

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Term 4 2017



School Dentist

Wed 8th - Fri 10th November

Practical Parenting Course

Monday 13th November 9 – 11 am

Monday 20th November 9 – 11 am

- **Monday 27th November 9 – 11 am**

DRI –Dolphin research Institute

Thursday 16th November

Crib Point District Triathlon

Thursday 30th November

Practical Parenting Course

Monday 4th December 9 – 11 am

McDonald's Moments

Enrolments and grades for 2018

Enrolments for 2018 are coming in with new preps and several new students going to other grades. We will begin next year with approximately 150 students.



If you will not be returning to Bittern next year, please let us know as we will soon begin working out grades and this may have an impact on the grade structures we have planned. The earlier we have this information, the better we are able to cater for everyone's needs.

We have already had parents making enquiries as to which teachers will be in certain grades for next year so they can make requests for particular teachers.

Please know that it is our policy not to take requests for particular teachers unless there are exceptional circumstances or the student has specific learning or behavioural needs. Such requests should be submitted in writing during November when we are allocating children to grades.

Please also note that we do not allocate teachers to grades until early December so please refrain from asking teachers which grade they will have next year, as they will not know at this stage.

The placement of children in grades is a complex task, taking into account the academic and social characteristics of each child, friendship groups, composite grade arrangements and special circumstances.

These decisions are well thought out and will not be changed. Once decided, and students are informed, we will be consistent and not make any changes.

Using Social Media

Parents and carers, students and staff all share responsibility for ensuring that Bittern Primary School is a positive, respectful and safe school environment. Adults have a particular responsibility to be mindful of the way in which we conduct ourselves in and around the school, noting that we are the role models that impressionable students look to for guidance.

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who contribute to the positivity of our school community each and every week. Though I cannot thank each of you individually, I wish to assure you that your efforts do not go unnoticed.

This is also an opportune time for me to emphasise that my door is always open to discuss any concerns you may have, simply contact the front office to schedule an appointment. There is an appropriate avenue to raise any grievances or concerns. It saddens me when I hear of efforts to undermine our positive school culture by way of inaccurate or disparaging comments on social media or gossip, rather than addressing concerns with school staff directly. Thankfully, such instances are very rare.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the co-operation and effort put forth by the parents and carers of Bittern Primary School.

Somers Camp

Our 2018 Year 5 and 6 have recently received an Expression of Interest for the DET Somers Camp, which is being held from Feb 20th – 28th next year.

The EOI is **due back to school by November 17th**.



Term Four – On the Horizon!

This term we are looking forward to:

- Transition program for all Year Levels
- Meeting our 2018 Foundation students
- Rugby Gala Day for Senior Students
- Cyber Presentation for Yr3-6
- District triathlon
- Hoop Time Final
- Life Education Van
- School Dentist
- Yr56 STEM program at WPSC
- Helpers' afternoon Tea
- Walk to School
- Christmas Concert
- Year Six Graduation

Tu Toa, Kia Kaha – Stand Strong, Have Strength

Regards,
Simone McDonald
Principal

See you all at Assembly this
Friday ☺



Share Kindness Project



We have some exciting news! During the month of November all Extend services across Australia will participate in the Share Kindness Project.

The Share Kindness Project encourages children, their families and the school community to perform **acts of kindness**. It is based on individual, family-based and also community-based acts of kindness (proven with a photos).

'Kindness Credits' are raised according to the below scale:

INDIVIDUAL acts = 1 kindness credit

FAMILY-based acts = 5 kindness credits

COMMUNITY-based acts = 10 kindness credits

The Extend program that raises the most Kindness Credits (measured against service attendances) will win **\$1000** towards their chosen charity!

If you are carrying out any of the above, please take photos and send them to the service email so your service can receive kindness credits.

For more information visit Extend's website.

Parent Portal extend.com.au

FINAL REQUEST - PAYMENT OF SCHOOL CHARGES – ESSENTIAL ITEMS

It is disappointing to note that there are still quite a few parents who have not paid their Essential Items fee for 2017. This is money which your children are missing out on.

If you have not yet paid this amount, it's not too late. Please call into the school office and make your payment

This is NOT the Voluntary Contribution, this charge is for items such as Mathletics, Life Education, and also covers the cost of providing additional materials and resources to students throughout the year to enhance your child's learning. This may include photocopying, shared classroom resources, PE and Art equipment, classroom materials, license fees for specialist software.



HOT DOGS THIS FRIDAY

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 send order in an envelope or bag and return it to school this Friday together with the correct money.

Thank you.

20% off
VIP Sale
Beleza

Somerville
14, 15 & 17
November 2017
Beleza Somerville
8/13 Eramosa Road West
P: (03) 5977 5277

FOR SALE

**2016 Rugby top, never worn.
Size – Medium \$50 (cash only)
Call into school office.**

Parenting

When: 4 weeks, Mondays. 13th, 20th, 27th Nov, 4th Dec
DecTime: 9.00 a.m. to 11.00 a.m.

Where: Bittern Primary School, Portsmouth Road, Bittern
A 4 WEEK PRACTICAL PARENTING PROGRAM TO EXPLORE BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN PARENT/CHILD.

Approaching parenting situations respectfully.
Sharing ideas & exploring together

- Emotions and feelings
- Communication, making choices
- Developmental changes

Morning tea provided— Free, **no cost** to attend this group

Registration is essential

Please register with Gaye Hart by phone on 03 5971 9444, 0439 576 690 or email: gaye.hart@goodshp.org.au
Or phone Bittern Primary School 5983 9590

Unit 1 & 6, 184 Salmon St, Hastings Vic 3915



CPFJC warmly invite you and your family to come and join our Club in 2018

We want to build our Club into the best place for our children to play, so we are looking to fill teams in the following age groups:

Boys – U9 to U17*

Girls – U11, U13, Intermediate & Youth*

(* final teams will depend on registered numbers)

**Early Registration Day – Friday 17 November
5.30-6.30pm at the Junior Oval**

To register your interest, keep up to date and be informed of Events please contacting us in the following ways:

Email our Club Secretary (Hayley Kraulis) on cpjfcsec@gmail.com,

Visit our website www.cribpointjfc.com.au or

Like our Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/cribpointjuniorfootballclub/>



**See you at Crib Point
JFC in 2018**

**For the next 2
Weeks**



NOVEMBER

11th Maddison Witt

13th Angus Johnstone

17th Aaron Rosewood

19th Aiden Murray

FUNDRAISING NEWSLETTER

A big thank you to everyone for their help at the Spring Fair, the feedback we have had has all been very positive. A great family day!

Our latest Closet Clean Out will be collected today 8th Nov. This is your last chance to clean out those cupboards before Christmas!

We will be serving hot food again on the night of the School Concert 15th December, so, come along early and grab some dinner.

This will also be the night that we draw this year's Christmas Raffle.

Tickets for this will be on sale soon so keep an eye on those school bags so you don't miss out! If you can help with the food service on the night can you please let Sue or Hayley in the office know.

We are also asking for donations towards our Christmas raffle, we already have donations from some businesses in the area but are looking for other donations as well. Anything you are able to help with please leave in the basket at the front office.

A VERY BIG THANK YOU TO ALL BITTERN PRIMARY SCHOOL FAMILIES FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE THIS YEAR. All money raised goes directly to your children's education and wellbeing at school.