FROM THE PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to everyone to what promises to be a busy Term 2. This term some of the highlights include:

- NAPLAN tests for Years 3 & 5 coming up from the 13th to the 15th of May.
- Education Week is occurring during the week of 19th to 23rd of May.
- On the Tuesday of Education Week, the 20th of May we will be opening up our school to Grandparents and Special Friends. More information about this day will follow in next week’s newsletter.
- During the same week we will be holding School Tours for prospective families on Monday 19th, Thursday 22nd and Saturday 24th May 2014.
- The district Cross Country run is on the 22nd May.
- The Year 4 students head off to camp Arrabri, Warburton in a few weeks time, from the 14th to the 16th May.
- We have many exciting excursions planned for this term.
- Mother’s Day stall and breakfast coming up soon.
- Preparations for the big school concert.

PARKING

Parking has always been an issue around our school but with the onset of wet/ cold weather and the amount of “tradies” cars in Banool Road, it has become a bigger problem in the last few weeks.

Once again I will ask that you follow the school parking signs, obey the road rules, think about our neighbours and consider the safety of your own children and the students of our school.

- There is a 2 minute drop off zone at the front of the school. This area is to quickly drop off or pick up your child. Drivers should not be parking here longer than 2 minutes to wait for children or getting out of their car to come into school.
- The rest of parking in Weybridge Street, along the school side is a No Parking Zone when the crossing flags are displayed.
- Along the school side of Banool Road is a 5 minute Drop off zone. Again, you should not be parked here longer than 5 minutes and this area should be used to drop off or pick up your child.
- From the beginning of the driveway down to the end of the Out of School Hours house is a bus zone. There is no parking allowed at any time in this area. It is extremely important that this area is kept clear of cars so that buses can pick up students safely at any time during the school day.

We strongly encourage all cars to enter Bannool Road from the Weybridge Street end, drop off or pick up your child and continue down Bannool Road to exit in Whitehorse Road. It is important that you do not complete a u-turn or attempt to come back up Banool Road against the traffic.

I have included a map of the school and the parking zones to help remind you of the areas for drop off and pick up. Please remember these restrictions. I have also contacted the Boroondara Council and asked that they send a parking inspector to our school during drop off and pick up times. Parking Inspectors can often sit in their car and write down the registration numbers of cars breaking the parking restrictions.

Over the years I have had a number of meetings with the council to try and assist the congested parking around our school and tried to make Banool Road one way during certain times of the school days. They conducted surveys with the local residents and have undertaken traffic studies but have found that not all residents like the idea of a one way street, especially those at the Whitehorse Road end of Banool Road. The traffic study showed that the amount of cars using Banool Road does not really qualify the street to have this restriction.

I will continue to work on this but ask all parents to obey the parking restrictions, follow the road rules, consider others and think about the safety of your own child and the students of our school. It is always a good practice to park just that little bit away and walk into school with your child – even take an umbrella if it is raining. Have a little chat along the way and come into the school, visit the classroom and catch up with others in our school community.

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NEW ENROLMENTS
We have started to receive telephone calls and email enquiries over the past few weeks from families with prospective student enrolments. While we appreciate it is a very important decision to make and we are always encouraging of the community interest in our school, we prefer to give everyone the same opportunities and access to information about the school. As we’ve had in the past years, we will again open up the school to visitors where we will have tours of the school specifically for prospective 2015 Prep families. Usually we have a large number of families collect an information package and intend to keep our 2015 Prep enrolments to approximately 60 – 66 students. If you know of any new families who live nearby, or if you have relatives, friends or neighbours who would like information about the school, then encourage them to contact the school next term to arrange a personal tour or to attend our Open Day tours. More information will follow in next term’s newsletters with information also being sent to our local Early Childhood centres.

The school Open Day Tours are :-
- Monday 19th May – 9:30am
- Thursday 22nd May – 9:30am
- Saturday 23rd May – 9:30am

School tours can be arranged out of these times with the Principal by contacting the School Office.

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is due to take place right across Australian schools for students in Years 3, 5, 7 & 9. These tests will take place with Language Conventions & Writing on Tuesday 13th May, Reading on Wednesday 14th May and Numeracy on Thursday 15th May.

WORKING BEE
The next working bee is scheduled for families of Preps and will be held on Saturday 17th May. We have a number of major projects to complete as well as cleaning up the school in readiness for the Open Day Tours during Education Week. Please mark this date in your diary and find some time to come along and help out for the morning. A letter will be sent home to all Prep families before this date.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- Congratulations to Jessie Stewart, Year 6, who has been selected for the for the Victorian Primary School hockey team that will be competing in Tasmania in August.
- Congratulations to Xander Taylor and Jed Rule who competed in the Division finals for the schools tennis completion yes terday. Both boys are progressing onto the Regional finals next week. CONTINUED ON PAGE 3...
PARENTS’ CLUB
The Parent’s Club is a very important group in our school. They are very active in our school and organise many events, both social and fundraising, across the year for parents, students and families. The fundraising undertaken each year covers the cost of the cooperative loan that we have in place so it is important that we raise at least $28,000 each year to cover these costs. The school and Parent’s Club rely heavily on the Class Coordinators to maintain a communication line to parents. It is extremely important that you help out whenever you can and support this group when called upon. Spreading the load certainly makes these jobs much easier for everyone. Some upcoming events that need your support are:

- Gala Night – this event is a highlight of the parent’s social calendar with everyone always having a great night together. It is being held on Saturday 17th May with more details being found further on in the newsletter. More numbers are needed urgently to make this evening a success, so please consider attending and get your RSVP form in ASAP.
- Mother’s Day wrapping session – come along next Tuesday, 6th May to help wrap up the presents that your child will buy you at the Mother’s Day Stall. This is a very social event with lots of chatting as you get a sneak peek of what might be coming your way.
- Pancake Breakfast & Mother’s Day Stall – Thursday 8th May. The breakfast is a great morning with lovely pancakes and coffee available. We are still looking for numbers to make this event viable so please consider joining other parents for a yummy breakfast, fantastic company and a great start to your day.
- Grandparent’s Day – This a big event for the school with well over 400+ Grandparents & Special Friends joining us for the morning on Tuesday 20th May. We need help from families to feed the hungry visitors and to assist in the hall with set up, serving and cleaning up at the end of the morning. You will be contacted shortly to help out with food or to volunteer to help out on this day.
- Market Evening – Wednesday 11th June – if you have something you would like to sell then this will be the event for you. It will run from 5 – 8pm in the School Hall. Parent’s Club are running market stalls of a variety of goods from the school, local and wider community. This will be a great event to visit, but also to be a part of. We will also need some helpers on the cake stall and sausage sizzle.
- Concert – the Costume Committee will be asking for some assistance with the fitting of costumes of each grade. They are doing a great job in sewing, stitching and sourcing bits of costumes from all over the place, but will need some support in gathering other needed items and with the fitting of costumes for each grade.

It is always pleasing to hear new parents on School Tours or making enquiries about the school commenting of the great reputation the school has of having a strong community feel. This is something to be proud of as not all schools can state this. Part of this is about getting involved in the school, helping out in any way that you can and supporting the school when asked. We cannot always rely on the same people organising and running these events. Spreading the load makes it easier for everyone.

Please consider getting your forms in for the upcoming Gala Night and Pancake Breakfast. These events are certainly reliant on getting the numbers to make them viable and you can have a fun time along the way and get to meet other parents from across the school.

Thank you to the members of the school’s Parent’s Club in putting these events together.

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST
A reminder that next Thursday is the Mother’s Day Breakfast. This will be held in the school hall from 9am to 10am with an array of tasty pancakes to eat.

MOTHER’S DAY STALL
The Mother’s Day stall will also be held on Thursday 8th May. Students should “raid” their money boxes for some money to buy a present for their special mum.

STEPHEN ROTHWELL
PRINCIPAL

THANKS TO BILL SANDERS OF PREP MO FOR THE LOVELY COLOURFUL MASTHEAD THIS WEEK
### Dates for the Diary

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### WANTED OLD BLANKETS, DOONAS, SLEEPING BAGS AND GLOVES/MITTENS

Over the last few years, Chatham has supported a Soup Kitchen in St Kilda that is desperately in need of warm blankets, doonas or sleeping bags as well as gloves, mittens and beanies to give to the poor and homeless. They are given out directly to families/people who come to the Soup Van to get their evening meal of soup and sandwiches. If you have any that you no longer use, we would love to collect them. Please leave at the office.

**DIANNE BEARDALL**

### WALK AND WHEEL WEDNESDAYS

Term 2 marks the start of another Boroondara Council initiative for active schools – Walk and Wheel Wednesdays. Every Wednesday we will be collecting how students travelled to school. The House Captains will then tally the results and award the Walk and Wheel trophy for the grade with the highest percentage of students who engaged in active and sustainable travel at each week’s Assembly. The school will be able to track their progress on a chart which will be displayed in the hall. You can’t miss it. It’s big! Once again there are incentives from the Council to brave the chilly mornings and get walking or wheeling!

By Bronwyn Orr

### EDUCATION MEETING

The next Education Committee Meeting for the year is on **Wednesday 14th May at 3:45pm in the library.** Any parent is welcome to attend and a small afternoon tea is provided for children. The Education Committee both creates and reviews existing policies that operate mostly on a three year cycle and highlights programs and approaches to curriculum delivery within the school.

At this meeting we will be reviewing the Anaphylaxis Management Policy and First Aid Policy. These policies can be found on the school website or a copy collected from the office.

So, if you have an interest in either of these policies, we would love for you to attend and have input. **There is no commitment on the day to attend every meeting for the year.**

**Assistant Principal Bronwyn Orr**
TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR BOTH THE MOTHER’S DAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST ON THURSDAY 8TH MAY IN THE SCHOOL HALL 9AM TO 10AM AND THE GALA NIGHT ON 17TH MAY.

Arbour Week Community Planting Day
Kergunyah Wetlands

A community planting day of indigenous seedlings to improve the Kergunyah Wetlands habitat. Everyone is welcome to come along and help, enjoy a sausage sizzle and make some new friends.

Where: Balwyn Community Centre
412 Whitehorse Rd, Surrey Hills

When: Saturday 3 May
Time: 10am to 12noon

What to Bring: Gloves, hat, protective shoes & sunscreen.

Tools & materials provided.
Enquiries/RSVP: 9836 7942

Don’t forget! Book Club orders are due:
Friday, 9th May

CHATHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

- WINTER STOCK NOW AVAILABLE
- Décor Lunch Boxes and Drink Bottle now on special- 50% Discount offer ends soon
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Retro & Collectables Fair

Saturday 24th & Sunday 25th May 2014 10am - 4pm daily
Mont Albert Primary School
Baroona Rd Mont Albert Mel Ref 46 J8

Over 30 dealers: a wide range of retro, antiques & collectables available to view and purchase.

Market appraisals of your treasures available by: David Freeman
11am to 2pm
$5 per item or 5 items for $20.
Enquiries: 0450 472 723

Adults $5
Accompanying children Free
Refreshments available

Can't forget! Book Club orders are due:
Friday, 9th May

Canteen Roster

FRIDAY 2nd MAY
Sue, Linda and Fiona

WEDNESDAY 7th MAY
Pamela M and Angela T—Morning
Mary-Anne and Isabella—Afternoon
Teaching Your Child to Stay Safe On-Line

1. Your child will be using computers and the technology for the rest of their lives – you're in the great position of being able to get them off to a safe, positive start.
2. Nothing replaces parental supervision and education for kids about cybersafety.
3. Install and update your security software and set it to scan regularly.
4. Set a technology curfew.
5. Try to keep laptops, mobile devices and computers in a public area of the home.
6. Remind your child to never give out identifying information such as your home address, school name or telephone number in a public message such as chat or newsgroups.
7. If your child posts photos online, use privacy settings to limit access to people they know well.
8. Remind your child that people don't always tell the truth online, and they can't take anything at face value.
9. Reassure your child that they can tell you anything, without fear of losing the laptop or internet access.
10. If they get a message or email that's threatening or rude, they should 'STOP, BLOCK, TELL'. First step is to tell your child to stop responding to the abuse and then block those people sending threatening or rude messages if they continue. Let your child know that if they are being bullied, or know someone else who is, they should tell a trusted adult.
11. Never click on any links that are contained in emails from people they don't know. As well as inappropriate content, they could contain a computer virus.
12. If you suspect your child has been contacted by a predator, try to save a copy of the chat log (or whatever form the contact takes) for evidence. Call Crime Stoppers 24-hour line 1800 333 000 to make a formal complaint.

The full post can be found on:

The Cybersmart site is another good site for help and advice.
http://www.cybersmart.gov.au

Cathie Bradford
ICT Coordinator
MAY IS NATIONAL FAMILY READING MONTH

Scholastic is running a reading competition to encourage reading during the month of May. With the weather getting colder, what a perfect way to spend the day than with a book!

Individuals and schools have the chance to win book vouchers for recording the number of minutes read during May.

You will find a copy of the Reading Log attached which includes details of the competition.

If you would like more information the website is:


Happy Reading.

Melissa Hosking and Di Miller
SCHOOL LIBRARIANS

Name: __________________________  Year: __________________________
School: __________________________  Teacher: __________________________

You could WIN $250 worth of book vouchers for you and your family AND books for your classroom teacher!

1. Hang this Reading Log on a wall, your bedroom door or on the fridge. (Make sure you ask your parents first!)

2. There are 31 cheese wedges on this sheet, representing 31 days in May. Read for at least 10 minutes every day in May and write on a cheese wedge the time spent reading.

3. On the 1st of June, total up your Reading Minutes for May and go online to www.scholastic.com.au/readmoreinmay and enter the competition.

4. All winners will be announced on the website by the end of June!

Holy cheese! I read for a total of ______ minutes in May!

To enter the competition, lodge your total minutes online by the 14th of June.
Parents Club is running a Night Market in June. We are looking for people interested in having a stall to sell their creative wares or promote their small business or local service.

Stall examples might be: Enjo, Thermomix, Avon, Intimo, Knitters, Home Craft, Cards and stationary, Kids Party Entertainers, Jewellery, Childrens’ Clothing, Artists, Interior decorators, Jams and Preserves, Parents with small business/service they would like to promote.

**DATE:** Wednesday 11th June 2014, from 5pm - 8pm

**WHERE:** Chatham Primary School Hall
Sausage Sizzle, Cake Stall and other fun activities available
All proceeds to fund new parent club projects around school!

**COST:** $50 per stall, $40 student stall (prize for best dressed stall)

**CONTACT:** Email Belinda at belindadalton@me.com to find out more or submit your application for a stall by April 30th, 2014.