Lyn’s Lines

The message on our community board at the front of the school this week is that, ‘We all have a right to be treated with respect’. This is related to relationships between:

- students and students, students and parents, students and teachers
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We need to keep this motto in mind before we enter into conversations with our learning community that can be delicate. We also need to remind ourselves that we are all in the educational journey to do the best we can for the Bittern Primary School students.

Last week we had a fantastic school event that highlighted the sense of sportsmanship and community that we value at Bittern Primary School. The annual school athletic sports took place late last week where all students from years 3-6 participated in a variety of events including hurdles, discus, high jump, long jump, triple jump, distance running races and shorter sprint races. This year we held the sports at the Westernport Secondary College oval which made the competitors feel very special as they were competing at a different venue away from school and used the equipment provided by Westernport. The secondary college also assisted us with human resources, providing us with some older students to help throughout the day ably assisted by Kristy McCosker, Annette, Lauren Forster Tuckey, Sonia Moncrieff, Tiarna Mc Williams, Les (the local tennis coach), Angelique Lowe, Cate Spring, Melissa Williams .................without the support of parents on the day the event would not have taken place As always our students were high in praise and encouragement of all students and very accepting of people’s differences. In fact there was enormous support for those students who persisted to the very end. Congratulations go to Freeman house who won the close competition on the day. This year individual champion students were presented with a medal for their efforts. They were:

- Under 9 Champion girl – Charlotte Mur & Brianna Rowley
- Under 9 Champion boy – Jack Carter
- Under 10 Champion girl – Emma Piotrowski
- Under 10 Champion boy – Jackson Scott & Hayden Perdikomatis
- Under 11 champion girl – Amity Moncrieff
- Under 11 Champion boy – Luke Dawes
- Under 12 champion girl – Taijah Hodrien-Thomas
- Under 12 champion boy – Carter Ashley

Thanks to Mr Espenschied for organising and running the day, he even organised the amazing weather !!! This week students in years 3, 5, 7 & 9 will receive their NAPLAN results for 2015. This report shows where the student is on the learning continuum and gives a guide as to how they are progressing in line with the national standards, AUS Vels. Keep in mind that this is a test taken on one day without taking into consideration other factors that can impinge on a student’s performance on that day such as, an argument with siblings in the morning, running late for school, recovering from a cold, general nervousness about a test situation or falling over on the way to school. You know yourself that other things outside of work that happen to you can have an influence on your performance at your work place on that day.

COLD DAYS

Parents in the 1/2 classrooms will be aware that the ‘antique heater’ in those rooms has ‘bitten the dust’ consequently the teachers and students moved temporarily into the senior area. A HUGE thanks to the Bendigo bank, Hastings branch who has subsidised the cost of the heater by $1500, their support for the Bittern Primary School is invaluable.

DO YOU WANT TO PLAY NETBALL?
Expressions of interest—come and have a go with the Hastings Junior Netball Club. Registration packs can be collected from and returned to The Hastings Club.Registrations close 31 August. For more information please contact Tanya Lewis (0400229467) or Amy Goodacre (0406219688).

ENROLMENTS for 2016 ARE NOW OPEN

PLEASE FEEL FREE TO COME AND FIND OUT MORE OF WHAT BITTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL CAN OFFER YOUR CHILD. EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

IF YOU WOULD LIKE A PERSONALISED TOUR PLEASE CALL THE SCHOOL ON 59839590

PRETZEL FUNDRAISER

Please return all pretzel money to school by this Friday 28th August. Thank you.

APPLICATIONS FOR CSEF –

Please see read below about the new government payment for concession card holders. If you have not already applied, please call into the school office (bring your current card) to complete the paperwork. The department has extended the closing date to 18th September.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PARENTS

Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to
camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

**How to Apply**
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

**Closing Date**
Applications are open until the end of term three (18 September 2015).

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

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**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

HOT DOG ORDER FORM
I would like to order _____ hot dogs @$2.50
NAME: _________________  GRADE: ____
Please find enclosed $_________________

GOOD SHEPHERD NO INTEREST LOAN SCHEME
Provides individuals and families on a low income access to safe, fair and affordable credit. Maximum loan amounts may vary but credit can start from $300 up to $1200 for essential goods and services. For more information please contact Gaynor on 59707002 or Stacey on 59707008.

THANK YOU
A huge thanks to Shane Leach, and Clair and Brian Murray for repairing the courtyard garden bed and providing seating around the planter box. Your help is most appreciated.
Also thanks to Everest Timber for donating all the building materials, and to Plantwerx Nursery for donation of plants. The support of local businesses is vital to Bittern Primary School.

HOT CHOC AND COOKIES!
Wow, what a successful fundraiser. Thanks again to Alina Perdikomatis and Kelly Frewer for organising the event and giving up their time to help provide a special activity for the children.

HASTINGS SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM
MONDAY 21st SEPTEMBER TO FRIDAY 2ND OCTOBER
HASTINGS COMMUNITY HUB, 1973 Frankston-Flinders Rd, Hastings
HOURS: 7.30AM - 6.30PM

Bookings can be made via the Shire Website at www.mornpen.vic.gov.au

For further information contact Education and Care 5950 1640
Once a day, twice a day, all day!
Protect your teeth and follow these simple steps to set yourself and your child up for good oral health habits.

1. Floss daily
   - Build flossing into your daily routine to protect your mouth from decay.
   - Flossing everyday will get food out from between your teeth.

2. Brush twice a day
   - Brush teeth at least twice a day.
   - Help children brush their teeth up to the age of 8. It helps for a better clean and reaches all the tricky areas children may miss.
   - Children only need a pea sized amount of toothpaste.
   - Children under six years old should use low-dose fluoride toothpaste.

3. Drink tap water all day
   - Tap water is best for your teeth.
   - Fluoride is added to tap water to help protect your teeth.
   - Drinking tap water regularly will neutralize the acid on your teeth.
   - This will help repair developing cavities.

4. Refer yourself or a family member today
   - Did you know children should see a dentist from the age of 2?
   - Jump onto the Peninsula Health website and refer yourself or a family member into Community Dental today.
   - Annual dental checks are a great way to keep up good oral health habits.