Viewbank Primary School

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DIARY DATES

SAT 13 NOV:
Working Bee

WED 17 NOV:
Choir performing at Viewbank House

MON 22 NOV:
Level 3 Camp

THUR 25 NOV:
2011 Prep Information Night

MON 29 NOV:
Instrumental Concert, Band and String Ensembles 7pm

TUES 30 NOV:
Singing Concert

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Parents and Friends AGM 7:30pm

WED 1 DEC:
Viewbank College Jazz Band 9:30am

THUR 2 DEC:
School Carols Night

FRI 17 DEC:
Last day of term
1:30pm finish

THUR 27 JAN:
Book collection day (Uniform Shop will **NOT** be open)

TUES 1 FEB:
Teachers return to school

THUR 3 FEB:
Uniform Shop open 10am to 12noon

FRI 4 FEB:
Uniform Shop open 10am to 11am

FRI 4 FEB:
Children return to school

WEB LINKS

Lunch Monitors
www.lunchmonitors.com.au

Book Store
viewbankpsbooks.libro.com.au

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT 12 November 2010

CAROLS NIGHT

I am happy to announce that for the first time in a number of years we are holding a Carols night at school on Thursday, December 2 commencing at 6.30pm. All grades will be singing a Christmas song or Carol, and we anticipate the whole evening will conclude by 8.15pm. You will need to bring a seat, and are encouraged to bring a 'picnic' tea to eat with your family whilst your children sing. The event will be held on the basketball courts. Prior to this evening, the children will be professionally recorded and all Christmas songs/carols will be 'cut' to a CD which will be available for sale on the evening, or can be ordered (and yes, what a great Christmas gift idea!!). There is no charge for the evening, although you are encouraged to support the Parents and Friends Christmas raffle which will be drawn on the evening. If poor weather threatens a decision will be made by 12 noon on that particular day and, sadly, if cancelled our calendar is so busy that the event can't be rescheduled (it will be different when the gymnasium becomes available in 2011!!)

STATE ELECTION – NOVEMBER 27

As usual, Viewbank PS is a polling booth for the state election to be held on Saturday, November 27, and our Parents and Friends committee will be holding their traditional barbecue and cake stall. If you are able to assist on the day your help would be greatly appreciated. Information is included later in this newsletter.

SCHOOL CAMP

As this newsletter issues, there are only 10 more sleeps until 135 Grade 3 and 4 students and 14 teachers and parents head off on the annual Grade 3 and 4 camp. This year's camp will be held over three days at Camp Rumbug, situated at Foster North. Camp Rumbug is an adventure camp and children will be participating in a range of activities including rock wall climbing, a ropes course, archery, canoeing, the giant swing and a range of other activities. I know that there are a number of excited people counting down the days, already packing their bags and generally whipping themselves up into something of a frenzy – and that's just the teachers!!
Next year, our Grade 3 and 4 students will be staying at Sovereign Hill as their camping destination, linking in with a Gold Unit, whilst the Grade 5 and 6 students are heading up the Hume to Canberra, the nation's capital, as a way of linking in with their government and politics unit. There is an incredible amount of planning, and an enormous amount of energy expended in ensuring the success of a school camp and I know from personal experience that teachers really appreciate your thanks, as parents, when the camp is finally over, and the buses have been unpacked. Not denigrating the building industry in any way, or other occupations in the business world, but teachers do not accrue RDO's or get paid overtime or

penalty rates when they attend school camps and put their family lives on hold for the best part of a week, so your recognition of this commitment means the world to them!!

GRADE ONE AND TWO 'LATE NIGHT EXPERIENCE'

As part of the school camping program, our younger students get to stay back late at school for a 'late night experience' one night in the school year. This year's event took place last Friday night when the children got to play games, watch videos, complete art activities and eat dinner in the hours up until 8.00pm. Many thanks to the Grade one and two teachers and Suzanne Kot, our Assistant Principal, for their planning and efforts in making the night the success it was!

WORKING BEE

Please don't forget that tomorrow is a working bee Saturday – we'd love to see you from 8.30am onwards.

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing
Principal

CYBERSMART FACT #3

Remember, when you are online not everyone is who they claim to be.

SCHOOLPIX PHOTOGRAPHS

This week some students would have received a personalised envelope from SchoolPix Photos in regards to extra group school photos. Copies of these group photos are currently on display on the windows of the 5/6C classroom. If you wish to purchase any of these photos please return your envelope with your order to the school office before **Friday 19th November**.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK

PREP G	Olivia S & Zac B
1T	Dillon S
1S	Tay Le & Jaime M
1/2M	Miles E & Hayley M
2C	Tahlia R & Annika S
2J	Alan L & Alyssa T
3/4R	Eilish F
3/4O	Charlotte
3/4B	Nethum D
3/4M	Lizzie H
3/4D	Maddison S
5/6P	Peter B
5/6B	Tristan P & Rebecca C
5/6C	Hayden R
5/6N	Eden P & Caitlyn S
5/6J	Whole class

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday 2:30pm to 3:30pm

Wednesday 9am to 10am

The uniform Shop will **NOT** be open on the book collection day next year – 27th January 2011. But it will be open on Thursday 3rd February 2011 from 10am to 12noon and Friday 4th February 2011 from 10am to 11am.

CANTEEN NEWS

Lunch monitors is an online lunch ordering system for your own school canteen. By using this service, you or your child can order their lunch from the school canteen for the next day, next week or even next month.

For more information please do not hesitate to contact Robyn Spencer (Canteen Manager), Mrs Kot or you can log onto www.lunchmonitors.com.au

Thursday Nov 18	Alison Harrison Jade Wills
Friday Nov 19	Jade Wills Adi Crawford

ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Your Help IS needed for Saturday 27th November

We will be having a sausage sizzle/Cake stall on Saturday the 27th November (the day of the state election)

We are asking for 20 people to offer 2 hours of their time or 40 people to offer 1 hour of their time on the day. Remember the money raised will go directly to the playgrounds for all our children to enjoy!!!

So please return this slip with your contact details and your preferred time and options and we will send you a confirmation letter.

We will be sending out paper plates for the cake stall the week of the 22nd Nov If you do not receive one by Wednesday 24th please collect one or more from the office. Cakes are to be brought into school and registered on Friday between 8.45 and 9.30 or from 3 till 3.45. They can also be brought up on the Saturday morning between 7 and 8.30am

We thank you, and all the children thank you for your fantastic support **we really can't do it without you!!!**

Times- Please circle your preferred time

8-9	**9-10**	**10-11**	**11-12**
12-1	**1-2**	**3-4**	

If there are only 20 volunteers I am/am not able to do 2 hours

I would prefer to…

Cook serve collect money Cake stall

I am happy to help set up between 7 and 8 am pack up between 4 and 5pm

To ensure we do receive your details and preferences please email me directly @ karlenej@tpg.com.au I can guarantee we do need you and we will allocate you a time as close to your preferred time as possible so get in quick- PLEASE!!!

Or return this form below to the office and I WILL BE IN TOUCH

My contact details are…

My Name……..

Contact Phone……

My child's name and grade……

WORKING BEE

SATURDAY, 13 NOVEMBER 2010

8.30 AM – 11.30 AM

Ever wondered why you don't find half eaten apples and squashed bananas at the bottom of your child's schoolbag? It's because your child is being environmentally responsible and COMPOSTING their leftover food scraps! To make this a positive experience and to improve the image of 'smelly compost bins' the compost area in the vegie garden will be getting a much needed makeover at the next working bee. With your help, a purpose built compost bay will be constructed to house the compost bins and improve the look and function of the area. So please come along and join in and if composting isn't your thing, don't worry, there's plenty of other jobs you can do.

Kids are welcome under parental supervision. BBQ sausage sizzle provided.

Donations are welcome in lieu of attendance.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out Viewbank Primary Schools online fundraising bookstore!

http://viewbankpsbooks.libro.com.au