Viewbank Primary School

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DIARY DATES:

SAT MAR 13
Working Bee
8.30am-11.30am

MON MAR 15:
Education Subcommittee
6.30pm

MON MAR 15
Grade 1/2 Gym

TUE MAR 16:
Buildings & Grounds meeting
6.00pm

TUE MAR 16:
Parents & Friends Meeting 7.30pm

WED MAR 17
Grade 1/2 Gym

THU MAR 18:
School Council AGM 7.00pm

School Council Meeting 7.30pm

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

FRI MAR 26:
Last day of term
2.30pm finish.

MON APR 12:
Term 2 commences

TUES APR 20:
Whole School Photos

FROM THE PRINCIPAL ***Friday 12 March 2010***

BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A huge thank you to the many parents and friend who helped run this event all day last Saturday. We started off wondering whether we would get sufficient support to 'man' the BBQ all day and we ended up respectfully turning offers of help down!!! This is a tremendous testament to the support we have within our school community, so thank you one and all for your support (or, indeed, offers of support!!) We raised approximately $1200 which will go towards further development of our 'Pirates Paradise Playground' and then the area outside the library on the corner of Winston Road and Lascelles.

BUILDING WORKS

It was the end of an era when the shelter sheds were demolished last week in preparation for the relocation of the Grade 2 portable, and then the commencement of the gymnasium. For those of my vintage, shelter sheds were commonplace in all schools when we attended primary school. In those days, if it rained during recesses and lunchtimes we headed for the shelter shed!! I personally don't recall any teachers on 'yard duty' in my primary years – that was just the way it was in those halcyon days at Sacred Heart Primary School in Diamond Creek. These days (well, at least at Viewbank Primary School) we have four teachers on yard duty during recess and lunch breaks, all wearing lovely fluoro fashion accessories (vests) and carrying first aid kits for running repairs. And when it rains? In we go!! Having said all that, we recognize the importance of yard supervision especially with the building works continuing for the best part of a year. Hopefully the portable relocation will happen in the next four weeks enabling us to reclaim part of the grounds currently fenced off. Please note that the Winston Road access to the schoolgrounds is available again through the gate adjacent to the school crossing – the path does take you behind the cricket nets but it does allow access to the asphalt as in the past!

WORKING BEE

The major working bee for Term 1 will be held at school tomorrow, March 13, from 8.30am until 11.30am. A sausage sizzle will conclude proceedings. Hope you can spare some time to help out!!

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS

The Annual Reporting Meeting, Election Of Office Bearers Meeting and ordinary March meeting will all be held next Thursday night commencing at 7.00pm. A reminder that if you are NOT a member of Council, you are still always welcome as a visitor, but you don't have voting rights.

THE ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

As reported in last week's newsletter, over the remainder of term we will be moving toward the electronic distribution of newsletters – either by email (please provide an email address if you haven't already done so) or by accessing the newsletter under the PARENTS tab at www.viewbankps.vic.edu.au. If you require a hard copy you need to explicitly request one by completing the tear-off slip in this week's newsletter. Thanks for your support in these regards (from the environment, and our hard working office staff!!)

SCHOOL COUNCIL SUBCOMMITTEES

Did you know …. that you don't need to be a member of School Council to be a member of a subcommittee?? Plenty of people already do, as they are already active members of Buildings and Grounds (meets on Tuesday, March 16 at 6pm), Education (meets on Monday, March 15 at 6.30pm), Out of School Hours Care (meets once a term), Finance (meets before every School Council Meeting) and Canteen (meets a few Fridays per term at 8.15am). If you are keen to play a role on a committee, but perhaps not School Council itself, we'd love to hear from you. Please contact Suzanne Kot or myself, or any member of School Council for further information.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

All school councils have the authority to develop and implement dress codes for their students. This authority arises from a Ministerial Order under the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006.* As you will be aware, at Viewbank we enforce the wearing of a school uniform. In recent weeks, we have noticed a few variations to the school uniform which we would like to discourage with a gentle reminder e.g. girls wearing black leggings or netball skirts for occasions other than sport. Whilst we recognize that there are very occasional circumstances where it might happen that your child can't attend school in the full school uniform as outlined in the Parent Handbook (and I cast my mind back to the day the Kersing family iron destroyed my own daughter's uniform) we would ask that this be supported by a note. We appreciate your assistance in these regards.

PARENTAL ASSISTANCE ON SCHOOL CAMPS

In November of this year, the Grade 3 and 4 students will be attending a 3 day school camp at Rumbug, near Foster. If you are a parent of a student who will be attending that camp, and you would like to be considered to participate as a parent helper for the full three days, please register an expression of interest with me, either verbally or in written form. Please note that we have sufficient expressions of interest for the Grade 5 and 6 camp to be held in Anglesea in May.

Have a lovely week – I might see you at tomorrow's working bee!!

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing
Principal

PARENT HELPERS NEEDED

We have many library books that need to be covered before they can be shelved for use by the children and staff. The work needs to be done in the library any time between 9am and 3.30 pm. We would appreciate the help of any parents or others who would be able to help with this task. If you have an hour available weekly or whenever you have some spare time we would love to see you. Call into the library and have a chat.

Thanks
Chris Symons* and *Louise Buissink

PMP TIMETABLE CHANGES

Just a reminder to Parent PMP Helpers that there will be some changes to PMP class times next week due to Planning Week.

Prep W – 9:10-10:00
Prep F – 11:10 -12:00
Prep G – 1:50 – 2:40

Thank you for your assistance
Sophie Noakes

ALNF, MARIE CLAIRE AND OFFICEWORKS SHARE A BOOK CAMPAIGN

Four out of five Indigenous children living in remote communities can't read at the accepted minimum standard. This month, Marie Claire and Officeworks are supporting the Australian Literacy & Numeracy Foundation to raise literacy levels in Indigenous and refugee communities.

How you can get involved:

You can join our campaign and make a difference by dropping off new or pre-loved children's books to your nearest Officeworks store. From February 3 to March 31, there will be a Share-A-Book bookshelf in every branch of Officeworks across Australia.

What you can do:

- Donate a book at Officeworks stores. Simply leave a preloved children's book on the designated Share-A-Book shelf.
- See a book you like on the Share-A-Book bookshelf? Pick it up and it's yours for a gold-coin donation to the ALNF at the checkout.
- Make a donation at any Officeworks store nationally.

WORKING BEE

***5 reasons you should go to a school Working Bee*:**

1. *You get a free workout, after which...*
2. *You get a free lunch.*
3. *You can bring the kids for free (under parental supervision, of course).*
4. *You get to model to your kids how to look after something important.*
5. *After the working bee you get to relish in those post-workout feel good hormones.*

Working bee this Saturday 13th March, 8.30am to 11.30am. All welcome – come when you can and leave when you have to.

Refreshments are provided including a great sausage sizzle lunch.

Kids are welcome. They must be supervised by their parents/carers but they usually have a good time helping and playing.

Can't come? We welcome your tax deductible donation towards Building and Grounds Maintenance through the office staff.

Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

All children from Prep to Grade Six are invited to register for this year's reading challenge.
Forms can be collected from the office at recess and lunch time every day.
Please return the signed forms by March 19th so that passwords can be issued ready for the beginning of Term Two.

Thank you,
Chris Symons and Marg Watt

ULTRANET AND NEWSLETTER UPDATE

You will recall that in previous newsletters, I have been highlighting information about the Ultranet and how this will change the way many of us access and record information in the future. Our parent community will come 'on-line' with the Ultranet in September 2010. With this in mind, our preferred means of distributing the newsletter as of Term 2, will be via email or for community members to access the newsletter at the following web address, under the 'Parents' tab: http://www.viewbankps.vic.edu.au
Included in this week's newsletter is a 'tear-off' slip that we ask you to kindly fill out, including your email address for distribution of the school's newsletter. For those who have already provided an email address but it doesn't readily identify you (eg: catowner71@hotmail.com) would you also mind filling in the slip below, please?
Similarly, if you do not have access to the internet and wish to continue receiving a hardcopy, please indicate that on the same slip.

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Parents name:

_____

Childs name: _____

Grade:_____

□ Please include me on the email distribution list for the school newsletter. My email address is ……..

□ As I do not have access to the Internet, I wish to continue receiving a hardcopy of the newsletter. My eldest child is in Grade ……

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MARCH MATHS CHALLENGE

Prep How many triangle shapes can you find in your kitchen? Draw the things you find with a triangle shape. Ask someone to help you look!

Grade 1/2 A basketballer scored 20 points in two games. What might her scores in each of the games be?

Grade 3/4 Vivian builds 3 legged stools and 4 legged tables. Last month he used 72 legs to build 3 more stools than tables. How many stools and how many tables did he build?

Grade 5/6I halved a number and kept halving for a total of five times. The answer was a whole number. What number might I have started with? Think of as many as you can

Submissions need to be handed to Mr. Stoltz by March 26th! Good Luck!

CANTEEN DUTY

Thursday 18th March- Irene Srbinovski
Jenny Brown

Friday 19th March- Adi Crawford
Jade Wills

If you are unable to come to your rostered day, please arrange for someone else to cover your shift and then notify Robin Spencer on 9444 7329 or 0433047066. Thank you

Robyn Spencer

SPORTS NEWS

VB1 Vs Rosanna

Softball Boys win 5 – 2
Softball Girls loss 20 – 7
Cricket A Win 120 – 62
Rounders A 27 – 4 loss
Bat tennis boys 36 – 34 loss
Bat tennis girls 53 – 26 win

VB2 Vs Heidelberg

Softball girls 8 – 14 loss
Softball Boys draw – 8 all
Cricket 81 – 8 loss
Bat tennis girls 40 – 9 win
Bat tennis boys 46 – 35 win
Rounders 34 – 31 loss

Great sportsmanship displayed by all!!

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS

OSHC NEEDS YOUR HELP!!

The Out of School Hours program has an extensive range of childrens videos, the unfortunate thing is, that we no longer have a working VCR to play these on. If anyone has an old (but still working!) VCR to donate to the OSHC program, please feel free to drop it in to the school office or the OSHC room. Thankyou

COMMUNITY NEWS

Sunday 21 March,

9am-2pm

MEGA Lower Plenty CAR BOOT SALE Primary School

Lots of White Elephant stalls, Cakes, Kids activities, BBQ, Mini Golf, Crockery Smash, Great Music and lots more

$20 per site,
if paid by 15th March.

That's **20% off** the regular price

Call the school to book a site on
9435 2585

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