Lakeside NEWS

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thinking respect responsibility attitude care

JASON'S JOURNAL - The Principal's Message

Welcome to Term Four. During the holidays I enjoyed quality family time - as well as vising the theme parks of Queensland and a - highlight celebrating my footy team's second successive AFL Grand Final. Despite not being the team expected to win on the day, the Hawks again made me proud as the players had a positive attitude and showed amazing determination: "We're a happy team at Hawthorn, We're the mighty fighting hawks. We love our club and we play to win, Riding the bumps with a grin at Hawthorn..."

As we enter the final term for 2014 I encourage everyone to enact our TRRAC values (*Thinking, Respect, Responsibility, Attitude* and *Caring*) and be persistent to reach your best, which might take the form of:

- Continuing to try even when schoolwork is hard
- Not being distracted by others
- Checking work when you are finished to make sure it's correct
- · Completing work (and homework) on time.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS

With "Blacky Lake Primary" celebrating its 50th anniversary this year, this term children across the school are investigating the unit *Celebrations* – please see grade specific *Parent Planners* (to be sent home tomorrow) for more details.

We have already acknowledged our "birthday" with a special *Come And Explore From 1964* treasure hunt through the school during Education Week, and commemorative seedstick bookmarks also distributed during Book Week, and a 50th pavers path laid.

Later this term we have a number of celebrations for our current and former community members:

- Monday 1st December (1:00 3:30): a "party" for the current students
- Friday 5th December (1:00 3:30): *Back to School* inviting past students and staff to attend the school and special assembly
- Friday 5th December (7:00 10:00): Back to 1964 Dinner Dance at Box Hill Town Hall for former staff, students and families. To ensure you don't miss out on this event with limited seating available, bookings can be made online @ www.trybooking.com/GAQQ, with a cost of \$64 per head to cover the costs of this celebration (Read below for more details).



Another celebration - please check our Diary Dates below and add these important events to your home calendars - is our biennial Christmas Carols, scheduled for Thursday 11th December.

CLASS VISIT - 5/6T

With the whole school immersed this term in the topic of *Celebrations* the text type that complements this investigation is information reports.



In joining Kathryn Taylor and the children of 5/6T this Tuesday, they were watching a report on the interactive whiteboard about the dangers of inactivity - http://www.jump-in.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2014/september/stand-up-australia/ - and as a result deciding to work for the day standing rather than sitting! This is an example of the "student voice" that happens in our classrooms where





the children get to have a say in their school.

The children investigated a number of current events from a variety of mediums (for example an episode of ABC's *Behind The News* as well as articles from the *Herald-Sun* newspaper). Whilst being given a choice about what order to complete their work, the children all completed a "scanning grid" – first together as a class and then individually, building upon the skills of "scan and skim" to extract information from the reports: Who, When, Where, What and How? I found the student's knowledge about a "walk to school" article remarkable – of course, this news is very relevant to the children, with their ability to link the text to their real-life experiences, and then make inferences from the text (as one girl said "to read between the lines").

I congratulate the children for showing me the high standard of work that they produce each and every day, and also for showing us why the teachers are able to trust and plan a flexible curriculum with some "student choice."

I thank Kathryn and all the school's teachers for creating engaging learning environments where the children are valued and supported in their learning.

SUNSMART

A reminder that as part of our *SunSmart* policy, it is compulsory for all children to wear a hat when outdoors in term 4. If you have misplaced your child's hat, broad-brimmed protection is available through our Uniform Shop (as any children without a hat will be required to sit in the designated shaded gazebo during recess and lunch breaks).



PLANNING FOR 2015

As we begin the final term for 2014 we also begin careful planning for the 2015 school year, including class structures and teaching arrangements. If you have any concerns regarding the placement of your child next year <u>based on educational grounds</u>, you may put these in writing and forward them to me by Friday 31st October - using the proforma that is available on the <u>www.blps.vic.edu.au</u> homepage.

Please note also that requests for a particular teacher <u>will not</u> be acknowledged, as the educational needs of all children in the school must be considered and teacher movement across teaching teams is common practice at BLPS. This practice is a key component of building staff energy, collaboration and pedagogical knowledge.

Determining class placements is a complex task and staff members undertake a considerable process to ensure that the best possible placement is made to meet each student's educational needs. Factors that we take into consideration when making class placements include: academic achievement, personal/interpersonal development, friendship groups, gender balance and other individual needs. It is important to understand that with so many factors to consider it is not possible to accommodate every request.

STAFFING

We welcome back Bec Williams-Phillips to the school's staff after taking a year's Maternity Leave, and too Jacinta Gibson (3J) and Shari Lo Presti (4S) following leave last term.

Whilst welcoming Deakin University student-teacher Sue Lawson back to BLPS (and 1L) for her final 3 week placement, tomorrow we farewell Prue Ainsworth who has worked with Kym Morgan and the students of 5/6K (and indeed developed strong relationships with staff, parents and students across the whole school). I thank the school's staff for their ongoing work in developing the abilities of the children in their care, as well as sharing their professional expertise with one another (including those mentoring teachers in training).

I hope to see you all at tomorrow's whole School Assembly @ 3pm to acknowledge our 'Students of the Week'

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

DIARY DATES FOR TERM FOUR					
Tuesday	14 October	7:30 – 8:30pm	Marketing and Communications Subcommittee		
Wednesday	15 -17 October		World of Maths Incursions		
Friday	17 October	2.30pm	ICE THE PRINCIPAL		
Tuesday	21 October	6:30 – 7:30pm	Education Subcommittee		
		7:30 – 9:00pm	School Council		

Wednesday	22 October		Basketball Allstars final
Wednesday	29 October	10.00am-11.00am	'Fire Education' Prep incursion
Tuesday	4 November		Melbourne Cup Holiday
Thursday	6 November	10.00am-11.00am	'Fire Education' Prep incursion
Friday	14 November	2.30pm - 3.30pm	'Prep 2015 Orientation Afternoon #1'
			Sofcrosse Tournament
Tuesday	18 November	6.30pm – 7.30pm	'Prep 2015 Parent Information Night'
Friday	21 November	2.30pm – 3.30pm	'Prep 2015 Orientation Afternoon #2'
Thursday	27 November		Parent Helpers Morning Tea
Friday	28 November	2.30pm – 3.30pm	'Prep 2015 Orientation Afternoon #3'
Saturday	29 November	All day	State Election voting in DJC
Monday	1 December	1:00 – 3:30pm	50 th Anniversary celebrations (for kids)
			Whole school celebration picnic
Wednesday	3 December		Level 3 Maroondah Indoor Sports Centre Excursion
Friday	5 December	1:00 – 3:30pm	Special celebration Assembly
		7:00pm – 10:00pm	'Back to School' celebration for former students/staff
			'Back to 1964' 50th celebration at Box Hill Town Hall
Thursday	11 December	6:30pm – 7:30pm	Christmas Carols
Monday	15 December		Grade 6's Bounce
Tuesday	16 December		SRI Concert
Thursday	18 December	6.00pm	'Year 6 Graduation'
Friday	19 December	1:00 – 1:30pm	Assembly 1pm
			Last day of 2014 - 1.30pm early dismissal

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

We congratulate the following 'Students of the Week' – to be presented at Friday's School Assembly

Principal's Award	Morgan G	Not only his neat bookwork, but also his wll written report on "Bears".
Assistant Principal	Jean-Philippe	For and outstanding representation of a Procedural text. Your rocket as well as your written work was magnificent JP
Prep A	Madeline c	Giving good sentence ideas for report writing while brainstorming with the class.
Prep E	Georgie B	Showing great concentration when completing her holiday recount!
Prep L	Matthew C	Excellent report writing about penguins.
Prep S	Isabel P	Trying her best at writing a report about BIG CATS. Wonderful!
1D	Jasmine D	An outstanding attitude towards all her work!!
1J	Celeste D-C	Showing us how to draw a clock face by spreading out the numbers.
1L	James E	Using strategies to make corrections to his work during hands-on problem solving
2C	Morgan G	The fantastic improvements he has made with his writing. A wonderful effort Morgan!
2D	Marcus H	Demonstrating wonderful problem solving skills throughout the week.
2S	Jaclyn M	The neat and correct presentation of her information report on kangaroos. Well done Jaclyn.
3A	Joshua A	His enthusiasm towards learning difficult Maths concepts.
3J		
4A	Jaxon F	Reflecting on his own learning and identifying where to next – Well done Jaxon!
4E	Daniel F	Making a positive start to Term 4 and approaching Information Report writing with confidence and enthusiasm.
4N	Cooper S	Creating a formula to solve a problem in maths.
4S	Hunter H	For getting straight back on T.R.R.A.C after the holiday break – great start to the term!
5/6D	Milla H	Creating a believable fictional recount of your journey to space. Well presented.
5/6K		
5/6M	Matthew M	Demonstrating to his class excellent editing skills during our shared writing lesson on Llamas.
5/6N	Josh H	Your outstanding achievement getting through to regional for the 1500m.
5/6T	Cassie M	Working hard to master new maths skills. Keep up the good work Cassie!

Art Italian (LOTE) Music

Maria C Lachlan M- PS Listening well to instructions and creating a beautiful "Y" tree.

Accurately finishing his work in Italian.

Phys Ed

Razan A

Demonstrating fantastic kicking skills in PE.

ICE THE PRINCIPAL - THAT'S YOU JASON

BLPS ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER - School Assembly

YES.....believe it or not......Jason has accepted the challenge to be "ICED" at next week's school assembly.

BLPS is jumping on board the huge worldwide craze to raise money and awareness for MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE VIC (MND). We ask that all students bring along a gold coin donation on Friday 17th Oct.

Every \$2 raised = 1 ice block!!! The more \$\$\$ the more ICE! Sorry Jason! Jason will in turn nominate 3 or more people to take on the challenge i.e: Other school principals.

A Representative from MND will be present to witness the 'ICING of Jason'. ICY POLES will be sold during lunchtime on the 'Day of the ICING' to raise further funds for MND.

MAGICAL MUSIC NOTES

We have a very busy term with musical events. Keep reading to keep up with the activities that we will be getting up to this term, and how you can be involved.

Classroom Spotlight

Grade 5/6 "Celebrates"

To coincide with our Anniversary Celebrations the Grade 5/6 students are currently investigating bands of the 1960's. Part of their presentation is to dress up as their chosen band. Please support them with assisting them in sourcing some suitable items from your wardrobe.

Music Count Us In

Music Count Us In is coming up quickly. On Thursday the 30th of October (4 weeks away) we will sing the song "Paint You a Song" with the nation. There are currently 1,902 schools around Australia who have registered to be part of this amazing event to promote music in schools. I would like to encourage you to learn the song as well. The recording and lyric sheet will be available on the internet home page for you to download.

The String ensemble, Marimba ensemble and some individual instrumental students are also preparing to play with us as we sing. If anyone is interested in playing their instrument as part of this event, please see me for a copy of the music.

Ensemble News

String Stars

The StringStars have begun to work on some new repertoire and will be doing a concert in a few weeks for the local retirement village. Stay tuned for more information.

Marimba Group

Great to see some new faces this week at ensemble rehearsals. We are currently preparing parts to play with Paint You a Song on the 30th October. Please remember to come on Mondays at lunch-time. We would love to see anyone else who would like to join us.

Choir

Choir will be on again next Tuesday. Please feel free to come along.

Grade 2 & 3 choir meets at lunch-time

On Tuesday 21st October, the Choir will be having an open session from 2.30pm in the DJC to give your parents an opportunity to see what happens at our rehearsals, and what we are currently working on. Come along to watch the fun. You can join in if you would like to have a go.

Music Musings

I found an article on the internet over the holidays about the benefits of learning a musical instrument. I will be putting a couple of points in the newsletter each week. Hope you find it interesting.

Benefits of Learning an Instrument

1. It improves academic skills.

Music and math are highly intertwined. By understanding beat, rhythm, and scales, children are learning how to divide, create fractions, and recognize patterns. It seems that music wires a child's brain to help him better understand other areas of math

2. It develops physical skills.

Certain instruments, such as percussion, help children develop coordination and motor skills; they require movement of the hands, arms, and feet. String and keyboard instruments, like the violin and piano, demand different actions from your right and left hands simultaneously

"Music is ... A higher revelation than all Wisdom & Philosophy"

- Ludwig van Beethoven

Sam Collins Music Coordinator (collins.samantha.s@edumail.vic.gov.au)

From the Art Room

The Reflective Garden is well on the way. This Wednesday you may have caught a glimpse of it laid out on the ground as we gauged the progress of the project. It has now been marked out and digging holes for seating and poles will be one of the next steps.

Your help is needed with the monumental task of grouting all these wonderful pavers and other mosaic work which takes many man hours to complete. So if you have a spare moment to drop by you would be most welcome.

See you soon

Johanna, Visual Art Coordinator

ITALIAN

The theme this term across all grades will be "Celebrations" complementing the 50th Anniversary of the school. In Italian students in foundation years (Prep) will be studying the story book "Zucchero Filato and Christmas". Level 1 and 2 will be studying birthdays, Christmas and Easter Celebrations. The seniors level 3 and 4 (Grades 5 & 6) will be studying Carnevale.

DANCE CLUB

The Physical Culture State Championships are being held over the next two Sundays. The girls will compete against all other Victorian clubs. They have been practicing very hard for the last few months and we wish them all the best and hope they have a lot fun. Kathryn

SUPER SPORTS REPORT

Division Athletics

Well done to our students who competed at the Division Trials yesterday at Bill Sewart Reserve. Everyone performed very well. Special mention goes to Josh H (2nd in the 1500), Daniel C (2nd in the discus) Caitlin A (3rd in the 1500) and our 10 year girls relay team (Maddy B, Madi S, Lily H, Naomi A), who also finished 3rd. Josh and Daniel will now compete next Thursday in the Eastern Metropolitan Championships. Good luck!!

District Volleyball Final

Our girl's volleystars/volleyball team will be playing Roberts McCubbin PS this Friday at school. This match will decide the District premiers. The game will be beginning around 9.15am. Good luck girls!!

Hooptime

Our Junior All Stars team will be taking part in the Regional Finals next Wednesday, Oct 15 at Maroondah Stadium. If you are playing please return your permission form and money to school by tomorrow please.

The following Wednesday, October 22, our Senior All Star Boys and All Star Girls will be competing at Maroondah as well. The necessary information will be coming home in the next couple of days.

Sofcrosse

Our district round robin for sofcrosse will be held on Friday, November 14 at Kingswood College. Those children taking part will be announced very soon.

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

ICYPOLE FRIDAY is back starting tomorrow Friday 10 October

Icypoles & canteen items will be available to purchase at lunchtime

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UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS in MPR

Monday Afternoon 3.30pm - 4.00pm

Thursday Morning 9.00am - 9.30am

Don't forget everyone will need their hats in term 4

Update on our 50year celebrations

Do you know anyone who was once a student or teacher at Blackburn Lake

Primary School? If so, invite them 'Back to School' for a school tour and afternoon tea on Friday 5th December (1pm - 3.30pm). Contact the school office for bookings.

Did you know that BLPS lost its entire archives in a fire during the late 1990s? As a result we are hunting for any old school memorabilia that our community may have and is happy to share with us... Old photos, uniforms, artworks, school notices, it doesn't matter what it is - we would love to see it.

Ball" is well underway. Ticket prices have been set at \$64/per person (Jason humour) or \$128 per couple. This price includes a 3 course meal, live music and a welcome drink on arrival. We'll be taking bookings soon,

so watch this space for more info...



Keen to get involved planning and delivering the 50 year activities? Call Wendy on 0407 797 774 or email milnershouse03@gmail.com.

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

ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES



As a school banker you will receive a Dollarmite Achievement Certificate when you reach 10, 20 and 30 deposits in the year. Congratulations to the following school bankers for receiving their certificates this week:

SILVER Certificate for making 20 deposits: Cooper G BRONZE Certificate for making 10 deposits: Jovi W

Your certificates will be passed to you through your classroom teacher.

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** Projector Cup
- **NEW** Sea Streamers
- Swimming bag
- Money tin
- Handball
- Set of 4 scented pencils
- Whale Shark pencil case
- Light blue wallet 2013 item
- Knuckles game 2013 item
- Headphones 2013 item
- Pat, Pru or Spen money box 2013 item (please specify).`





Please remember that no pooling of tokens is allowed between siblings (or friends!) as we are trying to encourage every child to save regularly to earn their reward.

Thanks everyone for supporting the School Banking Program. Regards, Vickie Liew, School Banking Coordinator M: ☎ 0419 773 335



This October is Walk to School Month where students are encouraged to walk to school in order to promote healthy habits, reduce traffic congestion and help the environment. Each week of October, prizes will be handed out to the classes who record the most kids walking to school. Also, on one random day of October, everyone walking to school will go into a raffle to win a special prize.

So take advantage of this warm Spring weather, put your walking shoes on to support Walk to School Month.



Coming Up Term 4, 2014

SCIENCE TRICKS & TOYS

Blackburn Lake Primary School



Investigate like a Scientist – Conduct experiments and learn about the force of gravity, energy and chemical reaction. Discover Newton's 3rd Law of Movement, dissolving and separating substances, soundwaves that cause vibration. Learn about magnetic fields and magnets, light and light rays and much more. Discover how Science, Tricks and Toys are interrelated.

WiseOnes Application for 4th Term 2014

This program is available	e for all Grade 1 - Grade 6	children who have qualified for WiseOnes.	
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24 th Nov; 1 st Dec.	S	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	ŕ
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October, 2014.			
I give permission for a co	opy of this slip to be hande	d to the WiseOnes teacher.	
Child's Name		School: Blackburn Lake Prin	nary
Date of Birth	Cla	ss (2014)	
Parents' Names			
Address			
		Mobile	
Email:			
My child has already qualified	for WiseOnes YES/NO		
I would like a free test for my			
I would like my child to be tes	ted with a fuller assessment to	ualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost \$240 inc GS	Τ).
		Nednesday, 8 th October, 2014. As we	
-	-	ed into the program for the term unless	
fees and enrolment for	m are returned by the ab	ove date. If paying by cheque please make	e it

payable to Blackburn Lake Primary School. For further information please contact Pat Truscott on 9326 6441 or Mobile: 0407 313 657.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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City of Whitehorse

Parent Information Session

Andrew Fuller Presents

Tricky Teens

Come and enjoy a fun and informative evening with well known Clinical Psychologist, Andrew Fuller as he discusses raising teenagers and gives insights into the minds of adolescents.

This forum will focus on practical strategies and tips you can use to help young people manage their moods, improve your communication strategies and build positive relationships.



Date: Thursday 23 October 2014 Time: 7.30-9.30pm

Location: Waratah Room The Whitehorse Centre 397 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Rear of Nunawading Library Melway Ref 48G9)

Cost: \$10 per person payable on the night

Bookings and enquiries: 9262 6332

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COME AND HEAR

TOPIC: Mindset- the psychology of success

Andrew will speak about how to help, coach and motivate adolescents to engage with meaningful goals and experience success



Monday 27th October

6.45 pm for 7 pm start

Forest Hill College Kel Watson theatre Mahoneys Rd., East Burwood

Book through www.trybooking.com/FXGU \$5 each



Andrew is a clinical psychologist working with many schools and communities in Australia, and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families. He is a Fellow of the Department of Psychiatry and the Department of Learning and educational development at the University of Melbourne, principal consultant to the national drug prevention strategy REDI, is an Ambassador for Mind Matters and is a member of the National Coalition Against Bullying.



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