

## from Amanda

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

### **Bittern Primary School Volunteers Policy**

As you may be aware, one of the roles of School Council is to review and update school policies by law or DET policy. To ensure all Bittern Primary School policies are up to date, Liam and Siobhan volunteered to review all BPS policies and to update them accordingly. One of the newer policies is the Bittern Primary School Volunteers Policy. This policy is consistent with the Child Safe Standards in providing a safe environment for students.

At BPS all parents and caregivers who would like to assist in classrooms, go on excursions, incursions, support the swimming program, sporting events and school camps are required to have a current Working with Children's Check (WWCC). Many parents and caregivers already have a WWCC as required to assist in activities outside of school such as football and netball coaching.

Like all schools, Bittern Primary School is required to have a WWCC register so that teachers can check the register to ensure WWCC are current. If we do not have a copy of your current WWCC please visit the school office and the staff will take a copy of your card to file in the register.

Working with Children's Check are free and are valid for five years. If you do not have a Working with Children's Check and would like one, please follow the link

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>

### **Special School Assembly & Afternoon Tea**

Just a reminder that on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September there will be special assembly to introduce Bittern Primary School's new principal Margaret Dolan. Parents are invited to afternoon tea to meet Margaret at 2.45pm-3.15pm in the staffroom.

This is an exciting time for the Bittern Primary School community.

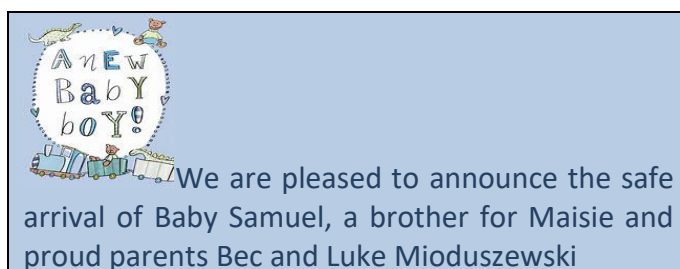
***Please note:*** *There will be an assembly on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> at 2.00pm to farewell students for the holidays.*

### **Year 5/6 Excursions**

Next Tuesday the year 5/6 students will be attending a second workshop provided by the Phillip Island Nature Parks – Turn the Tide Program. The second stage of the program is for students to take their learning from the classroom to the field. Students will be conducting marine debris surveys on island beaches and analyse the results. Students will participate in an interactive Antarctic Journey and explore fragile habitats in preparation for the development of an action plan to protect a chosen habitat.

Itinerary – Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- 8.10am – All students meet at Bittern Primary School
- 8.20am – Depart from Bittern Primary School
- 10.00am – Arrive at the Nobbies centre
- 2.00pm – Depart Smiths Beach
- 3.45pm – Arrive at Bittern Primary School (please note this arrival time is approximate)





### School Hats

Just a reminder from September 1<sup>st</sup> until 1<sup>st</sup> May, students are required to wear school hats. Students will have a grace period until the end of this week to find their hats or purchase a new hat at the office. Students are expected to wear hats from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September to ensure that our students are Sunsmart.



### Swimming Program

On Friday, the intensive swimming program for 2018 will conclude. Events such as swimming cannot occur without organisation and everyone working together in the best interests of all students. Thank you Mr E, staff, parents and caregivers for supporting the swimming program.



### Footy Day

Just a reminder, next Friday is Footy Dress Up Day. Students can dress in their favourite football team, soccer team or any other team they follow. Parents have organised a special footy lunch for students, if you would like your child/ren to participate in the special lunch please return the form and payment to the office. Thank you to Sue Mills and her team of parents for organising and providing students with special lunches throughout the term.

*thank you!*

### Thank you

Next Friday is my last day as acting principal of Bittern Primary School. I would like to thank the staff, students and parents for a wonderful term and I have really enjoy working with the community to ensure that all students can be the best they can be. Thank to staff for being so welcoming and being prepared to work collaboratively to build your own capabilities and that of your colleagues. Together you have achieved so much this term and you should be proud of your achievements. I wish Margaret Dolan, staff and the Bittern school community all the very best in the future.

### Year 5 Discovery Day in Westernport Secondary College Reflection from Mr Kornfeld

The Year 5 students had a fantastic day at Westernport SC on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September. The amazing Westernport staff and students organized a full day of fun activities that provided our students a realistic secondary college experience. Our day started with a shared bus ride with the Year 5 students from Crib Point PS to WPSC. Once we arrived at WPSC, the secondary student leaders who chaperoned us to the Performing Arts Centre greeted us. Altogether, 10 primary schools participated in the day so the auditorium was abuzz with excitement. At this point, it was terrific just to see our students become so excited to greet their friends from other schools.

Throughout the day, students moved from one activity to another in mixed school groups, which were organized with the intent of encouraging new friendships. The activities were developed around some of the disciplines offered at WPSC including woodwork, drama, music, cooking, sport, art, sustainability, mindfulness and STEM. There was even a session titled 'Amazing Race' where groups had to work together to navigate around the school campus on a scavenger hunt, virtually unassisted. This activity obviously involved good communication and team work and also required students to follow written instructions and read a map. What a terrific way to help the students become familiarized with the layout of the school!

Even though all of the activities were so much fun, the highlight of the day seemed to be going to the canteen at snack and lunch times. Students were so excited by this that they were willing to wait in line for up to 20 minutes because there were so many who wanted a special treat to eat or drink! BIG-M flavoured milk was a definite favourite of the day!

During the last hour, we were pleasantly surprised to watch a photo-story that the WPSC students had created that included pictures from the day which provided a great reflection...and the students all LOVED seeing themselves up on the big screen!

Lots of fun was had by all and perhaps most importantly, all of the students were extremely well behaved and respectful. Our Year 5's did Bittern PS proud!

# Office News at Bittern PS



**BREKKY CLUB WEDNESDAY MORNINGS AT 8:15AM IN THE ART ROOM/KITCHEN**



**FRESH FRUIT FRIDAYS – Every Friday our students enjoy a platter of fresh fruits and vegetables generously supplied by Harbour Care.**

**21<sup>ST</sup> SEPT**  
PROUDLY RUN BY LOCAL POLICE AND VOLUNTEERS  
**HASTINGS Blue Light Disco**  
6 - 8PM | PRIMARY AGE | \$6 ENTRY  
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**SOMERS ARTS FAIR 2018**  
SAVE THE DATE  
28<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018

**CRIB POINT FOOTBALL & NETBALL CLUB 2018 GRAND FINAL**  
SATURDAY 29TH SEPTEMBER  
Bendigo Bank Bigger than a bank. Proudly supported by Hastings & District Community Bank® Branch.  
GUEST SPEAKERS | SILENT AUCTIONS | LIVE MUSIC  
Michelle King, Terry Wallace, Trevor Marmalade  
Tickets limited, table prices available. Head to [cribpointfnc.com](http://cribpointfnc.com) to register.  
GRAND FINAL \$75 FULL BREAKFAST BEER & CHAMPAGNE  
BRUNCH 9.30-12.30 \$55 FULL BREAKFAST  
FAMILY FUN DAY \$15 ADULT KIDS FREE  
GRAND FINAL ON THE SCOREBOARD  
KIDS & ADULT ACTIVITIES & COMPETITION  
FOOD & DRINKS • BREAKFAST • STALLS  
FACE PAINTING • KIDS JUMPING CASTLE  
12.30 ONWARDS  
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## HOT DOG HELPERS URGENTLY NEEDED!

My name is Sue and I'm the mum who organises the Hotdog lunch on Fridays.

It's not a hard job but it's always handy to have a helper. If you have a spare hour on a Friday between 12.30-1.30 I'd really appreciate your help. Pop into the front office and put your name down on the roster. Looking forward to seeing the great helpers from last year and hopefully some new faces?

Thanks Hot Dog Mum

**HOT DOGS THIS FRIDAY \$2.50**



## On the Horizon at Bittern PS

These messages may be added to each newsletter so be sure to check them regularly.



### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY Term 3 2018

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Special Assembly Monday morning at 9.00am**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September**  
**Year 5/6 Excursion to Phillip Island**

**Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September**  
**Walk to School Day – Meet at Bittern Train Station at 8:20am**  
**Footy Day – Special Lunch Day for those who ordered – Wear you footy colours**  
**Last Day of Term 3 - 2:30 Dismissal**

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Term 4 Begins**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October – 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**Year 3/4 Portsea Camp**