

# Lakeside NEWS



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## JASON'S JOURNAL – The Principal's Message

It seems like only yesterday when we (appropriately) concluded semester one with a Prep performance of "Everything is Awesome" at Assembly.

Thank you to all who attended our Parent Teacher Interviews at the end of last term; as the home-school partnership is strengthened by your attendance and is significant in the educational success experienced by your child. These interviews were an important part of the reporting process, as not all information can be conveyed in a written report. The process of discussing the achievements, the areas of future focus and the path to achieve future goals, is one that is best achieved through parents, teachers and students working together. I know all children across BLPS are very proud of their individual portfolios (with a reminder to please return these to school if you haven't already done so).

Remember that communication is a two-way street so please contact your child's teacher if you have any queries or concerns. Please also make sure that you find time to read our 'Lakeside News' every Thursday afternoon (when published online). There is always a great deal happening around the school, often articulated through this important communicative process.

### WELCOME TO NEW STAFF

As we greeted everyone back to school following the holidays, we also welcomed a few new students and some new staff.

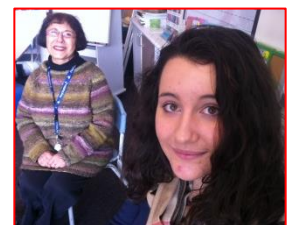
Following a selection process at the end of last term, we welcome Lisa Genovese to the role of 5/6N class teacher. I'm sure you'll join me in congratulating Lisa on her appointment and we look forward to the contributions she will be able to make to Blackburn Lake Primary School, with her previous teaching experiences in both state and private school sectors.



As part of this school's ongoing commitment to the induction and development of new teachers, we are pleased to welcome Prue Ainsworth (pictured right) to the school. Prue is completing her Master of Teaching at Deakin University and has already qualified to teach as a graduate teacher, completing all requirements to become a probationary registered teacher with the Victorian Institute of Teaching, however she has chosen to commence her teaching career as an Intern. We welcome Prue for the entirety of this term, as she works under the expert guidance of Kym Morgan (in 5/6K), sharing full responsibility for planning, developing, teaching, assessing and reporting for the class.



We also welcome for the next month Letizia Antolini, a high school student from Grosseto in Tuscany who is interested in our Australian and Victorian primary education system and is assisting Vincey Montesalvo during Italian classes. Letizia has been inundated with questions from our students about the Italian school system and way of life. If you see Letizia please introduce yourself (as Letizia speaks English very well).



### CLASS VISIT – 5/6K



The whole school text focus for the start of this term is the genre of narrative (story). The children of 5/6K have been discussing the differences between literal and figurative language, and on Tuesday the students worked in mixed ability groups on a number of ways to improve interesting narrative writing: focusing on synonyms, alliterations, metaphors and onomatopoeias (the naming of a thing or action – as pictured "ha ha ha ha" in one of the children's work on the iPad).



The class worked well as individuals on their tasks, with Prue Ainsworth assisting the iPad group and Kym Morgan supporting another group. It was clear that our senior students have been skilled up to be “thinkers” when reading – evidenced with a high level of independence shown by the children in organising themselves, as they readily located the tools needed for each task. A pleasant surprise for me was when my group suggested “let’s have a dictionary war!” when we were unsure of a word meaning when reading the tongue twister “*lovely lemon liniment*”. I congratulate the children for challenging themselves (adding that I successfully stumped the students of 5/6K with my tongue twister “*unique New York*!”) and also thank Kym Morgan and all the teachers of Blackburn Lake Primary School for planning engaging activities for the students of the school.

### **PLANNING WEEK**

I am often asked about our school class structure and whether your child is in a multi-age class or “straight class” is a mostly irrelevant discussion. This is due to the wide range of academic needs, behavioural needs and social needs – whether a straight class or not – that are met by the teacher. Chronological age does not determine needs. As we begin planning for 2015, our school’s policy is to preferably have straight classes, however this is not always possible or equitable – this year as an example in Grade 5/6, we created balanced classes with the highest total being 25 students (which would not have been possible with a straight class model).

Further to this, our teaching teams are not based on sole grade levels. This fortnight teams of teachers are released to plan together this term’s lessons, aiming to improve Literacy and Numeracy outcomes, as well as Integrated Studies (inquiry) units of work in line with our school’s two-year scope and sequence planner. Current Whole School Swimming and the Life Education Van Programs support this fortnight’s Health Investigation. Please be aware that in releasing class teachers to plan a rigorous curriculum together, the children will have other teachers (casual relief teachers or specialist teachers) on the Planning Days of:

- Prep - Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July (tomorrow)
- Grade 1/2 - Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July
- Grade 3/4 - Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July (today)
- Grade 5/6 - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

### **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.”*

Earlier this week a new (prescribed) form was issued for families containing all the information required by the new Ministerial Direction to be provided to parents to obtain informed consent. I was instructed not to amend this form in any way prior to distribution, as it contains information pertinent to the newly written legislation.

It is important that those families still wishing to partake in this program sign the recently issued permission form and return this to their class teacher ASAP - or by this time next week (Thursday). No children will be placed in SRI unless parental consent is provided for a child to participate (“opt in”). Thank you for the responses we have already received through the office. As you will have read in the last *Lakeside News* I have made the decision to withhold SRI classes for the first two weeks of this term, allowing us some time to distribute forms and calculate logistics as to those children participating and not participating.

### **INTENSIVE SWIMMING PROGRAM**



Due to the availability of Nunawading Aquatic Centre our Whole School Swimming Program takes place at the start of term three. This week I visited and witnessed the students fully immersed in their lessons. I applaud the children for their organisation that is required when attending swimming sessions (and also parents for packing bags and labelling belongings). Thank you also to Phil Lumsden for his coordination of this program which complements our Health and Physical Education program at Blackburn Lake Primary School.

To enable the program’s provision on this occasion we accepted payment after the due date. With the complexities of logistics and organisation, please understand that in future we will require all payments before the designated due date.

Due to a number of classes out of the school tomorrow afternoon at our whole school swimming program **there will be no assembly tomorrow**. Have a good Friday and a great weekend,

Regards, **Jason Walker - Principal** [walker.jason.r@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:walker.jason.r@edumail.vic.gov.au)

## DIARY DATES FOR TERM THREE

Mon - Thurs	14 – 24 July	various times	Whole School Swimming Program
Tuesday	22 July	6:30 – 7:30pm 7:30 – 9:00pm	Facilities Subcommittee Marketing and Communications Subcommittee
Wednesday	23 July	3:40 – 8:00pm	3J & 5/6N Parent/Teacher Interviews
Tuesday	29 July	6:30 – 7:30pm 7:30 – 9:00pm	Grade 6 Graduation photo 50 <sup>th</sup> anniversary school photo Education Subcommittee School Council
Friday	1 August	2:35 – 3:25pm	Prep 2014 'Launchpad' #1
Wednesday	6 August	7:30pm	Parents Association Meeting
Mon - Wed	18 - 20 August		Grade 4 Mount Morton Camp
Friday	22 August	2:35 – 3:25pm	Prep 2014 'Launchpad' #2
Thursday	4 September	9.00am – 11.00am	'Father's Day' Stall
Tuesday	9 September	7:30 – 9:00pm	School Council Meeting
Friday	12 September	2:35 – 3:25pm	Prep 2014 'Launchpad' #3
Friday	19 September	2:00 – 2:30pm	Assembly (Term 3 ends - early dismissal)

## DIARY DATES FOR TERM FOUR

Monday	6 October	9:00am	Term Four commences
Tuesday	4 November		Melbourne Cup Holiday
Saturday	29 November		State Election voting in DJC
Friday	5 December	7:00pm – 10:00pm	'Back to 1964' 50 <sup>th</sup> Celebration at Box Hill Town Hall
Friday	19 December	1:00 – 1:30pm	Assembly (last day of 2014 - early dismissal)

## LOISIA'S LETTERS - The Assistant Principal's Message

### SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM TIMETABLE

Below are the school's swimming times, with all parents welcome to watch their child's lessons. If you have any further queries please contact your child's classroom teacher or Phil Lumsden our Swimming Coordinator.

Leave School times	Grade Attending	Lesson time	Arrive back at School
8.50am	<b>5/6T, 5/6D, 4E</b>	9.10am – 10.00am	10.30am
9.45am	<b>5/6K, 5/6M, 4A</b>	10.00am - 10.50am	11.20am
10.35am	<b>5/6N, 4S, 3A</b>	10.50am -- 11.40am	12.10pm
11.45am	<b>PS, 1J, 2D, 3J</b>	12.10pm – 1.00pm	1.30pm
12.40pm	<b>PL, 1L, 2C, 2S</b>	1.00pm - 1.50pm	2.20pm
1.30pm	<b>PE, PA, 1D, 4N</b>	1.50pm - 2.40pm	3.10pm

## 'ART ARTICLES'

Work on the '**Reflective Garden**' has begun.

Students have been busily making various elements in clay. Suesy has been inspiring the children with her enthusiasm and beautiful mosaic works.

I am including here the long list of items that we are hoping to collect from our community. Could I also request that the family who came to say they had pavers and a long list of other things to please drop by again so we can arrange to collect them. Thank you. I'm looking forward to things flowing in so we can really get stuck into the work here.

The following items are also needed:

- colourful old toys not needed. Any old yo-yo's.
- old colourful metal biscuit tins, tin pencil cases, or tin school cases.
- plastic or wooden blocks, or Lego.
- children's games, chess, dominoes, draughts, marbles.
- ceramic or resin teddy bears.
- farm animals or prehistoric animals.



- robots, dolls, figurative toys of any kind.
- Any money boxes or piggy banks. Any brass plates or trays.
- Australian memorabilia, spoons, badges, fridge magnets.
- ceramic, resin, or wooden sculptures of birds.
- buttons, beads, brooches, badges, watches, or jewellery of any kind.
- memorabilia or collections of any kind that could go outside.
- shells, colored pebbles, stones, or gems. Any prisms or chandelier glass.
- crockery, particularly with children's imagery or nature (flowers/ birds).
- old coins, cotton reels, wooden pegs from another era. Any gold buttons.
- heart imagery, necklaces, china boxes, brooches, earrings, badges.
- china cups, saucers, plates, roses, or figurines.
- coloured walls tiles, glass mosaic tiles, pavers, bricks, stepping stones, large flat pebbles, or stones. Any unused grout, cement, silicone adhesive, buckets.
- Old rags – loads of them.



## MAGICAL MUSIC NOTES

I hope you have all had a relaxing holiday, and are ready to get back into music making.



### Classroom Spotlight

This term will see a focus for the whole school in preparation for a sing-a-long with 500,000 other students around the country.

This week we have been looking at song writing, and how words and music can be used to paint pictures.

### Instrumental News

#### String Stars

Started this week. It was great to see all your smiley faces so early in the morning. If anyone else is interested in joining, it is never too late. Please see the office or myself for an enrolment form.

#### Open Concert

Our next Open Concert will be held in week 3. Sign in sheet will go up at the end of week 2. If you are keen to perform, start practicing.

### Congratulations

If your student has sat an exam recently, I would love to hear about their achievements. Please email me their results so that we can all celebrate their success. ([collins.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:collins.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au))

*Looking forward to a fun filled term of music making!*

Sam Collins Music Coordinator

## 'PHYSIE' - DANCE CLUB for PREP to YEAR 3



Due to our Whole School Swimming Program the Prep – Year 3 lunchtime 'Physie' classes will recommence in Week 3 of this term.

If there are any other students interested in participating in the competitions please return your form ASAP to the school office.

New students are welcome to join for term 3 and you can pick up an enrolment form from the office foyer.

Kathryn

## SUPER SPORTS REPORT

### DISTRICT NETBALL FINAL

All the best to the girls playing in the District Final this Friday, 1.15pm, at Roberts McCubbin PS. They are playing against Roberts McCubbbin PS. We will report on the result next week.

Go Lakers!!

## **MORNING MOVERS**

Please note that there won't be any MM during Term 3 Swimming Program.



## **MASCOT FOR A DAY**

Just a reminder that Box Hill Hawks are again holding their "Mascot for a Day" event. Our day is **Saturday 16 August**. Not long to go if you are interested – make sure you enter very soon!

To enter this competition you need to email the club with your name, age, phone number and our school name to [andrew@boxhillhawks.com.au](mailto:andrew@boxhillhawks.com.au)

Phil Lumsden Sports Coordinator

## **PARENTS ASSOCIATION**

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](mailto:blps.pa@gmail.com)

## **Up Coming Events**

Cadbury's Chocolate Drive  
'Dads & Kids Big Day Out'

Coming soon (August)  
Coming soon (September)

## **CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING DRIVE**

### **– Need forms returned by 21 July 2014**

The Parents Association are running a Cadbury Chocolate Drive to raise funds to enhance facilities at our school.

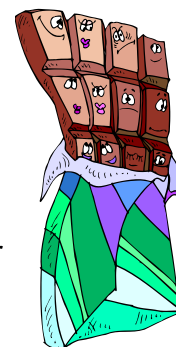
The Chocolate Drive operates on an '***OPT IN***' basis. Therefore please complete the following form ***if you are interested in participating in the Chocolate Drive*** to enable us to order the appropriate quantities.

If you choose not to receive any chocolates, please consider making a donation towards this fundraising effort.

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### **BLACKBURN LAKE PS - 'CHOCOLATE FUNDRAISING DRIVE'**

- We wish to participate in the Chocolate Drive by receiving a box of Chocolates to sell. Please indicate number, if you would like more than one box.
- We do not wish to receive Chocolates but would prefer to make a donation of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ towards the Chocolate Drive fundraising. (*Please enclose your donation with this form*)



Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_  
(youngest child in family, please)

I accept responsibility for the return of all monies by Friday 22 August 2014.

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Parent signature                      Parent name                      Contact number

**Please complete and return this form by MONDAY 21 JULY 2014 and post it into the Parents' Association 'Fundraising' Mail Box in the school office.**

## **LOST PROPERTY:**

Some parents were taken by surprise at the end of last term that we were donating 'un-named unclaimed' Lost Property items to the second-hand Uniform Shop or to a charity. Unfortunately the notice that ran for three (3) consecutive weeks in the newsletter was missed, so this message is going out in the Newsletter and

via the class rep emails....fear not, you have one further chance to check whether unclaimed items belong to you!

The items to be donated are washed and ready for donation....but they will remain in boxes under the Late Arrival / Visitors Book sign-in shelf in the main school foyer for people to have one last check.

Any items remaining at the end of July will be donated. None of the items are named or have any remnant of a name that might help us deduce the owner.

Many thanks.

## Fundraising Partners – Entertainment™ Memberships



The latest Melbourne Entertainment™ Memberships are available now. Did you know the **2013-14 book expires this Sunday?** Buy a new membership now and don't miss out!

Priced at only **\$65.00**, each book contains thousands of valuable offers, all valid until June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2015. Why not try the new digital Entertainment™ membership where the entire book's value is uploaded direct onto your smartphone?

Plus, 20% from every Entertainment™ Membership we sell goes directly towards our School. You can order directly online and pay with credit card at: <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/1894b68>

You can also buy and collect your book in person this Friday before Assembly from 2.30pm in the DJ Centre foyer. Please contact Jen Robertson (blps.pa@gmail.com) with any queries.

## UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS in MPR

Monday Afternoon 3.30pm – 4.00pm

Thursday Morning 9.00am – 9.30am

## UNIFORM SHOP PRICE INCREASE TERM 3

Due to recent price increases from our suppliers, we have been forced to increase the cost of some Uniform items. The new price list will be effective from the start of Term 3.

Allison & Mel Uniform Shop Coordinators

### SCHOOL BANKING



#### ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students for making 10 or more deposits this year. You each receive a Dollarmite Achievement Certificate when you reach 10, 20 and 30 deposits throughout this year.

BRONZE Certificate for making 10 deposits:

- Georgie B
- Mia C
- Clara F-R
- Ella G
- Morgan G
- Ella McC
- Samuel McC
- Thomas McC

Your certificates will be passed to you through your classroom teacher

#### PLEASE COMPLETE DEPOSIT SLIP

Could everyone please make sure all the details are completed on your deposit slip, especially your STUDENT ID number, which is unique to each banker and makes our job easier when we are entering your deposit into the Commonwealth Bank system? The number should be written on the inside cover of your savings book. Please let us know if you haven't got a number yet.

## REWARD ITEMS

For every deposit you make, you earn 1 Dollarmite token. When you have saved 10 tokens, you may redeem them for one of the following rewards:

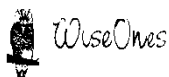
- \*\* NEW \*\* Swimming bag
- \*\* NEW \*\* Money tin
- Handball
- Set of 4 scented pencils
- Penguin or Shark plush keyring
- Whale Shark pencil case
- Light blue wallet - 2013 item
- Knuckles game - 2013 item
- Headphones - 2013 item
- Pat, Pru or Spen moneybox - 2013 item (please specify).



Thanks everyone for supporting the School Banking Program.

Regards, Vickie Liew, School Banking Coordinator M: ☎ 0419 773 335

## SCHOOL BASED PROGRAMS



Coming Up Term 3, 2014

### INCAS AND AZTECS

Blackburn Lake Primary School

In this unit, learn about meteorites and the Aztecs. What precious metals and colours were used in their art and craft?



Who was Montezuma? What was the culture of the Aztec rulers and their people? Where is Mesoamerica? What wars were fought? How important was water and climate? Who were the gods and what were the Aztec myths?

Construct the crafts, using the styles and colours of their art. Play the games, learn the language, mathematics and astronomy from an earlier age. Discover what happened to talented children.

#### WiseOnes Application for 3<sup>rd</sup> Term 2014

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

**The unit for third term commences week beginning Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July;**

The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: **21<sup>st</sup> July; 28<sup>th</sup> July; 4<sup>th</sup> Aug; 11<sup>th</sup> Aug; 18<sup>th</sup> Aug; 25<sup>th</sup> Aug, 1<sup>st</sup> Sept & 8<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

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I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Incas and Aztecs" starting week beginning **Monday, 21<sup>st</sup> July, 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 (2014) \_\_\_\_\_

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 \$226.00 on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2014. 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.** If paying by cheque please make it payable to Blackburn Lake Primary School.

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

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

**Any advertisements in this Newsletter are in no way endorsed by Blackburn Lake Primary School**

### JUNIOR FIELD NATURALIST CLUB

The group meets at 7.30 pm on the last Friday of each month (except December) at the rooms of the **Field Naturalists Club of Victoria** 1 Gardenia St, Blackburn, 3130.

☎ 9877 9860 (Mondays and Tuesdays, 9am-4pm) [www.fncv.org.au/juniors](http://www.fncv.org.au/juniors)



**25 July Meeting:** 'Leadbeater Possum' presenter Sue Bendel

**17 August Excursion:** 'Going Round the Bend' morning walk around the Yarra Bend

with the Yarra Riverkeeper. 10am Studley Park Boathouse Kew Cost: \$2.00

29 August Meeting: 'Party Night' The theme for the meeting is 'Endangered Animals of the World

Enquiries: Claire Ferguson email: toclairref@gmail.com



# City of Whitehorse

## Parent Information Forum

### Steven Dupon author of the 'Video Game Report'

Presenting

***VIDEO GAMES AND THEIR IMPACT ON CHILDREN***

***AND YOUNG PEOPLE – WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW***

#### Focus of session:

- Most kids play video games these days, some for many hours every day, but what do we know about the impact of these games on our children and adolescents?
- Steven Dupon, author of the 'Video Games Report' presents both the positive and negative impacts of video game technology. Learn how to avoid video game addiction, keep your kids/young people safe online and get advice on how to deal with the inappropriate content that often features in video games.



**Date: Wednesday 13 August 2014**

**Time: 7.30-9.15pm**

**Location: The Willis Room Civic Centre  
379-397 Whitehorse Road Nunawading**

**Cost: \$2 Gold coin donation  
– we are unable to accommodate children**



**10x10 Girl Rising** is a global campaign to educate and empower girls. At the centre of the campaign is a feature film, '*Girl Rising*'.

Girl Rising tells the stories of 9 remarkable girls from around the world who are striving beyond circumstances, pushing past limits and demonstrating the extraordinary strength of the human spirit to overcome the odds. Yet it also carries a powerful message - if we educate girls, we can change the future of some 66 million girls around the world who today only dream of going to School.

**Together, we can create powerful change by seeing this film and also raising money at the film screening.**

**8pm on Thursday 31 July 2014 at Karralyka Theatre, Mines Road, Ringwood. Tickets are \$21.50** which includes the film screening, light refreshments and

door prizes. **Tickets are available NOW** through [www.karralyka.com.au](http://www.karralyka.com.au) or via their booking office ☎ 9879 2933.

Please note there is an additional \$5.50 booking fee per transaction made online and via the booking office.

The movie is for 15+ age group. As you can imagine, some of the stories and statistics narrated are confronting.



ONE GIRL WITH COURAGE IS A REVOLUTION

# GIRL RISING

FILM SCREENING

We invite you to help make a change by coming to our screening of GIRL RISING  
**@ 8pm on Thursday 31 July 2014 at Karralyka Theatre,  
Mines Road, Ringwood - Tickets are \$21.50** which includes the  
film screening, light refreshments and door prizes. Tickets available through  
[www.karralyka.com.au](http://www.karralyka.com.au) or via their **booking office phone (03) 9879 2933.**  
Additional \$5.50 booking fee per transaction made online and via the booking office.  
15+ age group recommended.  
[www.girlrising.com](http://www.girlrising.com)

# YOU & THE KIDS

- Do you wonder what is the difference between discipline and punishment?
- Or why kids choose the behaviours they do?
- Don you want to strengthen your relationship with them?

Come along to this program and share your frustrations, skills and get new ideas on parenting in today's world



Who: Dads, mums and carers of children 0 -12 years

Where: Mulgrave Community House, 36-42 Mackie Road, Mulgrave

When: Monday 18th, 25th Aug &  
1st, 8th, 15th Sept  
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Cost: Free (bookings essential)

Contact: Helena at Parentzone 9735 6134 or 0488 501 204



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