Dear Parents

Last week’s Twilight Sports was a real success! I would like to thank the parents, who helped us with the marshalling and especially with the BBQ. Not only did we raise $470, but we also created a real community atmosphere. Thank you to Shelley Cross for being the main organiser for this event. A special mention goes to our ex-students, who also helped out. It was great to see them back at school and taking on a leadership role. The children really enjoyed the night and I congratulate Blue House for winning the points competition.

Please remember that tomorrow is a casual clothes day for our Easter raffle. For the privilege of being out of school uniform the children bring something for our Easter raffle, such as a chocolate egg or bunny. The parents in Yr 2/3B are asked to make a special effort in organising the Easter baskets and Danielle Nelson has sent out a note today asking for helpers.

Our Market Day is fast approaching on Wednesday March 27. We will send a flyer home next week to let you know what the different grades are organising. Your assistance will be required in some ways. You might want to tell your children that they will have the opportunity to spend some money, so maybe they can start to save up. Next week we will inform the school what cause we are raising money for. The market will run from 2:00pm until 3:30pm, to give parents and other family members the chance to do some shopping around pick up time.

There is another exciting date coming up: our bi-annual school production on September 2 at the Frankston Arts Centre. We will send more information closer to the date, but you might want to put this on your calendar, so your family does not miss out.

Yours in Partnership,

Corrie Hearn - Principal
DEPUTY NEWS

Congratulations
Well done to the following children who have been following our school rules outside.

Kaitlyn Corry  Kyhani Norris
Karlia Ballerini  Alex Street
Liam De Bruyn  Keona Donald
John Barnard  Jake Sanders
Nikola Varga  Ben Gilmore
Sofia Gazzola  Amy Clark
Connor McMahon  Georgia Dent
Kelsea Foulds  Emily Wiebrecht
Evie Rumler  Lilleigh Panther
Georgina Wiebrecht

WHATS HAPPENING IN GRADE 4/5H

This week we interviewed Emily Wilson and Kalani Lepou from 4/5H.

In Maths they are learning about trading, they are also doing 7X7 grids. In Literacy they are doing study ladder, guided reading, SRA and spelling. In Science they are looking at light and how the eye works, by dissecting a bull’s eye! For homework 4/5H are doing grid tables spelling words and making posters. Their class rules are: Be kind and respectful to one another, when someone is upset always help them, keep our classroom a safe, comfortable and happy place.

Their classroom motto is Listen Learn And Laugh. 4/5H are off to a great start and we hope they have a wonderful year.

By Lauren Cross and Charlotte Posthuma.

Hospitality List 2013

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R.E. NEWS

Dear Parents and Friends,

Catholic primary and secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne, proud of their Catholic tradition, celebrate Catholic Education Week each year.

In 2013 Catholic Education Week will be celebrated between 10-17 March, 2013. The theme will be ‘Entrusted with Something Precious’.

A highlight of the annual celebrations is the St Patrick’s Day Mass at St Patrick’s Cathedral and the entertainment in the Treasury Gardens, which attracts about 2,000 students. The Visual Arts Exhibition is also popular with schools, with the best of Catholic student’s art on show at the Catholic Leadership Centre in East Melbourne.

The Police “CODE ONE” Rock Band will entertain and “move and groove” our school leaders from 12 noon to 2pm.

Yours in Faith,
Kay Donovan
Dear Parents,

The daily grind of work, home and school can take its toll on us all. I understand wholeheartedly how difficult it is to find the balance between school, work, sports and family. I also know how easily it is to let some things slip to make life easier.

Unfortunately one of these things is spending time reading with my kids. Having had two already go through primary and into secondary I know how important it is to maintain the good habit of reading with them daily. Reading can be an excellent quality time with individual children at home.

I know at this time of the term I need to constantly remind myself of this practice and keep it up! I hope this article written by Michael Grose inspires you to keep on reading with your kids too.

Have a lovely week,
Michelle Bruitzman

READ DAILY TO KIDS - THE PROOF OF ITS BENEFITS
Michael Grose

Recent research quantified what we've intuitively known about children and reading. That is, the more adults read to children from an early age, the greater the impact on their reading and thinking skills.

It was reported in The Age (3rd March 2013) that a longitudinal study by The Melbourne Institute of Applied Economic and Social Research measured the link between the frequency of reading to a child and his or her development.

The study followed 4,000 children, aged four to five years in 2004 through to ages 10 and 11 and found that reading to a child six to seven days a week puts him almost a year ahead of a child who has not been read to. The study also found that children who were read to every day from a young age also have better numeracy skills in primary school.

The benefits don't stop at reading to pre-school aged children. The study found that kids who are read to more often keep doing better as they age than other children.

The finding sends a clear message to parents, and other adults such as grandparents - reading to children goes beyond a simple fun, bonding experience. It is perhaps the single most important activity you can do to give a child a head start in literacy.

So, how can you help?

Stock up on your children's book library at home. Establish a comfortable reading spot so that your kids associate that place with reading and books.

Make reading to your kids a habit. If you’ve wriggly boys who don’t sit still, keep the reading time short and make sure the books are of interest to boys. The grubbier and gorier the content the better, usually!

Make reading time interesting and fun rather than laborious and boring. That way your kids will always look forward to their reading time with you.

Make sure your kids take plenty of books on visits and sleepovers with grandparents, and other relatives. Let them know how important reading daily to children is.

Books make great presents so pass the word around that it would be most welcome for your kids to receive books that you can read to them.
Happy Birthday to...

Ethan Hill

Wishing you a fabulous time with your family and friends!

SPORTS NEWS

Swimming Trials

On Wednesday of last week we had ten students participate in the swimming trials at the Pines Pool.
Well done to our swimmers in getting mum/dad out of bed to bring you to the pool to start at 7.00am.
Congratulations to all our swimmers for a great effort. Logan Marshall came first in his age group in both breaststroke and butterfly and Murray Griffiths came second in backstroke. Both boys are now eligible to progress to the Northern Peninsula swimming trials on Wed 13 March. Thank you to the parents who helped out with the timing of events.

Running Club

In preparation for the District Track Athletic and Cross Country events, the children in grades 3-6 have the opportunity to improve their fitness before school. The Running Club will start at 8.30am and finish when the bell is rung to start the school day. The students in the house that has the highest total by week 6 of term two will each receive an icy pole.

Michael Smythe (Sports Coordinator)

Moonlit Sanctuary Easter School Holidays
Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during Autumn 2013.

Wednesday 3rd, Friday 5th April
Monday 8th - Wednesday 10th, Friday 12th April

Cost: $39.00 per day, or $105 for 3 days.
Bookings essential - suitable 7-14 years.
Hours: 10AM – 3PM Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50
Moonlit Sanctuary 550 Tyabb-Tooradin Rd, Peadale Ph. 5978-7935
Web: www.moonlit-sanctuary.com
Open daily between 10am and 5pm

PARKING AWARENESS PROGRAM—Mornington Peninsula Shire.

Parking overtime in the ‘drop off bays’, these bays have been designed to allow parents to quickly drop off or collect your child and then move on, thereby allowing as many parents as possible a chance to use these desirable parking spots.

Parking on nature strips, is prohibited as parking in this manner can impact on the ‘line of sight’ of vehicles or pedestrians, which is especially important in the vicinity of schools.

GROUP PERSONAL FITNESS

- Motivating
- Easy and effective exercises
- Energising

These are just a few of the benefits you will receive from joining the “One Step” team.

I am taking registrations of interest for my half hour sessions, which are at a cost of just $12.
This includes health checks, tools to help you reach your goals, guidance and help along the way and much more!
The times available are: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Monday to Friday afternoons 2 - 2.30.
I will need a minimum of 3 to hold a class, and classes will be limited to just 10 places.
Children welcome!
Contact me, Lisa, with your preferred day and time on 0438002410 or fromwithinpt@gmail.com. See you there!

Autism Spectrum Australia
Positive Behaviour Support Workshop
Monday, 25th Tuesday, 26th
Thursday, 28th March
Camberwell Library
9.30–2.30
Register online at www.autismspectrum.org.au
AWARDS

Breanna Kilkenny
For being conscientious with all her work. Well done.

Bridget Mott
For working really well in Literacy.

Cristian Piovilloco
For settling into the classroom beautifully and making every effort to stay on task. Keep up the great work Cristian.

Giulia Piovilloco
For always trying her best in Literacy. Keep it up!

Holly Simmonds
For working hard to finish activities to the best of her ability. Well done!

Jarrod Smyth
For trying really hard with the presentation of his work. Well done!

Jessica Broatch-Jackson
For excellent presentation of her simile.

Kallen Redpath
For trying very hard to follow the school rules.

Lucas Ray
For working hard in Literacy and Maths.

Max Kneeshaw
For active participation during our problem solving session.

Mitchell Johnson
For an excellent homework video presentation. Well done Mitchell.

Molleigh Lane
For being creative in our Literacy rotation. Very impressive spelling game Molleigh.

FOUND
A picnic rug was left behind after the Twilight Sports. If its yours, please contact the office

HELP
If anyone is able to help with transport of two boys to school from Mornington area, from 25th April until 3rd May it would be greatly appreciated. Please call Mel on 0434 820 464 or 5973 4307.

ST BRENDAN’S COMMUNITY FOOTY FUNDRAISING EVENT

We are running a St Brendan’s Community Footy Tipping Competition as a fundraiser for 2013. This year we are combining the school and parish tipping competitions.

You can enter as a family, individual or both. If you enter as a family, you can have multiple competitors in that family, as required.

RULES
1. $15.00 per individual entry or $20.00 per family for the season
2. We will do the tipping electronically this year via the internet
3. Once you are committed to the competition by paying the fee, the school will set you up with a login and password for this competition.

There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd!

Please send tear-off slip with money via classroom message tubs by Friday 15th March.

CRAFT CLASSES

Classes held for children aged 7 over. Projects range from Jewellery, scrapbooking, glass painting, sun catchers, dream catchers, decoupage, mulberry paper glasses, sewing and rubber stamp. Fourth term is Christmas projects. Classes held Saturdays during School term times. Both Saturdays morning & afternoons

Ph: Kathy on (03) 9789 0955
Or Carmel Corry on 0439 408 800.
FOOTY TIPPING 2013

Name: _______________________________________________   Email address  ________________________________________  Payment  Enclosed      $15.00 or   $20.00