



Thursday Thoughts

Issue 7

Date: 10th March 2016

Important Dates:

MARCH

- 11th - Declare Poll SC
- 14th - Labour Day Holiday - no school
- 15th - Foundation/ prep students start full time
- 16th (Wednesday) - School Council (new) 7.00pm
- 18th - Athletics' carnival
- Grades 3-6
- 23rd - Easter Hat Parade and Raffle Draw
- 24th - Alpha Show (whole school incursion)
- 24th - Last Day Term 1
- 2.30 finish

APRIL

- 11th - Term 2 begins
- 25th - Anzac Day holiday
- 30th - Aerobics Prelims

MAY

- 10th, 11th, 12th - NAPLAN
- 16th - 20th - Education Week
- 17th - Grandparent's day
- 18th - Open Night
- 25th - 27th - 3/4 Camp

Swimming Carnival

Congratulations to everyone who attended our Swimming Carnival last Thursday. Although it was a hot day it was perfect with the sun shining to have fun in the water. The positive energy radiating from our very satisfied swimmers was wonderful. It was also great to see the sheer fun that the children were having and there were many great examples of good sportsmanship, with the children supporting and encouraging each other. A big thank you to Mr Devisser for his wonderful organization and to the many parents who came along on the day to join in the fun. Although the main focus of the day is about having fun, well done to all the children in Yarra House who won the trophy. (More pics on page 4)



**Student Absent
Hot Line Number
5964 7783**

"Pool Party" Reflections from our Preps

Sadie B: At the swimming I liked the egg race.

Indi B: I did challenges in the water.

Andrew Q: On Friday at the Healesville pool I blew the ping pong ball.

Notices/ Replies due back:

1. Athletics Sports 3-6:16th March.
2. SRI expression of interest due by Friday.
3. Aerobics payments are now overdue.
4. UNSW testing:18th March.

Parent Information

This Week at Assembly



School Captain's Report

Prep: This week we have been learning about the letter 'Mm'. We made milkshakes and arranged a sentence about them. We then graphed our favourite milkshake flavours. In Integrated Studies we enjoyed walking around the school and learning about the different people at our school and how they help us.

Grade 1/2: We have been so excited about Mr D's pool party all week! We are continuing with fairytales and learning about the features of a fairytale. In writing we have written a 'Who am I?' with amazing detail. We are starting shapes in Maths with some exciting activities planned.

Grade 3/4: We began our 'realistic fiction' writing unit this week and had fun doing a quick write to develop characters. In reading we've been making pictures in our mind to help us understand what we're reading. In Integrated Studies we looked at the flag of China and located China on a world map. We explored tessellations in Maths and completed our addition Math's groups.

Grade 5/6: We have looked at imaginative narratives and described the characters we invented. In Maths we continued to work on multiplication and division. We looked at key events in Australian history and discussed the reason people immigrated.

Principal: We had fantastic weather for our Swimming carnival/ pool party last Friday. A big thank you to Mr Devisser for organizing this wonderful day. Thanks also to the teachers for their work on the day. It was great to see so many parents at the pool.



House Captain's Report



Bellbird House Captains
Report

By Luke and Madison

Week Ending 10/3/2016

Launch came first this week with Bellbird in second place, Wattle in third place and Yarra in fourth place. Bellbird has made a great start this term and lead the overall point score.

To work out the Point Scores we divided the class house points by how many people were in the house and added up the totals.

HOUSE	BELLBIRD	LAUNCH	WATTLE	YARRA
Last Week	.63	.77	.60	.56
Overall POINTS	18	13	11	8



Name		Award
Prep N	Andrew Q	For great writing about the Swimming Carnival.
Prep R	Sadie B	For fantastic sounding out during Writing.
	Jarrold D	For being a great thinker and using words from around the room in his writing.
1/2 A	Max B	Outstanding writing in his writers notebook. Fantastic effort!
	Lara T	Showing determination to do her best work.
1/2 T	Jayden D	For improving his focus during learning time.
	Charlette D	For working hard, practising at school and home to pass her skip counting pattern.
3/4 B	Lincoln S	Improved behaviour in class.
	Ben D	Working hard in maths groups.
3/4 K	Winter P	For regularly contributing to class discussions and always raising her hand.
	Tahlia T	For always completing tasks to a high standard and having a positive attitude.
	Lincoln S	For being an excellent helper at the swimming carnival.
3/4 N	Mitchell S	For getting started straight away on tasks and trying his hardest to complete all work.
	Miranda B	For using great descriptive language in her writing.



Twenty students received achievement awards at assembly. Well done everyone on your outstanding efforts.

Well Done Yarra House

Mr Devisser presented Yarra House captains Bridie and Blake with the Swimming Carnival trophy at assembly. Well done Yarra House on your great efforts in the pool.



P.E. Report from Mr D.



Swimming Carnival

What a great day we had last Friday with almost everyone in the school participating in our annual Pool Party at Healesville. It was great to see so many parents and friends there as well. As much as it is designed to be a fun day for all it was Yarra House that took out the day.

Athletics

For most of this term we have been focussing on Athletics in preparation for the Grades 3 to 6 Aths Carnival at Wesburn Park next Friday. This week we have been practising our High Jump skills and have been seeing some fantastic improvements in the children's ability.

Parent Information

School Council

Thank you to the parents who have taken the time to vote in our school council elections. It is wonderful to see the level of support that candidates have received through the voting process. The SC Poll will be declared tomorrow, with a note going home to all school community members outlining the 'newly formed LPPS SC for 2016.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Annual Report to the School Community:

The Annual Report to the School Community will occur on Wednesday, 16 March at 7.00pm. This presentation will be completed as part of our first meeting of our new School Council. We encourage any members of the Launching Place Primary School community to attend this presentation which will be held at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Our Annual Report is a real highlight as it provides great data about how well we are progressing as a school.

An electronic version of the Annual Report will be placed on the website after it has been endorsed by School Council.

Cultural Diversity Week

Victorians from all backgrounds will unite for a week of exciting activities and events in celebration of Cultural Diversity Week, running from **12th to 20th March 2016**. Victoria's biggest multicultural celebration will be held on Sunday 20th march at Federation Square from 12.00 pm to 8.00 pm. Formerly known as 'Viva Victoria' the festival will showcase multicultural music and dance performances, a range of international cuisines, a world art and craft market, children's activities, demonstrations and workshops.

Each year the free, family friendly festival attracts more than 45,000 people to federation Square to celebrate cultural diversity.

More information can be found at the following link:

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



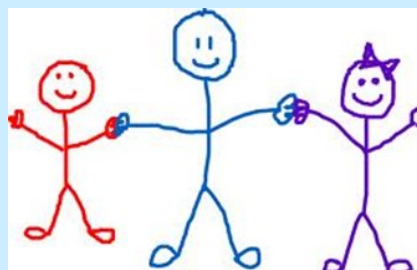
Planning Week

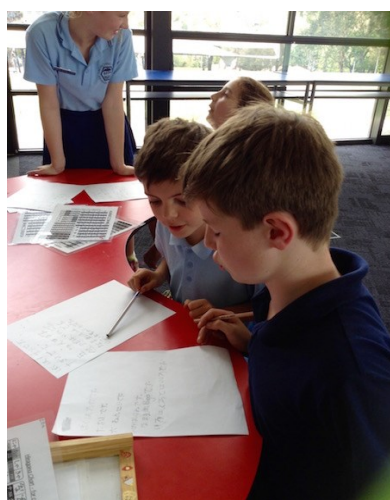
Next fortnight – week beginning 14th March - is planning week and the staff will be working together throughout the week to plan and organise teaching and learning activities for Term 2. While the teachers are planning the students will be supervised by the specialist staff and will participate in a variety of specialist sessions. Planning week provides the chance for teachers across levels to plan together. Apart from the core subjects of Literacy and Numeracy, teachers plan Integrated units of study, special events, homework tasks etc. It is a busy time but ensures that all teachers are well prepared for the start of the term.



Foundation/ Prep Students to Fulltime

As of next week our Foundation students will be attending school fulltime. Thank you to all of the parents of these students for your support throughout the 'Foundation-free Wednesday' weeks. This has enabled the teachers to perform some valuable testing and assess each child's entry level. The Prep Entry assessments provide an excellent, detailed snapshot of each individual student's strengths and weaknesses, giving teachers a great Instructional starting point.





JAPANESE IN TERM ONE

PREP

We are already using Japanese for greetings and responding to a roll call. We learnt about the flag, traditional clothing and food.

GRADE ONE/TWO

We enjoy learning Japanese children's plays. The name writing game is challenging but exciting!

MASTER CLASS

Master class students are writing up their self-introduction using 8 different sentences.

Hinamatsuri – Girl's Day Festival

On March 3rd parents with their daughter/s celebrate their good health and happy life by decorating special ancient dolls.

Parents and Friends

It is hard to believe that this term is nearly over. Thank you to everyone who has returned raffle tickets and hot cross bun order forms. All orders need to be returned to school by **Monday 21st March**.

Hot cross buns will be delivered on Wednesday 23rd of March.

There are spare raffle tickets available at the office.

We have been very busy planning next term's events.

Our next meeting is on Monday 21st March after assembly.



Lost Property

There are a lot of unnamed jumpers in lost property at the moment. Please drop into the lost property room (near the office) and collect any items that belong to your child.

If jumpers are named they are returned to students.

Please ensure all items of clothing are labelled.

Thank you.



Extend Before and After School Care at Launching Place Primary School

Our weekly recap

We had an busy week last week making animal origami, learning a new game called "Who Am I?", cooking delicious muffins and creating some lovely paintings.

Michelle, Team Leader

Our Extend Superstar is... **Summer B** for being on her best behaviour all week.

Next week's activities:

Monday 14 March:

PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Tuesday 15 March:

Making cheese and vegemite scrolls

Wednesday 16 March:

"I want to be when I grow up." pages

Thursday 17 March

"Who am I?" game

Friday 18 March:

Colouring pages and Monopoly

PARENT PORTAL: extend.com.au



Kid tested, Parent approved



ACTIV8 KIDS MOVING

**Limited places!
Registration essential!**

Join in on our preschool fitness program. Your first session is free, then \$5/session thereafter. It is open to all kids aged 3 - 5. We may explore parachutes, circuits, music, mini trampolines, balance equipment, and so much more!

AT THE YARRA CENTRE:

Warburton Hwy, Yarra Junction

(Enter via Yarra Centre. If the weather is fine we will be on the grass, otherwise the basketball court).

Parents and carers are encouraged to participate. Siblings can watch or creche is available for only \$4.50 (contact Yarra Centre and book for creche 1 week in advance).

**RSVP to activ8@ioe.org.au
or text/call Heather on 0458 041 001.**

Term 1 Dates:

**Wednesdays @ 10.30am-
11:15am on: 10 Feb, 17 Feb, 24
Feb, 2 March, 9 March, 16 March,
23 March.**

The Activ8 program is committed to making our community inclusive of kids with disability. Our fitness instructor has experience with fitness programs for kids on the autism spectrum so feel free to call us and discuss your child's needs.



Come Paddling with
canoeingvictoria
PaddleHub
and get active again!

Canoeing Victoria PaddleHub is ideal for children, family and friends.

All equipment provided / Suitable for all ages - 7-97!

Venue : Lake Lillydale

Saturday 12th March PaddleTime Family and Friends: A 60 minute supervised paddling session with an introduction and safety briefing. All ages from 7- 97 On the hour every hour from 11am until 3pm Cost: \$20 per person per session	Sunday 13th March: Family Games Day 10:00 - 11:00 – Treasure Hunt 11:15 - 12:15 – Find the Ducks 12:30 - 1:30pm – Canoe Polo / Games 2:00 - 3:00pm – Treasure Hunt 3:15 - 4:15pm – Find the Ducks Cost: \$20 per person per session or \$30 per person for multiple sessions All ages and all equipment provided. / Bring your own boats
Saturday 19th March PaddleTime Family and Friends: A 60 minute supervised paddling session with an introduction and safety briefing. All ages from 7 - 97! On the hour every hour from 11am until 3pm Cost: \$20 per person per session	Sunday 20th March PaddleTime Family and Friends: A 60 minute supervised paddling session with an introduction and safety briefing. All ages from 7 - 97! On the hour every hour from 10am until 3pm Cost: \$20 per person per session

Check out our website for more paddling opportunities with PaddlePower programs during the Easter school holidays

To secure your place or for further info, call 0430 312 252

www.vic.canoe.org.au

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★ ATTENTION JUNIOR FOOTBALLERS ★

EASTERN RANGES

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAINING CAMP

IS HERE!

Join our School Holiday Training Camp!
April 1 9.30am - 3.00pm

The Eastern Ranges are holding a development and testing holiday program for all junior footballers aged between 12 and 15.

Registrations now open!

PROGRAM INCLUDES

- AFL Draft Combine style testing including AFL agility, 20m sprints, vertical leap and more
- Skill development session with Eastern Ranges coaches
- Individualised detailed fitness testing report
- Certificate of completion
- High performance nutrition advice
- Injury prevention & recovery session with Eastern Ranges High Performance team member
- Talent pathways to the AFL discussed with Eastern Ranges Talent Manager, Len Villani
- Lunch, snacks and drinks provided

DETAILS

DATE April 1 2016 9.30am-3.00pm
VENUE Rowville Secondary College
 Eastern Campus
 Humphreys Way, Rowville 3178
AGE 12-15 year olds
COST \$100 per player
REGISTRATIONS CLOSE MARCH 29



REGISTER HERE!

LIMITED CAPACITY!

RANGES

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CONTACT THE CLUB

Marc D'Cruze
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 Office Kilsyth Recreation Res, Kilsyth VIC 3137

Community Advertisements



Woori Yallock
Register Now for Auskick 2016

Starts April 15th 2016
Fridays: 4:45pm – 5:45pm
Boys and Girls aged 5 – 12 years welcome!

**Please go to www.aflauskick.com.au
all Registrations and payments to be done
online.**

Contact/s: Shane 0400 184 227



Football Fun Night

Seville Junior Football Club is holding a Football Fun Night for all kids to come down and enjoy the club atmosphere!

We are putting on a sausage sizzle for all the kids. There will be inflatables to play on and clinics run by AFL Victoria staff.



Fun Night: 11th March, 5.30pm – 8.00pm
Location: Seville Recreational Reserve, Monbulk Seville Rd, Seville
Contact: Mike Bassett 0439 525 223



Leaders wanted...

...to join us for some Guiding fun!



**Seville Gumnut Guides (5-7yrs) are in need of an additional leader.
Can you help?**

Do you have a spare afternoon a week to volunteer your time??

Want to do something both fun and rewarding?

We meet on a Monday evening during school terms and participate in fun activities based around a program which includes community service, sports, crafts, cooking, outdoors & camping, world guiding, friendship, leadership skills plus so much more.

New leaders receive full leadership training, & first aid.

We also have spaces available for girls aged 5-7years.

To find out more about guiding in Seville contact:

Cassandra on 0450594565 or email sevilleguides@gmail.com