# Viewbank Primary School

*Love of Learning, Learning for Life*

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**DIARY DATES:**

**FRI FEB 19:**
Family BBQ fun and Film night.

**MON FEB 22 & WED FEB 24**
Grade 1/2 gym

**MON MAR 1 & WED MAR 3**
Grade 1/2 Gym

**WED MAR 3:**
District Swimming Sports Heidelberg

**THURS MAR 4**
Parent Drug Education Session

**SAT MAR 13**
Working Bee 9am-12noon

**MON MAR 15 & WED MAR 17**
Grade 1/2 Gym

**MON MAR 15:**
Education Subcommittee 6.30pm

**TUE MAR 16:**
Buildings & Grounds meeting 6.00pm

**TUE MAR 16:**
Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30pm

**THU MAR 18:**
School Council AGM 7.00pm

School Council Meeting 7.30pm

**MON MAR 22 & WED MAR 24**
Grade 1/2 Gym

***FROM THE PRINCIPAL*** ***Friday 19 February 2010***

## STUDENT LEADERSHIP

There are many opportunities as a student at Viewbank Primary School to develop leadership skills. These include Junior School Council leadership at all levels, Peer Mediation and captaincy of sporting teams. At last Monday's Assembly, it gave us very great pleasure to announce the School and House Captains for 2010. The School Captains are involved in the School Assembly each week, attend a Young Leaders' Day in March, conduct parent tours of the school during Education week and perform a host of other tasks as exemplary role models for their peers. They even get to be a 'Principal For A Day'!! Our most sincere congratulations got to Enya MARTIC and Steven PAYNE (School Captains) and Sally SU and Christopher NICE (School Vice Captains) on their selections by their peers and teachers.

House Captains and Vice Captains play a pivotal role in the conduct of a range of sporting activities at our school which include school cross country, swimming and athletics events. Again, their leadership is critical in assisting the smooth functioning of school events, and their example is crucial in ensuring sportsmanship and fairness is typical of our school sporting events. Congratulations to the following students on their selection:-

Diamond
Boys Captain – Tristan Priest
Girls Captain – Amra Polutak
Boys Vice Captain – Gabe Smyth
Girls Vic Captain – Grace Whitten

Darebin
Boy Captain – Mitchell Phillips
Girls Captain – Porshia Marsden
Boy Vice Captain – Zac Smith
Girls Vice Captain – Molly Bartkus

Yarra
Boys Captain - Sam Mulligan
Girls Captain - Tayla Al Attas
Boys Vice Captain - Shaun McKenzie
Girls Vice Captain - Lauren Ralph

Plenty
Boys Captain - Connor Smith
Girls Captain - Tayla Katsoulis
Boys Vice Captain - Chris Agelis
Girls Vic Captain - Maddison Brown

## CAR PARKING

There are very few schools in the State of Victoria that have sufficient car parking spaces for all staff and all parents. This stems from the time most schools were built, when walking to the nearest State school was the norm and parking requirements were therefore significantly less. As it stands now, the majority of our staff park in the vacant block known as Jilinga which has been cleared after the fire. However, it is important to note that this block is for staff and visitor parking ONLY. Much of the ground is still unstable especially where the swimming pool was removed and the space filled, so please do not park there. There are 30 more spaces now at the end of Nevin Parade, and plenty along Toumlin Grove, for example, which would necessitate just a short walk to school. We thank you for your assistance in these regards.

## THE ULTRANET

What is it?? The Ultranet is a student centred electronic learning environment that supports high quality learning and teaching, connects students, teachers and parents and enables efficient knowledge transfer. The Ultranet will be delivered to all Victorian government schools by the end of Term 3, 2010. In a nutshell, it will provide online 24/7 anywhere access for students, parents and teachers, and it will capture a complete record of student learning progress over time. As an example of its functionality, parents will have clear, detailed and up-to-date information about learning progress, curriculum, assessment, homework, attendance, and school events and be able to track their child's progress and respond to issues when they first arise – simply by logging on to the Ultranet.

Over the next two terms I will be including a number of articles about the Ultranet in this school newsletter. Its introduction to all Victorian Government schools does have many implications at the local level. There will be an additional 'one-off' pupil-free day for all government schools on 9 August 2010 – please pen that on your calendars now. This day has been set aside for training purposes for ALL staff in Victorian schools. Another implication is that the data that we currently have on our CASES21 system needs to be assessed and validated to ensure it is as authentic and up-to-date as possible. With this concept clearly in mind, you will note that we have sent home this week a print-out of our most current information for your family and children. Please check this information CAREFULLY and return it to school PROMPTLY to ensure that we do have accurate information and we can support the implementation of the Ultranet at our end. It may seem a bit of a chore to sit down with a many page printout and assess it for accuracy, but it is surprising how quickly things change – a new mobile phone contract and therefore number, a change in doctors, different emergency contacts, a new job even a new email address. Each has implications for our ability to contact you if indeed there is an emergency at school, the distribution of the school newsletter and so on. In particular, would you kindly check the Occupation Title, as the information provided affects our future funding from the Government for school programs. Please return the document EVEN IF EVERYTHING IS CORRECT. If this is the case please write ALL CORRECT across the top of the first page. If there are changes to be made, please highlight with a fluoro highlighter or similar if you have one, and write the correct information next to it. Thanks in advance for your assistance in this regard! We would love to have all print-outs back by Friday, March 5 at the latest!!

## DEEPEST SYMPATHIES

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Driver family (Zara, Grade Prep) on the passing of her father and Karina's husband last weekend.

## PREP DEVELOPMENTAL PLAY AREA

Can you help? We have a couple of lovely lemon trees that each need a terracotta pot – approx 80 cm in diameter. If you have a couple of spare pots or something similar you could donate, please let Sandy Farley, Prep Coordinator, or myself know!

## THE PASSING OF A PAST PRINCIPAL

We were contacted on Monday by a niece of Mrs Eileen Hogan, a past Principal of Viewbank Primary School. She wanted to inform us that Eileen had passed away on the previous weekend. Mrs Hogan was Principal from 1974 through to 1980, at a time when our school numbers were in the vicinity of 900. There were very few female Principals in Victorian Education at that time, so she must have been a pioneer for equal representation of her gender in positions of leadership in schools. She was 89 years of age at the time of her death. A number of our current parents are ex-students of Viewbank during that time and remember her fondly. Our condolences have been passed on to her family.

## MOVIE NIGHT AND FAMILY PICNIC

Well, that's enough from me this week. I hope to catch up with you tonight at the Movie Night and Family Picnic. Gold coin donation to get in, sausages/drinks/Zooper Doopers available for purchase and a Jumping Castle for the kids. The movie 'Up' screens at dusk (approx 8.20pm) – see you from 5.30pm!!

Kind regards,

**Bill Kersing**
**PRINCIPAL**

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

| | |
|---|---|
| 1C | Tahlia R & William S |
| 1M | Mitchell G & Olivia J |
| 1T | Tommy K & Takyra G & Shaw G |
| 2S | Ai Wei C & Brooke C |
| 3/4B | Annie W |
| 3/4D | Genevieve N |
| 3/4M | Kira S |
| 3/4O | Chloe B |
| 3/4R | Erin M |
| 3/4W | Daniel W |
| 5/6B | Alex H |
| 5/6C | Libby K |
| 5/6J | Zack S |
| 5/6N | Caitlyn S |
| 5/6P | Riley W & Cameron F |

## *Nihongo* (Japanese) news

*Konnichiwa!* It was great to see some families of Viewbank Primary School at last Saturday's Japanese cultural event! We all really enjoyed the range of authentic performances. Now, it's time to experience more Japanese culture this summer! The details are as below:

**Japanese Summer Festival**
**Date: Saturday, 27 Feb 2010**
**Time: 4PM – 8PM**
**Place: Waterfront City Piazza, Docklands, Melbourne (Melway: 2E D4)**

**Admission: FREE**

There will be lots of great cultural performance such as Japanese drumming (my *sensei* and advanced students will play!), music, dance and hands-on activities you can try. Of course, there would be some food stalls to enjoy too!
I hope to see you there!
*Nihongo* (Japanese): Tonai-Walsh Mika *Sensei*

## OPSM'S EYE LOVE BOOKS PROGRAM

Eighty per cent of childhood learning is visual yet the Australian Department of Health and Welfare found that eye disorders are one of the most common long term health problems experienced by children. More than 660,000 Australian school aged children have some form of undetected vision defect, but most aren't aware of the vision issue. They presume the way they see the world is normal, allowing the vision problem to go easily undetected.

To ensure Australian children can see clearly at school, OPSM has developed *the Eye Love Books* program to encourage parents to take their child for an eye test. Between February 1 and April 1 2010, OPSM will donate $5 worth of books to registered schools for students' eye tests.

For further information, please visit
www.opsm.com.au/prc

## WISE ONES

This term's Meteorology unit will start on Friday 26 February. The sessions will flow over into the beginning of term 2.

For any late enrolments for this unit please contact Christine:
8320 3340 or chrisray@netspace.net.au

## BALANCE GYMNASTICS PROGRAM

The Balance Gymnastics program will begin next Monday for all Grade 1 & 2 children. Please ensure your child is dressed in the appropriate school sport clothing. If you have not returned your permission notice, please send it with your child no later than **Monday 22nd February.** For parents that have offered to help and are meeting us at the venue, the address is 11 Candlebark Court, Research. Could you please arrive 5 minutes prior to the session time to assist with the taking off of shoes and socks?

Class session times at Balance Gymnastics are as follows:

| GRADE | SESSION TIMES AT BALANCE GYMNASTICS | DATES |
|---|---|---|
| Grade 2C & 2S | 2.00-2.50 | Mondays – 22/2, 1/3, 15/3, 22/3 |
| Grade 1T & 1H | 1:55 – 2:45 | Wednesdays - 24/2, 3/3, 17/3, 24/3 |
| Grade 1/2M & 1/2D | 1:00 – 1:50 | Wednesday – 24/2, 3/3, 17/3, 24/3 |

Many thanks for your support
**Sophie Noakes**

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**MACLEOD NETBALL CLUB**

If you were born in 2001 or 2002 and are interested in playing netball, we are looking for 3 players (boys & girls), to complete our U9 teams.

Training: Wednesday's 5-6pm
Games: Saturday's 9am
Venue: Banyule Netball Stadium
2 Somers Avenue
Macleod

Please contact: Bev Bullas
9466-7130

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# Family Movie BBQ night – this Friday night!!!

**We would like to sincerely thank our wonderful community supporters that have made our movie night possible.**

****Bakers Delight Warringal**
**** Provincial Meats, Plenty Road, South Morang**
****Bolton Street Fruit Shop Eltham**

## And a special mention to SIR BOUNCE* A * LOT Jumping castles for very kindly donating the use of two of their jumping castles.

Please consider supporting these great businesses!!!!!!
With a good weather forecast we are looking forward to a great night and we hope to see you and your family.

## CODE BLUE DAY

## PANCAKE DAY

<u>Pancake Day</u>

On Tuesday, Prep W made pancakes with our Big Buddies, 5/6J.

We made a bit of a mess – but it was LOTS of fun!!!