



Viewbank Primary School

Love of Learning, Learning for Life

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DIARY DATES:

MON 16 AUG:

Joining the Chorus – Mill Park

TUE 17 AUG:

Grade 3/4
Gymnastics

TUE 17 AUG:

Grade 2
swimming

TUE 17 AUG:

Buildings &
Grounds
Meeting
6.00pm

WED 18 AUG:

Gymnastics
Grade 3/4

WED 18 AUG:

Grade 2
swimming

THU 19 AUG:

Swimming
Grade 2

THU 19AUG:

African
Drumming
Grades 3-6

THU 19 AUG:

Finance
Meeting
6.30pm.

THU 19 AUG:

School Council
7.30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

A WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

It was a big week of activities last week and I was lucky enough to see a few of these 'in action'. The Grade 1/2 students were thrilled to be visited by Xavier from 'Wild Action' on Thursday who spoke to the students about endangered animals and, in a very 'hands-on' approach, shared some of his frilled-necked lizards, pythons, bats, frogs, and even crocodiles with the students. Some of these photos are 'proof-evident'.



The Grade 3/4 students were involved in a 5-a-side Soccer competition at the Eltham North Soccer Ground and, for some, it was their first (and hopefully not last!!) involvement in this growing sport.

We were also pleased to be graced by the presence of Federal Minister, Jenny Macklin, Member for Jagajaga on Wednesday. We had taken up her invitation earlier this term to display student work in her offices in Heidelberg, and she was very impressed by the 'Sustainable Houses' created by our Grade 5/6 students - impressed enough to come out and visit, ask plenty of questions of the children and have a few 'happy' snaps taken of her, Jenni Batchelder, Grade 5/6 teacher and the students. Keep your eyes peeled for the Heidelberg Fairfax Publication out this week for the final result!!

ES RECOGNITION MONTH

A week was never going to be long enough to recognise and celebrate all the great work Education Support members do. To better accommodate the celebrations for an increasing number of ES staff across Victoria, all of August is ES Recognition Month. ES Month is about recognising the valuable work of ES staff in our schools. The Support staff at Viewbank include Lyn Norman, Lucy Addati, Dale Saliba and Sue Wright in the office, Lynne Hall (First Aid/Classroom Support), Louise Buissink (Library Technician, Classroom Support), Suzy Shaw (Classroom Support) and Georgeina Fisher (Classroom Support).



All of these people are known in the DEECD as Education Support Staff (ESS) and the celebration of "ES Month" is to acknowledge the wonderful contribution that they and others make in Victorian Government schools. We honestly could not function as well as we do without their invaluable, and often 'invisible' behind the scenes contributions so on behalf of our school community 'thank you' for a job well done. Suzanne and I will 'man' the office for an hour or two in upcoming weeks to allow our ES staff to have a quiet lunch 'off-site' as our mark of gratitude for their efforts (there is no truth in the rumour that the gates will be locked and phones off the hook as we just couldn't cope!!), It would be lovely for our community to also show their appreciation with a little note or thank you when the opportunity arises!!

CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - PLEASE HELP US!!!!

No, we don't need you to help building BUT - next Tuesday morning, it would help us ENORMOUSLY if all parents avoided using Nevin Parade. The first stage of slab construction involving the pouring of over 100 cubic metres of concrete is happening ALL Tuesday morning. Please park and walk, or use some of the adjoining streets for drop offs as there will be a regular procession of trucks delivering concrete from 7.30am until midday. Thank you in anticipation of your support!!



FROM THE ARCHIVES

It was when a hundred years of education in Victoria ticked over in 1972, that a decision was made to embark upon a most ambitious venture - the writing of the history of Victorian Education thus far. This story was encapsulated in a 3 volume tome known as 'Vision and Realisation - A Centenary History of State Education in Victoria', copies of which gather dust in most schools across the State! Recently, I blew the dust off our volumes, gathered the cobwebs and read the story of Viewbank Primary School. Apparently it was the task of all schools to produce a very brief description of their history to that year, and these are all available in these volumes (you are welcome to browse them if you wish!!). Here's the story of our school as it appeared in 1973...

4892 Viewbank PS

Situated in Nevin Pde, Rosanna East, SS4892, with HT Abraham G Bowden and his staff of six, enrolled 97 pupils ranging from beginners to Grade 6 on 1st of February 1966. It was not until 1968, when the enrolment had risen to 285, that the school was officially opened by F. H. Brookes, Director-General of Education. By this time, 1st of November, extensive site works had been carried out by the PWD on drainage, reticulation of water, concrete paths, and garden beds with concrete edging, have since been supplemented by improvements undertaken by the Committee. Bob Doreian, an interested parent, has given much assistance in planning the grounds.

Progressive curricular developments have been in evidence at the school throughout its short existence, and a wide variety of aids and equipment have been provided. The Principal in 1970 was G.W. Marsh.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

Feedback is an important part of the school improvement process. Each year the Department Of Education and Early Childhood Development seeks feedback from a random sample of families in each school across the State. The overall objective of the Parent Opinion Survey is to collect data about parent opinions and for individual schools to then use this information to drive further improvements. Information about this survey will be coming out before the end of August and we ask for your assistance, if selected in this random sample, to answer these questions honestly and objectively and return the survey to school as soon as possible.

In addition this year, we are also sending out our own more 'school-specific' survey to all families at Viewbank. Clearly this isn't a compulsory activity, and you may choose not to participate. However, we feel that asking more specific questions about some of the programs we run at Viewbank, for example Instrumental Music, Gymnastics, the School Ball and Concert, Chess, OSHC, Additional Assistance etc, may yield quite valuable information in plotting the future directions of our programs here at school. Please watch this space for information in upcoming weeks!!

JAPANESE TOUR 2011

Good news!! It appears that we have sufficient interest to make this school tour in September 2011 a viable proposition. All families who indicated their intent to travel in 2011 will this week receive a request for an initial deposit to consolidate further planning. If any other families are still interested, and haven't recorded that interest yet, please see myself or Office staff at your earliest convenience.

Kind regards,

Bill Kersing
Principal

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE

Hello again from the Premier's Reading Challenge coordinators.

You only have 18 more sleeps or rather reading days, until the challenge finishes for this year. Congratulations to the Grade Three students who have the highest number of students who have already completed the challenge. They are closely followed by the Grade Two children.

Please make sure you are entering your books on the web site.

If you are still having problems logging in, please see Mrs Watt.

Happy reading.

Ms Symons and Mrs Watt

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR 2010 – 'SHINE ON'

Once again this extravaganza will be taking place at HiSense Arena and Viewbank Primary is playing a part! 20 of our grade 5/6 students will be part of the massed dance groups of the show taking place on September 18th and 19th. Three shows will take place over these two days and if you would like to be a part of it you can get your tickets at www.ticketek.com.au now! Hope to see you there!

MUSIC NEWS

There will be lunchtime concerts in the hall at 1.10pm on Monday 30th August for Choir and Gabriella's Singing students (Grade 3-6) and Monday 6th Sept for Singing students in Grades 1-2

The choir together with Gabriella's singing students will be performing at the Melbourne Show on Monday 20th September.

Many thanks

Ruth Panaccio
Music

SCHOOL BALL

TICKETS \$12.00 PER HEAD

Tickets must be produced at the door for entry. Please also remember to hold onto your tickets as there is a draw for a door prize.

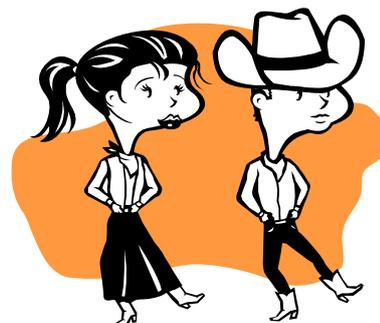
School Ball raffle

You will all receive a free entry into the GREAT Raffle

1st prize \$500 visa debit card to use on whatever you choose

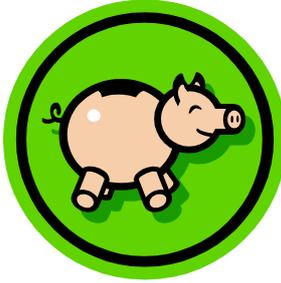
2nd Prize of equal Value A magnificent string of Pearls

However there will be more tickets available at the Door on both nights and it will be drawn at the end of the second night-good luck!!!



STUDENT BANKING

Please note there will be no school banking for the week commencing Monday 16th August. Next processing day will be Tuesday 24th August.



CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday August 19	Jenny Brown & Michelle Depetro
Friday August	Pauline McLaren & Irene Srbinovski

Feeling Cold this winter?

Next week soup will be available on Thursday & Friday for lunch.

Vegetable soup at \$2.00 a cup. (cups will be provided).

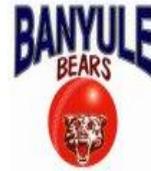
Orders are placed on the day.

COMMUNITY NEWS

REJUVINATE BODY AND FACE

INVITES YOU TO USE THIS
\$20 GIFT VOUCHER
ON ANY OF THE FOLLOWING TREATMENTS
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IPL PEDICURE
MESSAGE DETOXING TREATMENTS
TEETH WHITENING HAIR EXTENTIONS
PERMANENT MAKE UP
PLEASE PRESENT THIS VOUCHER WHEN YOU
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73 MARTINS LANE, VIEWBANK, VIC, 3084
WWW.REJUVINATE.COM.AU



Banyule Cricket Club Junior Sign up Day

The Annual BCC Junior sign up day will be held on **Sunday 22nd August 10am – 12pm** at Banyule Cricket Club, Beverly Road, Heidelberg.

We are once again calling for participants for the following age groups. New players also receive a Banyule Cricket Cap and Playing Shirt.

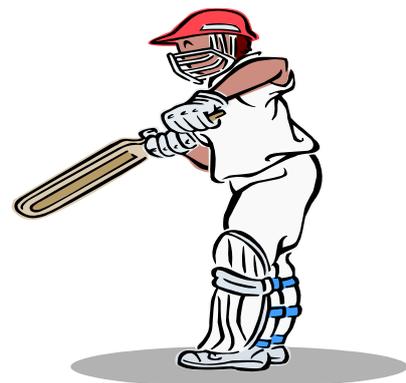
Milo-in-2-Cricket	\$55	Saturday Morning 9.30am – 11am
Under 11's	\$75	Wednesday Nights 5pm – 7pm
Under 13's	\$90	Friday Nights 5pm – 8pm
Under 15's	\$90	Friday Nights 5pm – 8pm
Under 17's	\$115	Friday Nights 5pm – 8pm

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

If you cannot make this sign up day please contact Geoff on jeoff@optusnet.com.au or 0414 718 580.

Milo cricketers can contact Brad Bowler on 0405 133 158.

*A family discount of \$20 applies to a second child and a further \$50 for a third child. Also if there are any parents who wish to Coach or team-manage. Please contact Geoff.



Last week Alanah from Prep W lost 2 toys while at school - one grey Sugar Glider and one brown Zhu Zhu hamster. If you find either of them, please return to Prep W. Thank you