Lyn’s Lines

Our students are budding authors!! Bittern Primary School students are currently involved in a specific writing program called the ‘Big Write’. Your child may have gone home with a Big Write topic to discuss with you to get your ideas, opinions and alternative points of view. We have noticed a huge difference in the quality of the content of their writing due to the rich discussions that have occurred at home. The students have had time to think about the topic, organise their thoughts and come to the session with an informal plan for the Big Write. I have included in the newsletter a writing sample from Eddie Scatchard who has written a persuasive piece of writing around earthquakes and volcanoes, which one is more dangerous. This is the quality of writing that all students are exposed to. Next newsletter will include some fabulous Big Write samples from the junior area of the school.

EARTHQUAKES ARE MORE DANGEROUS THAN VOLCANOES.

I greatly dispute the fact that volcanoes are more dangerous than earthquakes and here are some reasons why.

My first reason is because earthquakes can happen anywhere anytime and put millions of lives at risk. Most major cities are near or on tectonic plates which can mean total destruction to the city! I will quote from the Trojan horse mystery “the city of Troy was probably destroyed by an earthquake”.

Secondly they can cause other natural disasters and here are some ways how they can cause tidal waves (or tsunamis) by happening under water. Even the smallest tremor can cause a wave metres above your head.

Volcanoes (by area) are a crack in the ground, the slightest crack in the earth can turn into a hole in the ground spewing out lava, volcanic rocks and ash on the earth’s surface. Fires can be started by earthquakes flattening a house with a wood heater setting fires to the town. Landslides can happen when earthquakes hit mountains dislodging rocks and boulders demolishing a village.

Earthquakes are common. They are not always the strongest quakes but can still weaken the soil or it could cause a small amount of damage. People have tried to resist them but have failed because they are unstoppable. Japan tried to earthquake proof a highway but as soon as they finished an earthquake devastated the highway. Because of these reasons I strongly believe that earthquakes are more dangerous than volcanoes although I can’t make up your mind for you, but hope you agree with me.

The end.

CONGRATULATIONS EDDIE!

Last Friday I had the privilege of taking our Leadership team to the halogen Foundation National Young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. The program that the students participated in was amazing, many inspirational speakers talked about what leadership means to them and how leaders have influence over others to make a difference. Included in the program was Bindi Irwin, now 16, talking about her role in conservation of animals in the environment making references to the continued influence of her father and his legacy. We saw an amazing video of the capturing of crocodiles at Cape York with the intention to attach a tracker to find out more about these prehistoric creatures.
Another amazing story was from a Paralympian, Dr Jess Gallagher, who has represented Australia and won medals in both the summer and winter Olympics. Jess has vision impairment, officially blind with only 7% vision. She is an elite downhill skier travelling at 100km per hour. Jess has also won medals in cycling. Google her name to follow her story, we were amazed!!! Students were wowed by the antics of Andy Griffiths and how he manages to write the books that are most disgusting to children. As an ex secondary English teacher he was devastated that many students didn’t like to read and he found that the material that was available to students, particularly boys was not engaging enough. Andy set out to write books that contained ‘disgusting’ content attractive to young readers; he has certainly achieved what he set out to do!!

The final presenter was a 17 year old boy Coen Ashton who was born with Cystic Fibrosis. Coen had a double lung transplant in 2012 and shared his story with the students around what is possible if you have a positive mindset you can achieve your dreams, well worth a google. The students were also entertained with dancing and singing throughout the day.

Once again our leadership team comprising of Kody Budd, Alexandra Lowe, Tahlia Hodrien-Thomas, Matt Schneider, Carter Ashley and Ella Andrew represented our school with honours. Following are some of their thoughts of the day and what it meant to them.

CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Lewry on her wedding last Saturday and subsequent week in Hawaii. Miss Lewry was a beautiful bride and we wish her all the happiness for the future.

SPECIAL LUNCH DAY
Thanks to Sue Mills who organised our special lunch today, it was very well received from our students. We intend to have a couple of special lunch days per term along with our weekly Friday hot dogs.

CURRICULUM DAY
WEDNESDAY MARCH 25TH
PUPIL FREE DAY
PLEASE NOTE: NO BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

LAST DAY OF TERM FRIDAY 27TH MARCH
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.30PM
AFTER SCHOOL CARE 2.30 – 5.00PM

ENVIRONMENT WEEK
This week is environment week and we participated in a NUDE food day where students were encouraged to bring a morning tea and lunch that contains no rubbish. Each class had their rubbish counted to see which class was the most successful. Friday we are having a recycle day where students will be participating in a variety of activities that will be shared at full assembly that afternoon.

CLUBS
We have had an over whelming response to our first few days of lunchtime clubs!! Miss Grant’s running club and boot camp activities were a huge success. It’s great to have some outdoor structured activities while the weather is in our favour.

Miss Grant’s running club (Monday)
Brenda: Gardening (Monday) Cooking (Thursday)
Mr E: Bat tennis (Tuesday)
Mrs Christie: Lego (Wednesday)
Mr R: Games (Thursday)
Miss Bacon: Computer (Friday)

FIRST AID TRAINING
Anyone interested in doing their First Aid Level 2 training? There is a full day course being offered at the school, dates to be confirmed, at a cost of $120.00 per person, which is at a subsidised rate. There are some pre-work requirements prior to the day. This is a fantastic opportunity for parents and people involved in local footy, cricket clubs etc. where travel to the course is not an issue. Please let the office know if you are interested in taking up this offer.
DON’T FORGET HOT DOGS THIS FRIDAY

HOT DOGS!!

Hot dogs will be available this Friday, at a cost of $2.50. If you would like your child/ren to purchase a hot dog, please complete the order form and return it to school this Friday, together with the correct money.

PLEASE NOTE – THE CANTEEN IS NOT OPEN ON HOT DOG DAY

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HOT DOG ORDER FORM

I would like to order _____ hot dogs @$2.50

NAME: ___________________ GRADE: ___

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2015 FEES

Please be advised that all school contribution payments are now due, and payment as soon as possible would be greatly appreciated, but must be finalised by the end of term one. If you are unsure of the amount owing, please contact the school office.

Junior Ranger Program - "Bugs & Beasties, Cool or Creepy?" for 6-10 year olds. $16 per child.

30th March 1.30-4pm, 6th and 8th April 10am-12.30pm and 1.30-4pm, 9th April 1.30-4pm.

Hunt for little beasties with Ranger Fi and enjoy some up close encounters while learning how insects survive in the wild.

Meet at the Visitors Centre. Bookings and pre-payment essential. BYO drink and snack. Ph: 5974-3686, E: the.briars@mornpen.vic.gov.au

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Ranger-guided Spotlight Walks in the Wildlife Sanctuary

30th March and 4th April, 7.45-9.15pm;
5th, 9th & 10th April, 7-8.30pm $10.70 per person.
With so much of our native wildlife coming out after dark, a guided spotlight walk is the best way to view them in their natural surroundings.

Meet at the Visitors Centre. Bookings and pre-payment essential. BYO small torch. Ph: 5974-3686, E: the.briars@mornpen.vic.gov.au

MOONLIT SANCTUARY

March/April school holiday dates:

Week 1: Monday 30 March to Thurs 2 April, 10am-4pm
Week 2: Tuesday 7 April to Friday 10 April, 10am -4pm
Cost: $65.00 per day or $175.00 for 3 days
Maximum 16 children per day
Moonlit Sanctuary
550 Tyabb-Tooradin Road,
Pearcedale.
Phone: 5978 7935
Web: www.moonlitsanctuary.com.au/juniors.png
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

Free School Holiday Program

Parks in the Southern Peninsula are offering free Easter School holiday activities, as kids explore the wonder of why, how, when and where in our great outdoors.
Kids between 6 to 12 years old will discover the peninsula’s protected pristine and historic places through Parks Victoria’s Junior Ranger Program.
• Meet critters on our rocky shores and in our waterways
• Explore our ANZAC and early pioneering history
• Create works of art from nature and found objects
Ranger led programs from 30th March - 9th April
Bookings essential from 23rd March
www.juniors.png

Science in the Park

Science Workshops at Coolart Wetlands
Tues 7th – Friday 10th April
Location: Visitor’s Centre at Coolart
Lord Somers Road
Somers 3927
Sessions: 10.00am – 12.00pm
1.00pm – 3.00pm
Cost $25 per child per lesson
Booking: www.trybooking.com/GZJV
Contact: primesci@monash.edu
Phone: 9905 1370

PLAYGROUP IN THE PARK

Hastings Foreshore
Corner High Street & Marine Parade
Hastings
Fun activities and games for children!
See you there or call 59501645
Wet weather plans: Hastings Hall
3 High Street
Hastings

Art classes offered in Bittern
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www.bayviewcountryartclub.com.au
for class details and online booking
Instructor, Jenny Keck
has over 25 years of teaching experience, and VIT registration.
0410042671 or jennykeck12@gmail.com
ART
CLUB
Bayview Country

CUSP
Mornington Peninsula Regional Gallery
School Holiday Programs
Little Designer Workshop
Wednesday 1st April
10 – 12 noon 5-8 year olds, and an adult
1 – 3pm 8-12 year olds adults optional, but welcome
Minds at Play Workshop
Wednesday 8th April
10 – 12 noon 8-10 year olds
1 – 3pm 10-14 year olds
Civic Reserve Dunns Road Mornington
Phone: 59 75 4395
Web: www.mprg.mornpen.vic.gov.au
Cost: $12.00 per session/child bookings essential
Hi Junior Netballers!

We are having a ‘come and try’ session for our Net Set Go Program. 

Net Set Go is a junior development program for 6-8 year olds, focusing on developing netball skills in a fun environment.

**Date:** Wednesday 15th April 2015  
**Time:** 3.45-4.30pm  
**Where:** Balnarring Primary School  
Drink & Snack $2

For further information, contact Tanya Shannon  
0409 938015

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**MINI GOLF COURSE**

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**PARTIES – GROUPS – EVENTS**

10 Country Club Drive Safety Beach. 5981 0100  

Opening Hours: 9AM - 7PM

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**WESTERN PORT SECONDARY COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT**

Come and see what we can offer your child  
Your child’s learning is our priority  
A safe and inclusive school  
Information, displays and guided tours of the school. For a personal tour with the Principal at an alternative time please contact the office to book on 59791577.

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**POSTCARDS Stories from the Mornington Peninsula**

Venue: Hastings Museum  
Corner Marine Parade & Skinner St.  
**Days:** By apt. (16/3/15 to 27/3/15)  
**Times:** 10am to Noon 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
**Admission:** Gold coin donation  
**Phone:** 0190132011 (Rita Cooper)

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**THE 100TH GALLIPOLI ANNIVERSARY EXHIBITION AT THE HASTINGS MUSEUM.**

Venue: Hastings Western Port Historical Society  
**Dates:** 1/6/15 to 13/6/15 (Mon. Wed & Fri)  
**Times:** 10am to Noon 1.00pm to 3.00pm  
**Admission:** Gold Coin Donation  
**Phone:** 0190132011 (Rita Cooper)

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