Lyn's Lines

It was great to see so many parents at school yesterday to celebrate the success of our students’ semester 1 progress. The children have worked hard to lay the foundations in their learning to build on for the next 6 months of the year. Many senior students were involved in student led conferences where students identify personal goals and provide evidence to parents to demonstrate whether or not they have met their individual goals. We need to remind ourselves that all students are at different stages in their learning even if they are at a similar age. We all know that as our own children crawled, walked, talked and cut teeth at different times their learning development will also progress at different times and different rates. Our expectation is that all students will demonstrate significant growth in their learning progress, no matter where they sit on the continuum.

We have had several whole school events this term including our whole school trip to Science works and the famous ‘Great Bittern Cake Bake Off’. The book character and book related cakes were a huge success bringing the whole school community together via a dress up parade in the morning, finishing the day with the cake auction.

The creative talents of our parents and students are nothing short of amazing!!! From this activity and the book fair we have raised $789 from the cake selling and $500 from the book fair. Thanks to all for participating in this community strengthening event.

School holidays can be a difficult and expensive time for families. I can distinctly remember when my boys were younger it seemed that all they wanted to do was to go places, movies, Mc Donalds, play centres all of which cost a lot of money. To take the family to the movies is no longer a cheap entertainment option. I have included in the following information ideas for activities that are less costly and websites that can be accessed for other program information. If you GOOGLE other activities happening in Melbourne, some of which are free, you will find there are many affordable opportunities for families to enjoy together.

Arts Centre Melbourne - Kids and Families


**Intergalactic Sound Stage Workshop** - A fantastic sound design workshop that gives you the opportunity to record your own sound design, dialogue and narration for a video excerpt of the exciting The Intergalactic Nemesis stage show. Have a go at bringing the graphic novel to life with sound effects and your very best acting voice and take home your finished creation. 10 July 2015.
Music Makers - Did you love our Instant Rockstar workshop? Here’s a most excellent follow-on workshop just for you. Spend time on the music, putting together super awesome loops, recording your voice, mixing your track and extending your music composition skills. At the end, we’ll send you your track so you can play it for your family and friends. 7 July 2015.

The Magic Chicken - It looks like another quiet day in the run-down old bistro - until the arrival of an unexpected feathery visitor. This clucky young lady soon has the besotted chefs wrapped around her wing tip, until a ravenous customer stirs the situation up into a casserole of confusion. Will our plucky chicken escape the pot? Will the wolfish customer get his just desserts? Can our dumb waiters stop the caper from turning to custard? 8-12 July 2015.

The Time of Your Life - Whether it's a birthday party, a camping trip, playing in the Grand Final or a difficult challenge you’ve faced, it’s important to remember the times of your life and the people you love. In this workshop, you’ll make a photo story with pictures from a treasured time, and narrate the story that means so much to you. 6 July 2015.

Inviting all boys and girls aged 5-12 to come and join us in a footy fun day this July!

The AFL Victoria School Holiday Programs introduce boys and girls to the basic skills of Australian Football. The program is a fun and inclusive program and includes football skills and drills, mini games and a ‘fun football’ experience. For more information or to register please visit http://www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au/Casey Indoor Sports Centre

Social Worker
We have been fortunate enough to secure the service of a qualified social worker for one day per fortnight. Lee will work with teachers, parents and groups of students to provide strategies to enable all stakeholders to manage a variety of social situations the best way possible. Lee brings with her a wealth of experience in this area which will be of great benefit to the Bittern Primary School community.

Out of Hours School Care
We would like to thank Bianca Gillon for her fantastic efforts in running our before and after school care program. Bianca has secured a university placement in Albury to study for a Bachelor of Education qualification. We wish Bianca all the best in the next phase of her educational journey. Who Knows? We might see Bianca apply for a teaching position at Bittern Primary School in the future. Welcome to Melissa Williams who will be supervising the service for next semester.

PLEASE NOTE:
As a trial, school will be dismissing at 3.15 as of next term. The crossing will be manned from 3.15 until 3.45, the same amount of time that is presently covered. Before and after school care will run from 3.15 until 6.00. The school is covering the cost of the service for the extra time, there is no extra cost to parents. Teachers will be in their rooms as usual until 3.30 if parents are running a little late. As is the current practice now, students who are being picked up late on occasion will as usual be supervised in the office.

PARKING IN PORTSMOUTH ROAD – PLEASE BE MINDFUL OF RESIDENTS. WE HAVE HAD COMPLAINTS BY RESIDENTS OF BEING UNABLE TO ACCESS THEIR OWN HOME. SHIRE COUNCIL HAS BEEN NOTIFIED AND PARKING OFFICERS WILL BE ON PATROL.

LAST CHANCE
APPLICATIONS CLOSE
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE
CSEF PAYMENTS
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FAMILIES

These payments are being made available to those families who currently have concession cards. Applications can be downloaded, or collected from the school office.

If you would like more information, or did not receive a flyer, please call into the school office.

Applications close on 26th June.

PARENTS PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO HOT DOGS THIS WEEK. PLEASE DO NOT SEND ANY ORDERS TO SCHOOL. THANK YOU.

2015 FEES
Please be advised that all Essential Items and school contribution payments are now OVERDUE, these fees were due by end of term one. If you are unsure of the amount owing, please contact the school office. Reminders have been sent home, payment as soon as possible would be appreciated.

FREE TO GOOD HOME –
3 brown Rhode Island roosters
2 white and brown Rhode Island roosters.
They are only 12 weeks old and have children playing with them. Please see Brenda or let the office know if you would like a rooster.

Science in the Park School Holiday Workshops at Coolart Wetlands and Homestead, Braeside Park and Point Nepean National Park.
The science workshops allow children to enjoy fun hands on science activities whilst learning about Australian flora and fauna. Depending on the topic, a component of fieldwork has also been added to complement the unique settings of the three parks. For more information phone 99051370 or primesci@monash.edu, or call into the school office for a flyer.