



# Viewbank Primary School

*Love of Learning, Learning for Life*

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## DIARY DATES:

### **MON AUG 23:**

Grade 1  
Swimming

### **TUE AUG 24:**

Gymnastics  
Grade 3/4

### **TUE AUG 24:**

School Ball  
A-K

### **WED AUG 25:**

Swimming  
Grade 1

### **WED AUG 25:**

Gymnastics  
Grade 3/4

### **THU AUG 26:**

Swimming  
Grade 1

### **THU AUG 26:**

School Ball  
L-Z

### **FRI AUG 27:**

Prep Storyland  
11.30-12.30pm

### **FRI AUG 27:**

Zone Chess  
Doncaster  
Gardens PS.

### **MON AUG 30:**

Swimming  
Grade 1

### **MON AUG 30:**

Zone Chess at  
Rosanna PS

### **TUE AUG 31:**

Gymnastics  
Grade 3/4

## *FROM THE PRINCIPAL*

### **IN RECOGNITION OF SOME OUTSTANDING TEACHERS**

It was a big week in the Press for Viewbank Primary School. An article headed 'Teaching a labour of love' appeared in last week's Heidelberg Leader and focussed on Don Crowe, our Special Assistance teacher. Don has clocked up 49 years in teaching and this remarkable achievement was recognised recently at the Victorian Education Service Awards. This wonderful photo appeared with the story in last week's newspaper.



I was also alerted to the recent 'Certificate Of Appreciation Awards 2010' held at The Centre Ivanhoe on July 25 and presented by Emilie Langdon's dad, Craig (also known as Craig Langdon MP, State Member for Ivanhoe!). One of our staff members, Dulcie Griffiths, was awarded the Harold Carter Service to Education Award. Although Harold was a lawyer, his service to education began in the latter part of the second World War, and his contributions to developing home-school partnerships, education in the Banyule-Heidelberg area and his involvement in organisations such as the Victorian Council of Schools Organisations (VICCSO) have been recognised with an award in his name. And so, to win such an award is a huge honour and Dulcie was a recipient in 2010. Her citation read, in part "Viewbank has become her second home since 1981...Dulcie is probably best known for her quiet modest nature and for her outstanding work and care for her students.."

To know and work with both of these teachers is an honour. They both work from the same creed - children come first - and this recognition is both long overdue and richly deserved.

I would also like to acknowledge the contributions of one of our parents, Karen Houghton, Ella and Mitchell Phillip's mum. She, too, received an award at this ceremony for her contributions as a maternal child health nurse in the City of Banyule, and for the creation of a young mothers group known as Parent Zone. Congratulations, Karen!

**20 August 2010**

Finally, the very successful Grade 5 and 6 unit on Sustainability was featured in another local newspaper.



Claire, Raine, Alexandra and Sophie showed off their sustainable house to a photographer from the Heidelberg & Diamond Valley Weekly, on the same day that Jenny Macklin, MHR for Jagajaga came to visit. These houses are on display in her office in Heidelberg, and we are proud of the children and their teachers for the work they have done with this sustainability unit!

### **CONSTRUCTION NEWS**

It seems to have taken forever, but the 'raft-slab' is nearly complete and we now await the construction of the steel frame. I imagine a few grades will be taking time out over the next few weeks to watch the workers in action!!

### **CONRATULATIONS**

Congratulations to Steven Celn, Grade 3/4D who participated in the Waverley Music Eisteddfod on Saturday, August 14. We are proud to say he won the 1<sup>st</sup> prize in the Piano Solo section 12 years and under. A great effort, Steven!!

Whilst on the subject of congratulations, congratulations and good luck to Emily and Amber Jackson (Grade 3/4O and Grade 5/6C). Both girls are very talented gymnasts for Banyule YMCA, with Emily and her team competing in State Finals this Sunday at Donvale. Amber is a National Gymnast and recently won her last competition at Geelong. Both girls compete in bars, beam, floor and vault and spend many hours in training each week (12, in the case of Amber!). Good luck to both girls with your sporting dreams!!

### **WORKING BEE**

My apologies to Kerry Ruiz, Buildings and Grounds Committee member who had this blurb for Sunday's working bee done last week - I forgot to include it in last week's newsletter. I hope you can still make it, anyway!!

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***Get fit Sunday 22nd August - here at school!***

*Did you know:*

*Gentle gardening can burn around 200 calories an hour.*

*More strenuous garden work such as clearing weeds or hauling rocks can even burn as much as 600 calories per hour.*

*Improve your health, vitality and well-being whilst you improve our school gardens!*

*Or come for the social benefits - meet some other interesting people - you could be working next to a jewellery designer, a fighter jet pilot, or a politician's press secretary (no promises though!).*

*Or just come:*

***Sunday August 22nd, 9am - 12pm  
Sausage sizzle and refreshments provided.***

***Kids welcome under your supervision.  
They usually have a good time playing and helping.***

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***Thanks in advance from the Building and Grounds Committee.***

### **ELECTION DAY SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND CAKE STALL - SATURDAY, AUGUST 21**

Just a reminder that Viewbank Primary School is a polling booth tomorrow and that the Parents and Friends Committee are running a sausage sizzle and cake stall on the day. Thank you in advance for the kind offers of help, and hope to see you there!! Please ensure that cakes arrive at the school on Friday afternoon!

## SCHOOL BALL

I hope everyone is looking forward to the School Ball to be held over two nights next week - Tuesday, August 24 (A-K) and Thursday, August 26 (L-Z). A reminder that doors open at 7pm for a 7.30pm start on both nights. The raffle will be drawn on the Thursday night, with your ticket for entry also being the ticket for the raffle!! Whilst additional raffle tickets are available for sale on the night, tickets for entry need to be purchased prior to the evening. Additional tickets are now available to be purchased from the school office.

**PLEASE make sure you let your child's teacher know if he/she will NOT be attending the school ball. As each child has a dance partner, this information is essential.**

**PLEASE ALSO NOTE THAT TEA & COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED ON THE NIGHT.**

## PREP TRANSITION

We have been 'blown away' with the interest shown in enrolling at Viewbank PS for 2011, with our largest enrolment for many years in Prep next year. This is a reminder that the second of our 'Lands' is scheduled to take place next Friday, August 27 at 11.30am - Story Land! Given the success of Maths Land last week we hope that it is equally well-attended, and equally popular. It is a great way for us to get to know our new students and families, and similarly a great vehicle for our students to become familiar with the educational surroundings of their 'home' for the next seven years!!

## FROM THE ARCHIVES

Following on from the above article about Prep enrolments for 2011 is a perfect segue into this week's 'look back in time'!! Below is a list showing the year, the net enrolment for that year and the terms of the various Principals over the school's life!

1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972
90	150	210	280	357	390	450

1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
507	617	701	718	749	783	771

1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986
787	713	657	619	522	492	431

1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993
384	361	326	325	350	330	329

1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
330	336	309	309	305	312	323

2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
328	346	353	375	409	434	448

2008	2009	2010
493	493	485

## Substantive Principals:-

1966 Mr G. Bowden  
1967-68 Mr K Tyres  
1969 Mr G Marsh  
1970-72 Mr W Cummins  
1973 Mr C Wilson  
1974-1980 Miss E Hogan  
1981 Mr W Evans  
1982-84 Mr C Smith  
1984 Mr W Schrank  
1985-1991 Mrs A Mason  
1992-2004 Ms L. Merryweather  
2005 Mrs G Linsell  
2007- Mr W Kersing

## SAFETY AROUND THE SCHOOL

Can I again implore everyone to follow basic road rules and parking regulations at pick up and drop off times in particular? The staff and myself are not traffic police. Having said that, standing near the Lascelles Avenue school crossing after school last week, if I had been so credentialed, I could have made a tidy profit for the Banyule Council. I also witnessed a Grade 1 boy crossing without at any time looking to see if the road was clear (and yes I have spoken to him about this). It is undeniable that young children do not have the road sense or peripheral vision to make them perfectly safe near crossings or roads - that's why we will continue to hammer home the 'courtesy and abiding by road and parking rules' message!

## CONSTRUCTION UPDATE - PLEASE HELP US AGAIN!!!!

Many thanks to those parents who helped us out last Tuesday, by avoiding Nevin Parade. It helped ENORMOUSLY with allowing the concrete mixers through. The final pour for the slab will be either ALL DAY Tuesday or Wednesday August 24 and 25. Whilst we will have traffic controllers all day it would be amazingly helpful if you avoided Nevin Parade altogether!! Many thanks in anticipation of your continued support.



## SPECIALIST TEACHERS

And finally in a lengthy newsletter this week, can I introduce the remaining members of our Specialist staff? From left to right, Pam Robinson (Music), Andy Milne (Computer Technician), Judy Course (Reading Recovery) and Mika Tonai-Walsh (Japanese)



Don't forget to vote tomorrow, buy a sausage while you're at it, get a free one at the working bee on Sunday and see you at the Ball next week!!

Kind regards,

**Bill Kersing**  
**PRINCIPAL**

## PUPIL OF THE WEEK

PREP F	Josie S & Max B
PREP G	Benson P, Benjamin D, Zac B & Christa M
PREP W	Isabelle C & Christian T
1S	Amaris Z & Mitchell T
1T	Jason W
1/2K	Mikayla D & Harjeet G
1/2M	Matthew A & Sam J
2C	Mustafa W & Amelie P
2J	Taylah R & Alex M
3/4M	Hanah C
3/4O	Jack H
3/4R	Nathan A
3/4W	Casey W
5/6B	Tayla K, Tayla A & Alicia M
5/6C	Lauren R
5/6J	Emma C
5/6N	Hannah C & Sienna F

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>. 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](http://www.ticketek.com.au) now! Hope to see you there!

## PMP

PMP classes will resume in the hall next week. Grade Prep G and Prep W's sessions will remain at the same time. However, due to an altered Term 3 timetable, we have had to reschedule Prep F's PMP time to 11:10 a.m. instead of the usual 12:00p.m.

Thank you,  
**Sophie Noakes**

## 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!!!



## CANTEEN NEWS

Thursday August 26	Fiona Crowe & Kim Watson
Friday August 27	Nicole Smith & Melissa Enticott

**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.**



## NEWS FROM THE VEGIE GARDEN WORKING BEE REMINDER

Checked out the vegie garden lately? Two new garden beds are under construction and nearing completion and will be ready just in time for spring plantings! Many thanks to Michael Pronobis, (dad of Marcel from Prep W) and his team of TAFE students for all the work they've put in on this project. The garden beds look sensational and will be much more user friendly for the children. Still some work to do though. The soil and mulch need to be moved into the beds so if you're free on Sunday please come to the Working Bee and help share the load!



## LIBRARY NEWS

### Melbourne Writers Festival School's Program

Some families may be interested in attending one of these events held in Federation Square during school hours on 30<sup>th</sup> August to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Tickets cost \$6 each. The authors who are speaking include: Jackie French, Andy Griffiths, Gabrielle Lord, Ursula Dubosarsky and Carole Wilkinson. The link listed will give full details.

<http://www.mwf.com.au/2010/content/mwf-2010-standard.asp?name=Schools-age-5-6>

Chris Symons Librarian

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### WELFARE

#### CITIZENS OF THE MONTH FOR JULY:

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 July** are people who have demonstrated : **Courage and Character. They admit mistakes and can handle peer pressure appropriately. They demonstrate personal growth and face their fears.**

**Congratulations to the following students:**



**Liam**



**Adam**



**Stephanie**



**Marcello**



**Kimberley**

### SCHOOL CROSSING SUPERVISORS WANTED!!!!

An exciting opportunity exists for 3 people to work part time as a School Crossing Supervisor.

Positions are located in and around Greensborough and are available for immediate start for the right person.

To be successful for this role you will

- Have good communication skills
- Have experience working with children OR the general public
- Be willing to obtain a working with children check
- Be available from 8.15am - 9.00am & 3.00pm - 3.45pm

If you think this position could be suited to you then please call Phil at Hoban recruitment on 9325 3200 or alternatively email your CV to [philh@hoban.com.au](mailto:philh@hoban.com.au)



**ELECTION DAY  
GARAGE SALE**

**45 EAMON DRIVE  
VIEWBANK**

**Books, videos, records,  
Bric-a-brac  
9.00 am - 2.00 pm**