Viewbank Primary School

Love of Learning, Learning For Life

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DIARY DATES

MARCH 26
Open Night
5pm to 7pm

MARCH 30
Last day of Term 1
2:30pm dismissal

APRIL 16
Term 2 commences, 9am

MAY 3
Family Maths Party

MAY 15
Prep 2013 Information
Evening 7:30pm

MAY 26
Open Day (Saturday)
9am to 12noon

MAY 31
Open Day (Thursday)
9:30am to 3pm

TWITTER
@viewbankps

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT *22 March, 2012*

NATIONAL YOUNG LEADERS' DAY

Our school captains, Steven Celna, Sarah Ellis, Sean Mortell and Jemma Wills were lucky enough to travel to the Melbourne Convention Centre with Matt Crowe, Grade 5/6C teacher, to attend the National Young Leaders' day last Thursday. Later on in this newsletter they will reflect on the day in great detail and it certainly makes inspiring reading!!

OPEN NIGHT

As advised previously, classrooms and specialist rooms will be open on Monday, March 26 from 5pm to 7pm for the express purpose of inviting you along to see and share in your children's work and learning. Each classroom will have work on display and hopefully your children will be the consummate tour guides as they proudly show off their work and take you to the Music, Art and Japanese classrooms, to the Library and to the Gymnasium. Teachers will be in attendance and whilst it won't be the opportunity for a Parent-Teacher interview, they will be happy to discuss the programs on offer here at Viewbank PS!!

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our new School Council met for the first time last Thursday, and office bearers for 2012-2013 were elected. David GREEN was elected President, Joe ROSO was elected Vice-President, Sandra VANDER PAL was elected Secretary and Natasja ROSS returns as our Treasurer. I congratulate all office bearers on 'stepping up to the plate' and taking on these positions of responsibility!! I remind everyone that our other Non-DEECD members of Council are Jocelyn WATTS, Michelle FAZEKAS-NUNAN, Melinda BERKERY and Sheryl COWIE. The DEECD members are Gillian NICHOLLS, Suzanne KOT and Lyn NORMAN. As Principal, I am the Executive Member of Council. We all look forward to working in the best interests of our students, your children, to continue to make Viewbank a great place to work and learn!

CHESS TOURNAMENT

Viewbank PS has been placed in the top 10 Victorian schools in Chess for the last two years, participating in a range of local tournaments with great success. The first of these for 2012 took place yesterday at South Morang PS, and whilst at time of writing our results were unknown, I am nevertheless sure that our students would have acquitted themselves well, and represented themselves and our school in the manner we would expect!! As always, many thanks to our Chess 'team' led by Tino Fulgenzi and supported ably by Daniella Van Zyl, and I hope to include results and names in next week's newsletter.

NEWSLETTER NAME

I was wondering whether we might like to allude to the weekly newsletter in some other manner than 'The Newsletter' each week. I am sure we have some wordsmiths out there who might be able to coin a phrase that would rename or rebadge the newsletter each week so that we refer to it by that pseudonym. 'Viewbank Views' isn't that catchy or clever – but we are happy to field clever or catchy names and promise a couple of tickets to a Hoyts or Village cinema if your name is chosen. Please email to the school's account, or hand in your suggestions to myself and we'll let you know next term if anyone has encapsulated the spirit and intent of the weekly news that makes up the 'Newsletter'!!

END OF TERM ARRANGEMENTS

Whilst there will be a newsletter next Thursday, it is still opportune to advise of arrangements for the end of term. For those new to our school, the last day of Terms 1 to 3 concludes at 2.30pm, with the last day in Term 4 concluding at 1.30pm. With this in mind, Term 1 concludes at 2.30pm on Friday, March 30 after a whole school assembly commencing in the gymnasium at 2.10pm. School resumes for Term 2 on Monday, April 16th.

I hope you have a lovely weekend!

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing
Principal

CYBERSMART TIP

Don't open messages from people you don't know. They could be nasty, contain viruses or be trying to sell you something.

VIEWBANK PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS

www.viewbankps.vic.edu.au

Our newsletters are now online! If you wish to be emailed each week when a new newsletter is online, please provide the office with your child's name and grade and your clearly written email address. Or email the office your details at:

viewbank.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

If you are unable to access our newsletter online and wish for a hard copy to be sent home with your child, please inform the office so this can be arranged.

PUPIL OF THE WEEK – 19/03/12

Prep D	Emily & Ashley
Prep F	Aidan & Jenna
Prep T	Patrick & Audrey
Prep R	Sakvith & Amelia
1T	Zoe & Adam
1J	Amy
1H	Ayla
1/2M	Dorian & Angelique
2S	Olivia & Max
2L	Benjamin
3/4S	Gudren
3/4B	Jade
3/4N	Alan & Leah
3/4G	Taylah & Lawrence
3/4C	Le
5/6N	Andreas & Matt
5/6C	Jackie
5/6K	Jake & Claire
5/6B	Sidhra
5/6T	Courtney
5/6O	Dane
P.E.	Renee T

CITIZENS OF THE MONTH FOR MARCH

Each month we are presenting students with a special award called The Citizen of the Month. It is our opportunity to recognize students for outstanding character in the classroom and beyond. The following children have been selected by the classroom teachers in their level for the award this month. Students selected as the Citizen of the Month for their classroom are recognized with a special lunch, certificate and their picture on display in the front lobby of the school.

The Citizens of the Month for February/ March received the award for The Gift of Friendship. Understanding yourself, others, demonstrate kindness and making the world a better place.

Congratulations to the following students:

Amaris

Olivia

Siena

Sarah

CANTEEN HELPERS

Thursday Mar 22nd	Dana Warby Kim Watson
Friday Mar 23rd	Kirstylee Shields Fiona Crowe
Thursday Mar 29th	Alison Harrison Jen Brown
Friday Mar 30th	Jan White Adi Crawford

* New volunteers are always welcome in the canteen.

RECYCLING

If you have any unwanted mobile phones at home or used household batteries you can bring them to school and place them in the recycling containers that are located close to the general office

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOL (ICAS)

Each year the University of New South Wales offers children the opportunity to participate in the International Competition and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). This competition has been operating for over twenty years and is delivered in many South East Asian countries as well as the Pacific Region and the United States of America. Again, this year, children in years 3 – 6 are invited to participate in the competition.

The subjects on offer are:

COMPUTER SKILLS
SCIENCE
MATHEMATICS
SPELLING
WRITING
ENGLISH

The cost to enter each competition is $7.70 with the exceptions being spelling $11.00 and Writing which is individually marked by teacher/markers is $16.50.

Competition	**Entries Close**	**Competition date**
Computer Skills	Tuesday 17th April	Tuesday 22nd May
Science	Tuesday 1st May	Wednesday 6th June
Writing	Monday 14h May	Monday 18th June
Spelling	Tuesday 15th May	Tuesday 19th June
English	Tuesday 26th June	Tuesday 31st Julyt
Mathematics	Tuesday 10th July	Tuesday 14th August

If you would like your child to enter one or all of these competitions please place the required amount in an envelope and forward it to school by the due date. The envelope must clearly show the child's name, the competition/s and the amount forwarded.

VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

This year is the National Year of Reading, so it's a perfect time for students to be inspired by the Challenge and to discover the magical power of books. Parents with children who are new to the Challenge will soon find out that this program provides an easy and fun way for students in years Prep to 6 to record their reading as they try to reach the set reading targets.

Those of you with children who have participated in previous Challenges will know that, as well as the personal rewards reading brings, there are also certificates of achievement for students who reach their reading targets.

There are thousands of books from which to choose, including fiction, non-fiction, plays, poetry, short stories and graphic novels.

Application forms were sent out to all children last week. Please fill these in and return to school as soon as possible. Children can start the Challenge straight away, just keep a record of books read and when passwords are sent to you the books can easily be entered onto the challenge website. The Challenge will finish in August and to complete the task children in Prep to Grade 2 need to have read 30 books and those in Grades 3-6 need to have read 15 books.

Thanks Tina Jaicou and Chris Symons

FAMILY MATHS PARTY
Thursday 3rd May- YES! IT'S ON AGAIN

Every second year we hold a very enjoyable **Family Maths Party.** This year it will be held in the gym and we will have maths activities, puzzles and games available for all ages. Everyone is invited, from preschoolers to Year 6 students along with their families. The evening will be presented by Ms Barbara Keld.

We ask each family for a gold coin donation at the door. Please fill in the reply slip and return it to the office or Mrs Nicholls as soon as possible. We have a limited places and they tend to fill quickly. See you on the night.
Maths Committee

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

UNIFORM SHOP OPERATING HOURS

Tuesday 2:15pm to 3:15pm

Wednesday 9am to 10am

* Volunteers to assist in the uniform shop are always welcome

POLICY UPDATES

What should you do if you are helping around the school or visiting for a period of time during the day? We have established a Volunteers in School policy which clearly states that all visitors must sign in at the office and wear a visitors badge or display their working with children card. Not only does it help us know if you have officially signed in but it also assists us if there is ever an emergency to deal with in the school to allow us to account for everyone who is present on the school property at the time. Thank you for following these guidelines to ensure a safe and secure school environment.

So that the school community are informed we will communicate with you the policies we have been working on in order to benefit our school. The Education Sub Committee has been working on the draft of the following policies: Student Engagement and Fundraising to benefit our school. If you are interested in having input into these policies please forward them to Suzanne Kot, we value your opinion.

Also a reminder that all of the policies developed for our school are on the school's web site therefore if you have any questions about things please refer to that site.

MUSIC NEWS

FLUTE & CLARINET LESSONS…

Will take place this coming **Monday, 26th March**, as Sue Bradley will not be able to teach on Tuesday. There WILL also be an ensemble rehearsal in the Instrumental Room at 8am on Monday. Please note that lessons will continue to take place on Tuesdays next term.

FRIENDLY REMINDER…

Instrumental Music Fees are to be finalised before the end of Term 1 for those who have not already done so.

Thank you ☺

YOUNG LEADERS DAY

On Thursday the 15th of March all four of the school captains and vice-captains went into the city by train to go the yearly Halogen Foundation National Young Leaders Day.

We had to wake up super early (like 6:30 in the morning) to go on the 8:01 train from Rosanna with Mr. Crowe.

We went to the Melbourne Convention Centre and wound up sitting four rows from the front!

Throughout the whole day special speakers like Andrew Swallow, Joy Smithers, Mike Martin, Marita Cheng and Lorin Nicholson. Enjoy our reports on the five speakers!

Mike Martin - The first speaker of the day was Mike Martin. Mike Martin is the CEO of the Halogen Foundation.

The main point he spoke about throughout the talk was that most of leadership has got to do with influence.

He described about what the different types of leaders were; for example, some categories are entrepreneurs, politicians, artists and scholars.

He went into deeper explanation saying that if you are an entrepreneur you do not just have billions of dollars but you also do charity work.
Politicians normally have the most influence in a country or state.
Last of all he said scholars fix and learn about the world.

He explained later on how he used to be in the army. He said how the most important weapon in the army he had was his radio transmitter. That was when he first recognized what influence was and how important it was with leadership.

Some other points he raised was that influence can be both good or bad.

The last two things he said was that when great leaders are normally questioned why they are such a good leader, the response normally goes like this, "All of the best leaders in history did it for everyone else, not there selves."

He finished off by saying that influence is the most important part of leadership.

Mike Martin's speech was very influential and taught us about how influence plays such a big part in leadership.

Joy Smithers (actor, philanthropist and singer), spoke about how it is important to always look at the positive side of things and it is always good to speak-up for what you think is right. From her past experience she knows what it is like for a family member to have a disease and need taking care of. Therefore, she is the founder of the Shades for Aids charity. Which raises money to keep children and parents in Cambodia healthy. Joy also spoke about other leader ship qualities like, dreaming up your own ideas and educating your self and others. When you start some thing new it is always good to imagine yourself doing that thing, which helps builds confidence.

I enjoyed Joy Smithers speech, her talk was inspiring and proves that anyone can be a leader no matter who you are.

By Jemma Wills

Marita Cheng was awarded young Australian of the year in 2012. She started off by talking about her childhood, and how difficult it was. Marita's father left them when she was only 1 month old. Her mum had to bring Marita & her brother up all by herself.

Marita's mother was very passionate about Marita's education. When she was in primary/high school her favourite subjects were maths and science. Now Marita studies engineering at Melbourne University.

Marita is encouraging more girls to take the path of engineering as a career. She has created a new organisation called Robogals. It encourages girls to attend university and study engineering because of the low amount of girls studying this subject.

Overall I think she is amazing person, and is a role model to girls all over the world. She shows girls that anything can be achieved if you just believe!!!!!

By Sarah Ellis

Lorin Nicholson was an Australian of the year nominee and was born with 10% eyesight. His dad's name was John who was also his worthy assistant.
His sight was all blurry and could only read his music and his home and school work with a magnifying glass.

He liked to ride his bike under the sun out on the streets. Once he rode bike 247km which took two days.
At school he was bullied about being blind but he was strong and put up with it.

One weekend he told his mum and dad that he was going on a bike ride with his brother who was also blind and a friend. They rode a record of four thousand one hundred km in 4 weeks. He was also the first blind man equal with his brother to ride around four-thousand km in Australia.

Unfortunately now he has only 5-6% eyesight .He had a great sense of humour.
One of his encouragements he made were "you can achieve anything if you try it."

Andrew Swallow - The last speaker of the day was recently appointed as the captain of the North Melbourne Football Club.

He started off by giving away a free footy to a lucky Kangaroos supporter.

He then started by talking about his childhood.
He was born and grew up in Perth with his four brothers. He did not start playing footy until the age of 12. By the age of 13 he had big dreams about playing A.F.L football. His main point about his speech was to dream and work hard, just like his childhood revolved around.

When he finally decided to play footy he had to argue with his mum to be able to play footy, because his mum thought it was too dangerous and violent.

He speaks about how he still has big dreams, like how he wants to win a Premiership or a Brownlow medal with North Melbourne.

Anyway, continuing with his childhood story, he played for the Western Australian Under 15, then 16 and then 18's two years in a row.

He then diverts and rants on about how he also enjoyed athletics as a kid. He then vividly remembers about this one race in athletics when he was 13.

He said how he had a dream to win the 800m race and practiced by zooming around the block (which was about 5 or 6 kilometres long) heaps of times after he got home from school to practice for the race.

His speech overall was based around dreaming, practicing and working hard even when things looked tough.

His speech was brilliant and he got one of the loudest applauses of the day, and the most questions from the crowd. The whole day was fantastic!

PARENTS AND FRIENDS FUNDRAISING

2012 Viewbank Primary School Easter Raffle

$1.00 per ticket

First prize: **Large Darrell Lea Easter Hamper (value $100.00)**

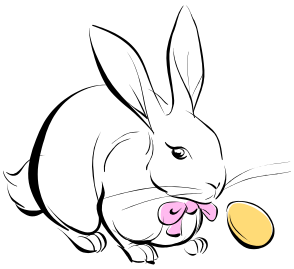
Second prize: **Medium Darrell Lea Easter Hamper (value $50.00)**

Third prize: **Small Darrell Lea Easter Hamper (value $25.00)**

Please return all sold tickets to school by Thursday 29th March, 2012.

The raffle will be drawn at school on Friday 30th March, 2012.

*Please ensure a name and phone number are clearly written onto all sold tickets.



Viewbank Primary School has just started a recycling fundraiser.

CASH FOR CANS

The school will receive $1.00 per kilo for any aluminium cans we sell.

A can recyling box has been set up in the artroom courtyard.

All you need to do is drop off your used aluminium cans into the recyling box.

Recycal
your scrap metal recycler

Parents and Friends are also after any clean empty 2lt soft drink bottles. If you have any could they please be placed into the box outside the office as labelled. They will be using them in an upcoming fundraising activity.

OSHC NEWS

At OSHC we enjoy many activities including a variety of crafts and arts. We would really appreciate your help in collecting some items for use, namely old metal muffin or cupcake trays and cardboard rolls from paper towels, alfoil, etc., but NOT from toilet rolls, please.

With thanks for your help,
From all of us at the OSHC Program.

COMMUNITY NEWS

BANYULE AUSKICK

Saturday 9.00am - 10.30am
Beverley Rd Oval, Heidelberg
(Home of Banyule Junior Football Club)
(Melway 32 D3)

For Boys & Girls aged 5 -12 years

Register on-line at
www.aflauskick.com.au

Further enquires:
Rachael Sheard 0418 512 536

Banyule Auskick Registration Day/First Session is 24th March 2012 at 9am.

Please register and pay online prior to this day if possible.

Greensborough
COLLEGE

DISCOVERY Evening
Thursday 3rd May 2012

5.30pm – 7.00pm Interactive Classes
7.30pm – Information Session in the Gym
Followed by – High Achievers' Briefing

If you are unable to attend but would like more information please contact the General Office on 9433 2666 for:

- A tour of the College with our Principal, John Conway
- An information package, including High Achievers', Scholarship and English Skills application forms.

ELTHAM College Outside School Hours Care Holiday Program

2nd - 13th April 2012

Two programs throughout the holidays:
Long Day Care held at the Early Learning Centre for pre school/kindergarten students.
Outside School Hours Care program for school aged students to be held at the OSHC/Discovery House.

CCB and Child Care Tax Rebate are both available.

Come and join in the fun on our special days: colour days, craft and collage, roaming reptiles, monster mash party day, eggstravaganza, trip to the gulf station at Yarra Glen, and the movies.

Places are limited, so please book early to avoid disappointment.
For more information download a full program, enrolment form and map from our website www.elthamcollege.vic.edu.au or please call 9437 1421 or 9433 9964.

For Sale

Second hand Springfree Trampoline
(5 years old – fair condition)

Photo only for illustration purposes: it does not show actual Trampoline.

Cost = $250. Tramp. Diameter = 2.5 meters.
Phone: 0438 982 519.
Location: Vic 3084.
No delivery. Inspections welcome.

The ABC of Kids' Cooking during the next school holidays munches on the letters C, D and E.

Monday, 2 April: 11am – 1pm
C is for Caramel Chicken and Coconut and Lime Jellies

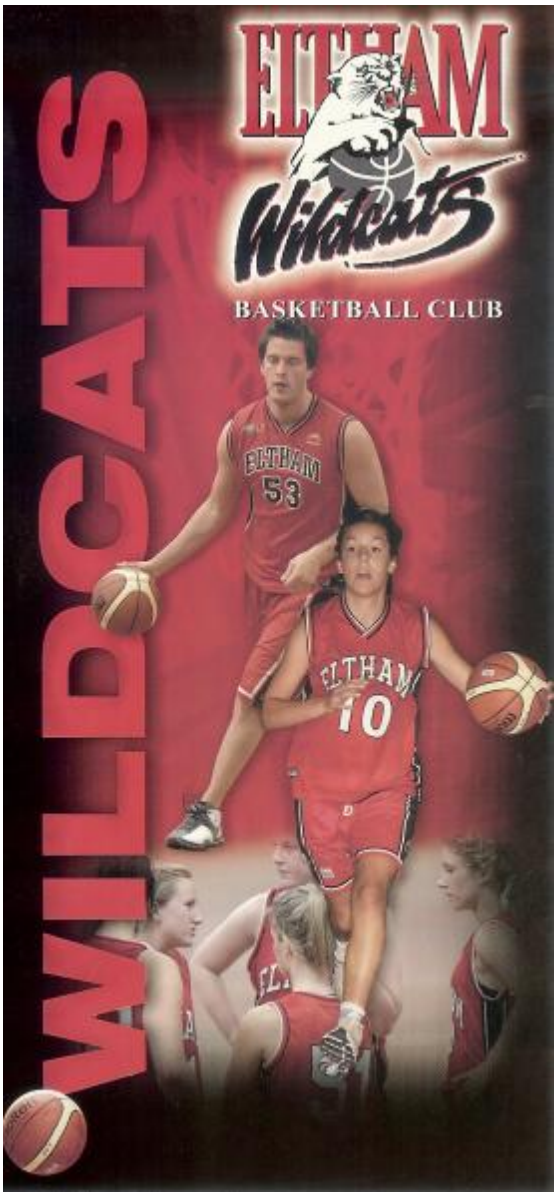
Tuesday, 3 April: 11am – 1pm
D is for Sticky Soy Chicken Drummettes with Fried Rice

Wednesday, 4 April: 11am – 1pm
E is for Easter

The ABC of Kids' Cooking is an engaging series of classes that explore fun, fresh and simple dishes kids can make (and eat!) for themselves. Classes are designed for children eight years and over. All learning is hands-on, guided by experienced hospitality trainers in Swipers Gully Restaurant's commercial training kitchen.

BUT we don't leave out those kids under eight years old because on Thursday, 5 April from 11am to 1pm, it is Y for Younger Kids!

Cost: $40 – includes all ingredients
Venue: Swipers Gully Hospitality Training Restaurant, 25 Eltham Kangaroo Ground Road
Bookings: www.ects.vic.edu.au/ or call 9437 2222 or email teamhospitality@elthamcollege.vic.edu.au



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SFD Exams in Jazz, Tap and Classical (Optional)
COMPETITIONS BY INVITATION
ADULT: TAP, CONTEMPORARY, CARDIO DANCE FITNESS
Preschool to Adult, Beginners to Advanced
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QUALIFIED, PROFESSIONAL, CARING STAFF
2 FULLY EQUIPPED STUDIOS IN MONTMORENCY
Cnr Grand Boulevard and 56 Buena Vista Drive, Montmorency
CLASSES ALSO HELD IN Uniting Church Hall DIAMOND CREEK,
For a timetable check our website or phone 94311933
CLASSES OFFERED 6 DAYS EACH WEEK OF SCHOOL TERM

Support me in the 2012 MS Melbourne Cycle!

Sunday March 25th

I have entered the 2012 MS Melbourne Cycle and have committed to fundraise between $400-$500 in support of those affected by Multiple Sclerosis.

I am riding with the HERTZ HOT WHEELZ team.

Please take a moment to view my on-line fundraising web page and help me reach my fundraising goal. It's quick and easy.

1. Visit www.melbournesummercycle.org.au and click on "DONATE NOW"
2. Search for: Johnny Vignale
3. Make a donation!

All information is secure and all donations will be sent electronically to MS Australia.

You will receive a tax deductible receipt immediately via email and can view your contribution on my fundraising page.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Further enquires: Johnny Vignale 0402 816 989

MARILYN'S GARDEN

MAINTENANCE SERVICE

A fit, mature and reliable Horticulture student is available to assist with general garden maintenance:-

- *Weeding*
- *Pruning*
- *Fertilising/watering of garden and container plants*
- *Mulching*
- *Planting/re-potting*
- *General tidy ups/sweeping*
- *Assistance with garden planning etc.*

I have a Certificate III in Horticulture and have over ten years experience in garden maintenance.

I practice sustainable and organic gardening techniques.

I charge $35 per hour for gardens in the Heidelberg vicinity.

If you need assistance with your garden please call Marilyn Truefeldt on 9457-5813 or 0438-592-824.

Soccer

SealPony

SealPony presents its popular soccer program. SealPony Soccer is a developmental & participation program that introduces boys and girls aged between 5-10 to the game of football (soccer). It focuses on teaching the basic skills.

This is a perfect opportunity for children to keep physically fit and develop skills required to play the world's most popular game.

SealPony Benefits

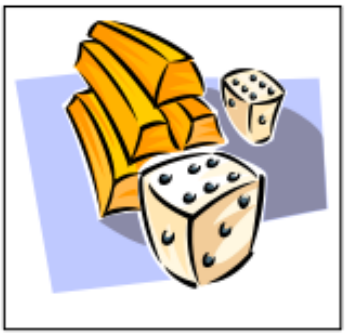
* Learn the skills of soccer
* Fun games & activities
* Great giveaways
* Meet new friends
* Achievement awards

Separate Girls Group*
* limited places

Note: As this is a popular program and places are limited, enrol quickly to ensure a place for this season.

For more information call Joe:
Mobile: 0415-388-028
E-mail: jyamen@optusnet.com.au

Venue:	James Street Reserve
Time:	Every Sunday Morning
Starting Date:	22nd of April 2012
Finishing Date:	1st of July 2012
Registration Date:	Saturday 10 am - 11 am 14th of April 2012
Address:	James Street Reserve Heidelberg Heights 3081 Cnr James, Alfred & St. Hellier Street



A Mathematics Party

at

View Bank Primary School

on

Thursday 3 May

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You are invited to a maths party at View Bank Primary School. The evening is full of fun activities for the whole family to enjoy. Children will be involved in games, maths challenges and much more.

Date: **Thursday 3 May**

Time: **6.30pm – 8.30pm.**

Venue: **View Bank Primary School.**

If you would like to attend please complete the slip below and return to the school as soon as possible to ensure your place as numbers are limited.

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Family name: ……..

We would like to come to the maths evening on Thursday 3 May

The names of the people who would like to attend are:

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Signed ……