Family Fun Night is starting to really ‘gear up’; I hope Thursday March 12 is on your calendar as there are only seven ‘get ups’ to go. Thank you to the families who have already donated new goods or vouchers for our hampers, or used books and toys for our stall; please keep those donations coming.

Looking for somewhere shady and comfy to sit has just become easier with the installation of the two new table and seat sets. Last year’s Junior School Council selected the purchase of these as their final fundraiser; a great asset to the grounds. Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Speaking of shady places to enjoy yourself, our fund raising focus this year includes the replacement of the shade sails over the 4/5/6 play equipment. After more than ten years of service we needed to urgently replace them so we gone have ahead and trusted that we will be able to raise the funds needed. Joining in the fun of Family Fun Night is a great way to contribute to the school.

Voting in our School Council elections closes this Friday at 4:00pm. Your vote can be posted to me, handed in by your child, or deposited directly by you into our ballot box in the office. Remember that votes must be received by 4:00pm Friday, March 06.

Part of our compliance with the Department of Education and Training, is that we have an up to date Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and hold emergency procedures (lockdown, evacuation/relocation) at least twice each year. We will hold our first evacuation to the school hall tomorrow (Friday), which has been

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School Responsibilities
All schools are required to develop and maintain a current Emergency Management Plan.
- Review the EMP annually and following an emergency or crisis incident.
- Test an element of the EMP, such as a partial or full evacuation or lockdown, twice yearly.

Purpose of the EMP
The EMP assists staff prepare for emergencies that may occur by describing the work environment, potential risks and the manner in which emergencies will be managed. It assumes that staff, students and the school community will become familiar with its contents and will be regularly drilled in the procedures to be adopted during an emergency.

Communicating to parents
At the beginning of each year parents and caregivers are to be advised of the school’s Emergency Management Plans and emergency safety policies – and the ‘rules’ you expect parents and caregivers to follow.
In the event of an emergency, DET, school staff or Emergency Services will attempt – as soon as it is safe to do so – to contact parents to advise of the status of the emergency; if children have been evacuated, when they will be returned; and when it will be safe to collect children.
Parents should be advised in advance to be realistic about how long it may take for the school to contact them if an emergency arises, especially if children have been relocated to another site or it is unsafe to travel on the streets surrounding the school.

Parent Responsibilities
Depending on the type of emergency, the advice to parents is to keep the following in mind:
- **DO NOT** contact the school, if it has been evacuated no one will be there to answer your call.
- Staff are endeavouring to deal with the emergency, so please do not distract them from seeing to the safety of your child/ren first. Their safety is of paramount importance.
- Parents calling staff mobile numbers may prevent staff from:
  - seeking assistance and guidance from Emergency Services thereby putting children in further danger
  - trying to contact parents about the whereabouts of your or their children.
- If parents have provided their children with mobile phones, they should not call them. Making contact with parents may distract children from listening to instructions from staff and endanger their safety.

RESILIENCE; you hear us talk about it, we even had Chris Daicos here to share her insights into how we build it in our children, but what is it?
A couple of definitions include
1. the ability of a substance or object to spring back into shape; elasticity, and for people it is much the same …
2. the capacity to recover quickly from difficulties; toughness.
3. the capacity to withstand stress and catastrophe. Individuals and communities are able to rebuild their lives even after devastating tragedies.

Resilience develops as people grow up and gain better thinking and self-management skills and more knowledge.
Resilience also comes from supportive relationships with parents, peers and others, as well as cultural beliefs and traditions that help people cope with the inevitable bumps in life. Resilience is found in a variety of behaviors, thoughts, and actions that can be learned and developed across the life span.

Chris shared this definition with us …
“Resilience is the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life - to rise above adversity and obstacles.” (A. Fuller 1998 Andrew is a clinical psychologist who works with many schools and communities in Australia and internationally, specialising in the wellbeing of young people and their families.)

The Importance of Resilience
- Resilience is essential to success in school and life
- Adults can help children become more resilient
- Fostering resilience in children improves school and personal outcomes and reduces risk behaviors

When we talk about your child’s resilience, we see it like so many other skills; it needs to be modelled, taught and practised. Through our interdependent partnership we can do this together.

**Claire McInerney**  
Principal
Getting Funky

For our assembly performance we decided to talk about the values. We looked at each of our values and came up with examples of how we show the values at home and at school. We also loved getting up and getting down during our funky song.
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Ms. Susan Skrlj
Ms. Kristy Harvey
Ms. Cath Sloley
Mr. Drew Norgate
Mr. Scott Jessup

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*All feedback to the school office is very welcome.
"I like our new class, it’s so much fun learning.”
- Drita B.

"Year 6 is cool because we’re finally the leaders of the school.”
- Matthew Z.

"Year 6 has been fun, I’ve made a lot of new friends and I’ve learnt a lot...I’m looking forward to camp in Canberra.”
- Zoe T.

"I like everything about Year 6...I’m looking forward to camp.”
- Kobe H.

"I like Year 6 because it’s fun and educational...I’m looking forward to more experiments and camp.”
- Leon C.

"I like Year 6 a lot! It’s fun and I like my class a lot and I’m looking forward to Canberra.”
- Ella B.

"I like Year 6 because it’s really fun and educational.”
- Jack K.

"I like doing speeches in Year 6.”
- Beth B.

"I’m looking forward to going to camp.”
- Philip D.

"I like writing my biography on Louis Sachar and I’m looking forward to camp.”
- Phoebe H.

"I’m looking forward to going to Canberra and I enjoy Year 6 because we’re the leaders of the school.”
- Jayden C.
Don’t forget to keep Thursday March 12th free for our annual Family Fun Night from 5.00pm to 8.00pm. You will have the chance to dance to the music of our guest DJ, buy something tasty, picnic with family and friends, and have fun on our rides.

**Reminder:** Raffle tickets must be returned to the classroom teacher by Tuesday 10th

**Hamper Donation:** We’ve had a fantastic response in the past and we are trusting that you will support the Family Fun Night with some great donations again this year. Thank you to those who have already donated.

We are still after: -
- new toys, games, art and craft materials, books, hobby activities etc.
- party items
- pampering services and goods
- chocoloic items (anything chocolate) and other treats within the ‘use by date’.
- vouchers for donated goods and services

Plus, we are seeking donations for our stalls such as:
- coloured hair spray

Plus, we have a pre loved toy and book stall again this year so we are seeking:
- good quality and in good condition pre loved toys and books

We would be happy to help off load any items of good quality.

All donations will be acknowledged with a special principal’s award.

Please bring all donations directly to the office.

**Family Fun Night Sponsorship**

We are seeking sponsorship for the Family Fun Night 2015 RIDES. If you would like to sponsor our school or know of a company that may be interested in sponsoring us, please contact the office with details.

Any amount small or large will be greatly appreciated.

**Thanking you in anticipation** – The Coffee and Chat Group

YMCA Whittlesea is offering young people between the ages of 10-15 to engage in a unique, fun and active program over the school holidays.

Each Tuesday and Thursday of the school holidays we are offering four separate excursions which will offer a mix of leisure and exercise, teach young people independence and new skills and get them away from computer screens!

Road Trippin will include the following activities:

**Tuesday 31st March – Awesome Adventure**
Participants will travel by bus to Lake Dewar Lodge and experience the Flying Fox, Canoeing and Cave Adventure

**Thursday 2nd April – Amazing Race**
Participants will travel by public transport and follow a range of clues to different landmarks around Melbourne, completing challenges along the way.

**Tuesday 7th April – Intense Adventure**
Participants will travel by Public Transport to Galactic Circus where they will participate in Bowling, Laser Tag and an hour of Arcade Games!

**Thursday 9th April – Extreme Adventure**
Participants will travel by bus to Lady Northcote Recreation Camp and challenge themselves on the Mountain Bike Course, High Ropes and Leap of Faith.

The cost of the program is $97.00 per participant, per day. Child Care Benefit (CCB) and Child Care Rebate (CCR) is available to families to access this program.

Participants will benefit from this program by:
- Meeting new people; Challenging themselves; Gaining independence; Being physically active; Learning valuable life skills

Parents will benefit from this program because: Their child will be supervised by qualified YMCA Staff; Parents will know that their child is participating in an safe and engaging program

CCB and CCR will ensures that the program is affordable by reducing the cost to eligible parents.

For more information about this program please contact Jonathon Santamaria on 9407 6206 or email jonathon.santamaria@ymca.org.au

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Students in year 4 will be involved in the Bike Education program to teach correct behaviour when riding a bike on the roads. The aim is to equip students with the necessary skills to avoid accidents and enjoy safe riding. Students become more aware of the dangers they may face on the roads and learn many important road rules.

Before starting the program, students will have already had a safety/maintenance check on their bike and helmet. Each week in theory sessions in the classroom the students will focus on various skills such as braking at speed, precision riding, how to negotiate a round-a-bout correctly, the skill to ride with one hand in order to scan over shoulder for any dangers, bike maintenance, road rules etc. In culmination to the theory sessions, the students will be involved in a two day intensive practical session where all of the above will be put into action. The two days of the practical sessions this year are Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 18th March.

The final session of the Bike Ed. course will involve a ride outside the school grounds in the local area on quiet roads (Wed 18th March). We are looking for parents to accompany us on this ride. Only students who have demonstrated the necessary skills will be eligible to ride in this final session.

SAFETY HINTS:
It is the law to wear a certified Australian Standards helmet when riding.
Protect your feet when you ride- don’t go barefoot or wear thongs or sandals.
A bicycle is a vehicle. The rider has the same responsibility as other road users.
When children are cycling with friends, their concentration may be poor and their cycling unsafe.
Only students under 12 years of age (and their accompanying adult/s) are permitted to ride on the footpath.

ACTIVITIES TO SHARE WITH YOUR CHILD:
•• Help your child to select the correct size helmet and make sure it is properly fitted.
•• Take your child along cycling paths and stop to discuss potential hazards along the way.
•• Count the number of driveways, laneways or places where the path crosses the road.
•• Cycle together until you are confident your child is safe on the roads.
•• Ride to school together, we have a secure bike shelter.
Obtain a copy of the road rules and have a Family Quiz.

"Happy Cycling", Kellie Goldspink, Bike Education Coordinator

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Last week’s results round 3:

**Redbacks Vs Wolves (St Francis of Assisi)**
- Cricket – Redbacks 213 runs to Wolves 97 runs
- Tee-Ball – Redbacks 15 runs to Wolves 2 runs
- Bat Tennis – Redbacks 48 games to Wolves 42 games
- Girls Volleyball – Redbacks 2 sets to Wolves 1 set
- Boys Volleyball – Redbacks 1 set to Wolves 2 sets

**St Damian’s Vs Bushrangers**
- Cricket – St Damian’s 112 runs to Bushrangers 175 runs
- Tee-Ball – St Damian’s 4 runs to Bushrangers 14 runs
- Bat Tennis – St Damian’s 3 games to Bushrangers 54 games
- Girls Volleyball – St Damian’s 0 sets to Bushrangers 2 sets
- Boys Volleyball – St Damian’s 0 sets to Bushrangers 2 sets

**Interschool Sport Program - Round 4 Friday March 6th**

All games to commence by 9.30am. First named school is the home team and PPPS home grounds are - Bat Tennis, Volleyball, Tee-Ball all played at PPPS, Cricket at Kelynack Reserve (across the road)

Redbacks V St Luke’s
Mernda P.S. V Bushrangers (away)

For away games this week:
- Volleyball, Bat Tennis and Teeball are at Mernda P.S.
- Cricket is at Mernda Reserve (Schotters Rd)

**Interschool Sport Program**: students to board the bus by 9.10am, to travel to Epping Leisure Centre. Games to commence by 9.30am and conclude by 11am.

**A reminder there is Training every Friday 8.00am-8.45am for all interschool sports teams. The dates are**: Friday March 6, 13, 20 and 27 (District Grand Finals 27 March). Training only for teams involved in finals on March 27th.

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**BDSSA SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

On Wednesday February 25, 25 excited students left PPPS to attend the annual swimming carnival at WaterMarc in Greensborough. Every student should be proud of their efforts. The school had a wonderful as well as successful day and managed to finish 2nd overall. It was a tremendous effort. We had a number of swimmers who won their events and moved on to compete at the Whittlesea/Hume Division Swimming Carnival which was on Monday March 2nd. Congratulations to all the students.

I would like to thank the following parents who supported and assisted me on the day; Mrs Adamo, Mrs Krstevski, Mrs Campanella, Mrs Kotronis and Mrs Koletsos. We had many other parents and friends come along and support the swimmers and cheer on PPPS.

Back at school Ms Caddy and Mrs Elvey in the office have been of great support to me and the support from the staff in years 4-6 has been awesome!

**PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE 2015**

The Premier’s Active Families Challenge provides a great opportunity for all Victorians to get active and enjoy the benefits of a healthy lifestyle. It is a fun and free initiative encouraging your students and their families to get more active, more often throughout the month of April.

Registrations are now open! Families are encouraged to register and complete 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days. To sign up visit [www.activeapril.vic.gov.au](http://www.activeapril.vic.gov.au).

Registered participants will receive: • 10 free YMCA passes; 15% discount at Sportsmart in store and online; one hour free tennis court hire at Melbourne Park or Albert Park Reserve; 2 for 1 entry to the Melbourne Aquarium

Students will also have the opportunity to nominate their school for the chance to win between $350 and $750 in Sportsmart vouchers.

**Physical Education & Sports Coordinator - Sebastian Scanu**
Showcase Evening
Monday 16 March 2015

Principal’s addresses will be held at 5pm, 6pm and 7pm followed by a school tour.

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- A fun and engaging learning program
- Focuses on literacy, numeracy and language
- Features the Little Learners Love Literacy program
- Builds confidence and self-esteem
- Small class sizes
- Run by a qualified and experienced teacher

All this is delivered in a fun structured program, made up of story time, crafts, songs, movement and group share time.

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2½-3 years old (parent & child)
Learn alongside your child in this invaluable 45 minute session

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