Principal's Message

Congratulations to our year 6 students and staff on the success of the Debating night last Wednesday. As I commented at the time there were some very convincing arguments for home schooling, until I realised that if the kids didn’t come to school I would miss out on the best part of being the principal. The staff and students worked in partnership over the past five weeks to introduce, practice and then present their arguments using the totally new skills required when debating. The feedback we received from our year 6 families has been extremely positive. Big thank you to our adjudicators who gave up their time to provide the students with an authentic experience. Thank you to Scott Jessup, Olivia Gabriel, Angelique and Vince Loveros, Megan Long, Georgie, Leanne Weston and Chanelle Houston.

Monday was our school review day and it was a very engaging and worthwhile experience. As I explained last week our panel included Bronwyn van Amerongen, the Reviewer from an independent company Research Australia Development and Innovation Institute (RADII), our Department of Education and Training (DET) Regional Network Leader David Kilmarin, our School Council President Mrs Dani Krstevski, another member of our parent community Mrs Michelle Murdocca, and our leadership team. Thank you to these people as they put in a long day but one that was certainly worthwhile. We are especially appreciative of the time and commitment of our parents on the panel as they were respectful of the process and contributed honest and open feedback throughout the day. We are also very appreciative of the time members of our Coffee and Chat gave in the morning to meet and chat with Bronwyn in an informal and open way.

A credit to our staff who responded to the open invitation to come and join us anytime to hear discussions about how our school is going and to help us identify our direction in the next four years. It was excellent to have a range of ideas discussed. Our reviewer will now write a report which staff and School Council will share. We are very appreciative of the time and commitment of all our stakeholders.

We continued our focus on learning with the Year 3 Camp Information night last night and the Year 4 Open Science Night as a culmination of their science studies and very successful Egg Drop (which I am told set a new PPPS record for the most successful ‘drops’). Thank you to Mr. Peel for facilitating this. Year 5 Night of Notables is always a big event on the PPPS calendar and is a very exciting time for our students and for you as a parent. On top of all that our Choir, Band and Dance group (CBD) put on a performance for the other students one lunchtime; another lovely way to celebrate and share learning. Thank you to everyone who has attended any or all of these events; your interest in your child’s development is essential and your support for school programs is greatly appreciated.

Speaking of support, we love the fact that our parents are so committed to activities such as sport; truly we could not offer the breadth of experiences we do, without your time and support. As a spectator at any school event we are all bound by the Code of Conduct established by School Sport Victoria, which covers all schools; primary and secondary. The Code is aligned with our values so it is easy to understand and follow. We always appreciate it when parent helpers and spectators respect that Code and behave accordingly. You can understand that as parents your behaviour reflects on the school, as it is not the parent whose name or reputation is tarnished, it is the school and by association, your child’s. Thank you to all our parents who model the values for their child and for everyone else’s child. We wish you all a safe and happy holiday.

Take care and let’s hope that all our kids remember and live by the values over the next two weeks; could make it a really happy holiday for all.

Claire McInerney
Principal

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CURRICULUM DAY
"Please note that School Council at its meeting on 9th June, 2015 approved Monday 5th October, 2015 as a curriculum day. This is the first day of Term 4 and students will NOT attend school on this day."

School Concert Performance
Wednesday 16th September
Thursday 17th September

3-Way Conference
Thursday 10th September and Friday 11th September

Christmas in July
Monday: Paper craft – Christmas balls and wreaths
Tuesday: Winter activities
Wednesday: Display collage
Thursday: Hot Chocolate and Board Games
Friday: Free indoor/outdoor play

OSHC news
Don’t forget about Camp Australia Holiday Club. The nearest services are LaTrobe University or Mill Park Primary. For bookings go to www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

We hope you have a safe and relaxing break. See you next term!

SUSTAINABILITY TIP
Install a low-flow showerhead. Then the water and energy savings can quickly pay back your investment.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE NOW AVAILABLE! CSEF
The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is 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 annual CSEF amount per primary student will be $125. Form can be collected from school office or download it from the school website or from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef.

Closing Date: You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26th June, 2015.
Kristina Elvey, Business Manager
Prep 12: Making Butter

Prep 12 have been learning about the farm and we made butter. We used cream and a jar and then had to shake, shake, shake!

yummy
smooth
thick
delicious
creamy
yellow
scrumptious
1-23’s Assembly Performance

In 1-23 we have been learning about the Olden Days. Did you know that in the olden days, girls weren’t allowed to wear pants? Teachers were not allowed to get married. People didn’t have toilets, they had dunnies. Our national anthem was ‘God Save the Queen’. Photos were in black and white. Teachers were very strict and if you did something wrong you got the strap!
SPORT

5/6 SPORT PROGRAM 2015  Last week’s results – Grand Final games

Grand Final (Southern Conference results)
Netball B– Bushrangers 11 goals to Falcons (St Francis of Assisi) 7 goals
Bat Tennis– Bushrangers 45 games to Mill Park 34 games
Redbacks 53 games to Jets (Mill Park Heights) 19 games
Soccer– Bushrangers 1 goal to Falcons (St Francis of Assisi) 4 goals
Redbacks 2 goals to Wolves (St Francis of Assisi) 3 goals

Congratulations to all the teams that played in a grand final last week. We had five teams out of a possible eight make it through.

There is no training this Friday before school for any interschool sport teams (Bushrangers and Redbacks).

Sporting Star of the week!

On Sunday June 21st, Abbie competed in a Regional tournament for karate. It was held at the Broadmeadows Leisure Centre and commenced at 1.00pm. She competed in Kata, Kumite and Team Kumite. In Kata Abbie came 3rd and received a bronze medallion. In her Team Kumite she came 1st and received a gold medallion. Congratulations and well done Abbie!

Yarrambat Football Club

Yarrambat Football Club is located on Ironbark Rd, at Yarrambat War Memorial Park, approximately a 10 minute drive from PPPS.

Fielding junior teams in all age levels, plus girls teams, we provide a family first, friendly atmosphere. And as we are a Juniors only club, our approach and mentality always surrounds the kids, their enjoyment of the game and individual / team development.

We have a country atmosphere in the suburbs, and we believe that’s pretty unique!

Yarrambat Junior Football Club is currently looking for players who are considering playing for the first time in 2016 or who are looking for a new club.

Any enquiries can be forwarded to Garry Couper–garrycouper@gmail.com or on the mobile number 0423 576 778

Our website is http://www.yarrambatjfc.com.au

Keep an eye out for some upcoming football clinics that Yarrambat Football Club will be hosting at PPPS later this year.
Plenty Parkland Primary School is pleased to be selling the Entertainment Books this year to raise funds for our school. You can now choose between the traditional Entertainment Book or you can purchase the Digital Membership which puts the value of the Entertainment Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone, all for just $65!
Please show your support by visiting the link below and purchasing your membership today:
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