Lyn’s lines

WHAT A SUCCESS!

Thanks to all those families who supported the ‘Great Bittern Bake Off’ for Literacy and Numeracy Week. The cakes were decorated in a story book theme and were very creative. Many people had put a lot of thought into their creation achieving some fantastic results. Students were encouraged to dress up as a book character as part of the day. We all came together parading and ‘showing off’ the outfits. It was great to see so many parents also joining in the celebrations. To finish off the day Mr E. conducted an auction of the cakes which was embraced with much enthusiasm. We raised a fantastic amount of $460 which will be used for books to support student learning. The feedback from parents, students and teachers was extremely positive. Could this be the beginning of an annual event?

The community feel to such an event is well worth bottling, a great job to everyone!!!

Calendar Dates:

AUGUST:

Friday 16th **NO HOT DOGS**
Hot Soup Day

Monday 19th **CURRICULUM DAY**
(Pupil Free Day)

Tuesday 27th Literacy Festival Grades 3/4 at Westernport Secondary College

Thursday 29th Blokes’ Night (details following)

Friday 30th Fathers’ Day Stall

FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
3:00pm: this Friday 16th August
FEATUREING:-Daniel from GKR
(Self Defence instructor)

BLOKES NIGHT

Another up and coming community event not to be missed is the ‘Blokes Night’ to celebrate Father’s Day. This is a fantastic night of fun and laughter where the students can bring along a bloke or 2, 3, or 4!! There are games, raffles, competitions and FOOD!!! Apply for **TICKETS ONLINE SEE BELOW!!!**

This was a very successful night last year book early, don’t miss out!!!

PLEASE NOTE:

Return dates on school notices are there for a reason. When booking an excursion it is necessary to get exact numbers of participants for safety and organisational purposes. Recently staff had to ring many parents for verbal permission for students to go on an excursion on the morning of the excursion. We need to know who is going: to enable staff time to manage: any medical / first aid requirements, how many adults are needed as there is a specific ratio decided by the DEECD of adults to students, dietary requirements and individual supervision for students with special needs.

**NOTICES WILL ONLY BE ACCEPTED BY THE DUE DATE**

If you have misplaced an excursion notice, you are able to download a copy of the form from the Bittern PS website at www. bitternps.vic.edu.au
Next Monday 19th August is the opening of the Hastings Literacy Festival. There will be work on display at the Hastings Library from many schools in the area.

Congratulations to the following students whose work is on display, representing: Bittern Primary school.

**ENCOURAGEMENT AWARD:**
Prep. Henry Graham
1/2 Hossain Alkhasibi
3/4 Kody Budd
5/6 Kimbalee O’Dwyer

**STORY WRITING COMPETITION ENTERIES:**
Prep. Cadel Ambrose
1/2 Angus Johnstone
3/4 Reyce Fakira
5/6 Kimbalee O’Dwyer

On Tuesday 27th August, students in grades 3 and 4 will attend the Literacy Festival at Western Port Secondary College and listen to authors and illustrators including Leigh Hobbs (author of the popular children’s books ‘Old Tom’).

Our representative for the *Liz Edmonds* award is Hollee Gray.

The Encouragement awards winners will also attend the Presentation Night on Tuesday 27th August to represent our school.

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**Grade 5/6 ‘Melbourne Urban Camp’**
The second installment of $104.00 is now overdue. Please send it along to school A.S.A.P. The final installment of $100.00 was due the 31st July

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**BELEZA SOMERVILLE**
**WILL NOW OPEN**
10am – 1pm SATURDAYS
UNTIL THE END OF TERM 3

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**FATHERS’ DAY STALL**
Friday 30th August
Gifts will range from $2.00 to $5.00
Please send money with children on the day.
Thank you.

**Bittern Primary School Produce Stall**

**When:** This Friday 16th August

**Featuring:** Left over chocolates @ $1.00 ea.
Cooking Club ‘delicacies’

Also come and purchase: organic produce (*vegies, herbs etc.*) that the children have harvested from the school garden. Maybe make some vegetable soup, which is an easy winter meal on a cold night.

The stall is open for sales between 2:45pm-3:00pm (before assembly) and again at 3.30pm-3.45pm (after assembly).

Anyone with spare home baked goods (e.g. cakes, biscuits, slices, jam) or home grown items (e.g. lemons, eggs, vegies, fruit, herbs) are also invited to donate them for sale at our stall.

*All items must have an accompanying list of ingredients attached.*

*Just bring them along to school on Friday!*

**Prices:** Items range from 50c to $4.00

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**ENROLMENTS FOR 2014**

We are currently welcoming enrolments for 2014 and conducting individual tours. If you or someone you know would like a private tour please call in at any time, we are more than happy to ‘show off’ our school.

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**THAI COOKING NIGHT POSTPONED!!!!!!**

Due to unforeseen circumstances the “Thai Cooking Night” has been postponed and rescheduled for **Friday 13th September**.

There are still a couple of places vacant so if you are interested, please let the office know, it’s sure to be a fun night.
The Bloke Project

Bittern Primary School

and Kids

BLOKES NIGHT

Thursday August 29th

GUYS HERE IS YOUR CHANCE TO:

- Laugh, play, celebrate with your child
- Connect, reconnect + socialise with other blokes from the community
- Promote your school by bringing mates if you wish.
- Have some fun with bloke orientated entertainment.

-Music Trivia
-Sporting Videos
-Competitions/Games
-Bloke Items of Interest
-Food - Raffles

+Much Much More

Grab a Ticket?

Only $10

But wait...
Get an early bird special by

Friday August 23rd

WOW, NOW IT’S $5

Promoter Rate - FREE

Register for 3 blokes/mates including you. Your ticket is free plus a T-shirt on entry.

Use this coupon code in the group registration billing area: bittern3933

Tickets must be purchased online at:

www.theblokeproject.com

Locate your event link.
Are you a parent, carer or grandparent of a child age 12-18 years?
Are you concerned about your teen’s behaviour?
Are there signs that worry you? Not sure?
Want to build a better relationship with your teen?
Want to know where to get information and support?

Come along to a free 4 week parent group to chat about adolescent development, teen risk taking, building resilience, confidence, setting boundaries and finding support.

Light supper provided  Receive Certificate of Participation

Date:  Tuesday evenings for 4 weeks
        27 August and 3, 10 and 17 September 2013

Time:   6.30 – 8.30 pm

Where:  Frankston South Community and Recreation Centre
        55 Towerhill Road, Frankston South

Cost:   Free but bookings are essential

Facilitators:  Barbara Biggelaar from Anglicare Parentzone and
               Imogen Neumann from Youth Services

Contact: To book and for more information please
         contact Barbara on 0458 750 754
Parents Building Solutions

You and Your Kids Matter!

Are you yelling more often?
Want more peace and quiet? More fun together?
Would you like to find some ‘Me’ time?

Join us in a free 4 week program for parents, carers and grandparents of children age 2-12 years to chat about:

- coping with the terror times
- how to get kids to listen
- dealing with anger (theirs and yours)
- taking time for yourself
- other topics...and ideas that work!

Morning tea provided Receive Certificate of Participation

Date:
Thursday mornings for 4 weeks
29 August and 5, 12, 19 September 2013

Time:
9.30 – 11.30 am

Where:
Family Life Community House
10 Carmichael Street, Tootgarook

Cost:
Free but booking is essential

Facilitator:
Barbara Biggelaar from Anglicare Parentzone

Contact:
To book and for further information please call Barbara on 0458 750 754
Recycle your mobile phone today and help gorillas in the wild. Your phone may contain coltan, a metallic ore that is mined both in and out of Africa. The mining of coltan within gorilla habitat is pushing gorillas towards extinction.

Each time you recycle a mobile phone, a new phone will be made from your old phone, so the need to mine coltan is less. The MPRG is pleased to be a drop off zone for your used, broken or old mobile phone. You can place your phone in the satchel provided and it will be sent to the Melbourne Zoo. The funds raised from recycling your phone will be donated by Melbourne Zoo to gorilla conservation.

Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery,
Civic Reserve, Dunns Road
Mornington Vic 3931
Phone: 03 5975 4395

Balnarring
Early Learning Centre

NOW OPEN - TAKING ENROLMENTS
Care for children aged 6wks to 5yrs.
Funded 4yr old Kinder program
All Meals & Nappies provided
Government Subsidies Available
Educational Programs
Qualified, Experienced Staff
For enquiries call Christine on (03) 5983-2021
2984 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Balnarring.

Do you have a child in year 4, 5 or 6?

In 2001 (over 12 years ago) the Government introduced the "Child Tax Offset" and surprisingly many Australians did not know about it and have NOT claimed any benefits.

HAVE YOU MISSED OUT ON THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS?

If your child was born between 1 July 2001 and 30 June 2004 you may be eligible to receive up to $12,900 of entitlements.

The government has now put a deadline on this entitlement so please email childoffset@twelve.com.au to receive more information.

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