
ELITE SPORTS TRIALS
Cricket – if you are interested in trialling you need to see me by this Friday 13 February.

Trials for Basketball, Netball, Australian Rules and Soccer will be held during week 8 – March on Monday 16th and Wednesday 18th March. We are limited in the number of children we can send to the trials so if you are interested you need to see me very soon. More details to come.

TENNIS TRIALS
These will be held on Thursday, March 12th. We are able to send 1 boy and 1 girl from BLPS. If you would like to nominate please see me as soon as possible.

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. NB – Nominations for Cricket close on Friday 21 February.

If you have any questions about these sports please contact me about nominations after referring to the SSV website.

MORNING MOVERS
We will be starting next week. This year MM’s will be on Tuesday and Thursday. Our House captains are looking forward to seeing you out there!

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

MAGICAL MUSIC NOTES

School Production will be held this year in the last week of Term 3 - 16th & 17th September. 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.

Instrumental Recruitment Night
We will be holding an Instrumental Recruitment Night on Tuesday 3rd March (Week 6) from 6.30pm. This is a great opportunity to find out about all the instruments that we offer for lessons and to meet the teachers.

Classroom
We have begun our program in the Music Room and are all looking forward to what is in store.

Prep
Will be spending some time learning the National Anthem so they can join in singing at Assembly in the next few weeks when they join us.

Level 3
We are studying a composer by the name of Johann Strauss (Senior) who was well known for all the waltzes that he wrote. We will be learning about musical terms and structures while we study his most famous piece “The Radetsky March” and have already spent some time investigating the French Revolution which was the inspiration for this piece.

Level 5 & 6
We will be spending time over the next few weeks investigating the folk music of Bulgaria. This week we have looked at the differences between the way that the people in the villages of Bulgaria live in comparison to us and have been experimenting with different ways of dividing 9 beats within a bar.
**Instrumental Lessons**

Instrumental lessons have begun for another year. It has been great to see the teachers buzzing through the school and the smiling faces of the students as they reconnect and continue their development.

It’s not too late to sign up. The forms are located at the ‘sign in desk’ in reception, or come to our recruitment night on Tuesday 3rd March.

**Open Concert**

Our first open concert will be held in **week 4 on Wednesday lunch** in the DJC foyer. Make sure you sign up tomorrow. 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 – 3.20pm). Make sure you have you name ticked off by the teacher before you come down to the Music Room to join in some singing, and bring a water bottle with you.

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

-J.K. Rowling, *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone*

Regards,  
**Sam Collins - Music Teacher**

**AMAZING ART ARTICLES**

**CALLING ALL SEWERS**

The Art room will be in need of 3 people to stitch up cushions for the Year 3 ArtWorks. If you can sew a simple straight stitch I would really appreciate your help.

Just contact me on **mcphail.johanna.j@edumail.vic.gov.au**

Regards,  
**Johanna McPhail - Visual Arts Coordinator**

**STUPENDOUS SCIENCE LAB**

**MAKE YOUR OWN QUICK SAND**

Quick sand is a fascinating substance, make some of your own and experiment on a safe scale. Amaze your friends by demonstrating how it works.

**What you’ll need:**
- 1 cup of cornflour
- Half a cup of water
- A large plastic container
- A spoon

**Instructions:**
1. This one is simple, just mix the cornflour and water thoroughly in the container to make your own instant quick sand.
2. When showing other people how it works stir slowly and drip the quick sand to show it is a liquid.
3. Stirring it quickly will make it hard and allow you to punch or poke it quickly (this works better if you do it fast rather than hard).
4. Remember that quick sand is messy, try to play with it outside and don’t forget to stir just before you use it.

**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**
PA MEETING NEXT WEEK
The first PA Meeting of 2015 will be held next **Wednesday 18 February at 7.30pm** in the school Staff Room. All school parents are welcome with a special invitation extended to new families at the school.

For a copy of the agenda and minutes, or if you are interested but can’t make it, please 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: [https://www.misspeppercorn.com.au/school-lunches/](https://www.misspeppercorn.com.au/school-lunches/)

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS in MPR
**Monday Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.00pm**
**Thursday Morning 9.00am – 9.30am**

SCHOOL BANKING - Every WEDNESDAY is School Banking Day

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.

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
## Help your kids manage their asthma

### Checklist for Parents

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<td>Does your child have an up to date Asthma Action Plan (Asthma Care Plan)?</td>
<td>The Asthma Care/Action Plan tells the school how to manage your child’s asthma and what to do if their asthma gets worse. This should be updated &amp; signed by the doctor on an annual basis.</td>
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<td>Does your child carry their reliever puffer and spacer with them at all times? Or is it readily available to their Carers?</td>
<td>Medication needs to be available wherever your child may be (school, child care, sporting field, home)</td>
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<td>Are you and your child aware of their asthma triggers? Do you take steps to avoid these triggers? Are the Teachers aware of these triggers?</td>
<td>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Do you listen to what your child says?</td>
<td>They will be aware of their asthma symptoms and should be able to tell you when they need their medication.</td>
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<td>Does your child take their asthma medication correctly?</td>
<td>Good technique allows more medication to get into the lungs where it is needed. Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like to check your device technique.</td>
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

**at ST THOMAS the APOSTLE CHURCH**

57 Central Road Blackburn

Catholic Children in Years 2 and above are invited to enroll for R.E. Instruction at the above church. These classes take place on **Tuesday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm starting on 24 February 2015**.

Children are given Religious Instruction throughout the year as well as preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

For enrolment please contact: Fr Terry Bowman or Mrs Susan Collins ☎️ 9878 0818 or email: [blackburn@cam.org.au](mailto:blackburn@cam.org.au)
FOR SALE

SILVER GREY TARAGO
8 seater 6 years old

Contact Maya Cordeiro for more information ☎ 0418 391 707

Junior Field Naturalists Club
Meet last Friday of Month @ 7.30pm
1 Gardenia St Blackburn

Meeting – 27 February 2015
‘Simpson Desert Research Trip’
Presenter John Harris

Excursion – 15 March
‘Phillip Island Adventure’

Meeting – 27 March
‘Fungi’ Presenter Tom May

Enquiries: Claire Ferguson
Email: toclairef@gmail.com

Print this out for a FREE BEGINNERS BASKETBALL SESSION

Are you sick of your child sitting idle after school watching TV or glued to their iPod? This voucher entitles you to bring your child to one of the following sessions free of charge to try out basketball. Nunawading Vikings Basketball Club runs Beginners Basketball Sessions. Sessions are held at Slater Reserve Basketball Stadium, Grosvenor St, Blackburn Nth Aussie Hoops (skills sessions teaching the fundamentals) Miniball (skills sessions teaching some game practice)

Monday 4pm-5pm Aussie Hoops (Age 5-8)
Tuesday 4pm-5pm Aussie Hoops (Age 5-8)
Tuesday 5pm-6pm Miniball (Age 7-10)
Thursday 4pm-5pm Miniball (Age 7-10)

Places are limited so reserve your child’s place by emailing Nick Redfern at: programs@nunawadingvikings.com.au
Enquiries welcome - ☎ 0434 883 116

healthy Waterways Program

The Great Wall of Blackburn Lake
Join us at Blackburn Lake Sanctuary for the ‘unveiling of The Great Wall!’ Friday 13 February, 6pm – 8pm

- Join a walking tour and view the beautiful tile mosaic artwork created by local students and artist Lucienne Noonill.
- Witness a Welcome to Country and Smoking Ceremony by an elder from the Wurundjeri Land Council.
- Discover some of the native wildlife who call the Sanctuary home.
- Learn about some of the actions you can take to help look after Blackburn Lake Sanctuary. FREE COMMUNITY BBQ

Where: Blackburn Lake Sanctuary Visitors Centre, Central Rd, Blackburn
When: Friday 13 February 2015
6pm-8pm
Cost: FREE
RSVP: www.trybooking.com/116039

For enquiries please email jane.petch@melbournewater.com or lucy.menzies@whitehorse.vic.gov.au
Proudly partnering with Whitehorse City Council
Please note: In the event of a Total Fire Ban being declared this event will be postponed.

For the Love of Water

Nunawading Vikings Basketball Club
72 Grosvenor St Blackburn North
8522 8599

The Junior Field Naturalists Club
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act, create, communicate
Self-development through drama!
Boost your child’s creativity, confidence and communication skills.

Enrolling now for students aged 5 to 17.

Studio Locations: Blackburn North, Forest Hill, Glen Waverley, Glenhuntly, Mt Waverley, Wheelers Hill & Kew.

Contact the Principal Tamara White – ☎ 8522 0007 or 0411 100 538

Self development through drama!
Nunawading Vikings 3 VS 3 Comp is BACK!
Commencing on Wednesday 18th February 2015 - 4pm – Blackburn High School –

Targeted at children that have some prior basketball experience/knowledge - Develop your skills through gameplay, under the guidance of experienced coaches
- Open to Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 Boys and Girls - 1 Hour Session Each Week - Run Until the End of Term 1, last session Wednesday 25th March

ALL FOR JUST $30! Sessions are held every Wednesday from 4-5pm at Blackburn High School's Indoor Stadium, 60 Springfield Rd, Blackburn. Enter a team of three or register individually. Places are limited so reserve your child’s place by emailing Nick Redfern at programs@nunawadingvikings.com.au
Enquiries welcome - ☏ 0434 883 116

Basketball for Grade 5/6 Boys

We are looking for Grade 5 and Grade 6 boys interested in joining the Blackburn Lakers Under 12 MEBA (Melbourne Eastern Basketball Association) competition. Our team trains after school Thursday afternoons at the DJ Centre from 3:30 to 4:30pm. Games are Fridays, held locally. We have an enthusiastic team with players of varying levels of confidence and court skills.

Come check out training on Thursday afternoons and meet our coach and team!

For enquiries please contact
Susie 0433 291 117 susie_sands@yahoo.com
Kylie 0422 220 999 kyliepods@gmail.com

Blackburn Junior Basketball Club

UNDER 9 - UNDER 19 GIRLS AND BOYS
For players of all skill levels
Domestic Basketball Competition
Starts Term 2

Blackburn Junior Basketball Club
prides itself on the following values:
Emphasis on player development,
Accredited coaching,
Defined pathways for players and coaches,
Access to skills program,
Catering for players of all skill levels.

Registration Dates
Saturday, 21st February - 9.00am - 1.00pm
Monday, 23rd February - 5.00pm - 7.00pm
Wednesday, 25th February - 5.00pm - 7.00pm

Registration days will take place at Slater Reserve
Grosvenor Street, Blackburn North

Enquiries to:
bom@vikingsbasketball.net.au
or
0431 559 893

www.vikingsbasketball.net.au
Start Playing Footy at Blackburn in 2015

To all AUSKICKERS, the Blackburn Junior Football Club invites you to come and play football with us in 2015.

We are a family based club where the emphasis is on player participation, development and fun. Our junior teams (Under 9s to Under 17s) play in the Eastern Football League. We also have Under 12, 15 and 18 teams in the Yarra Junior Football League’s girl’s only competitions.

Most of our Under 9s come from the local Auskick centres and we would love to have your son or daughter join us in 2015.

For the 2015 season all registrations for returning players will only be accepted online, however if you are registering for the first time in 2015, you will need to complete a manual registration form and make payment at Registration Day.

Registration Day is on Sunday the 15th February, 2015 between 11:00am and 1:00pm at Morton Park, Central Road, Blackburn

On Registration Day you will also be able to meet the coaches, buy club merchandise, undertake mouthguard fittings and participate in the boot swap.

The Club’s current policies and 2015 registration pack can be viewed on the Club’s website: www.blackburnfc.com.au  Pat Mannix, President, Blackburn Junior Football Club