A word from the Principal.....

Hello Everyone,

Here we are at the end of another busy term. It’s been a great term of learning and fun at our school. The Junior Learning Centre is a hive of productive activity, where the children are learning together in shared investigation time, and in the main building, the senior students are enjoying being in their new home area. Transition activities for Preps have ensured a smooth and settled start to school, and our senior transition activities have also begun, with the senior students having a taste of secondary college at Upwey High School last week.

The Kitchen program has been very exciting this term, with visits to The Piggery, and last week our new Garden teacher, Sonja, reintroduced our students to the garden where they got their hands a little dirty! We are looking forward to a wonderful and vibrant Kitchen-Garden program ‘blossoming’ over the next months, with Kylie and Sonja weaving their magic together! 😊 😊

School Council

We have commenced our meetings of the new School Council for 2015 and next term we will begin meetings of the sub-committees. Our Facilities and Grounds Committee and Parents and Friends Association would love to have more members on board to dream big and achieve our goals.

Next meeting of School Council is on Monday 27th April at 8 pm

Should you be interested in joining us, please contact Christine on 9755 2633 to find out how to get involved in the Facilities and

At Kallista Primary we all value:

- Courage
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Honesty
Grounds Committee and Parents and Friends Association.

**Free Dress Day this Friday**
Bring a gold coin donation to school on Friday and support the Royal Children’s Hospital. Thanks to Katie for organising this fundraiser fun-day and for helping our very special R.C.H.

**Transition for Year 5 and 6**
Sam Graunke is our senior students’ transition coordinator and would like to remind Year 5 parents, that it is a good time to start looking at secondary colleges. You can look on school websites for tour dates and Open Days, or simply call schools to make an appointment. Parents of Year 6 students should have received transition information from Sam this week. Should you have any questions or concerns about transition for your Year 6 child, please call the office to make a time to speak with Sam about transition.

**Assembly this Friday at 2.15pm**
Assemblies are now officially ‘squishy’! We had our first ‘squishy’ assembly in the library last week, while our GP Room is being upgraded. Our school captains ran their first official assembly last Friday and did a terrific job. One of our talented Year Six students, Taj, played two songs on his guitar for us, and this Friday some of our other instrumental students will be performing for us. Also our Easter Raffle will be drawn! Be there!

**Term 2 Dates**
We will be back to school on April 13th, and Term 2 finishes on June 26th.

Some of the activities next term are Grade 3&4 camp and 5&6 camps, Education Week, and NAPLAN for Year 3 and 5 students.

**OSHC**
As some of you may be aware our Out of School Hours Care program is currently situated in our Library due to the maintenance work being carried out in the GP Room. Please **do not** call the normal Out of School Hours Care phone number (9755 3740) as there is no one down there to answer the phone. If you need to phone OSHC, please contact the school’s general phone number, 9755 2633, until further notice. We are trying to rectify this problem and will advise the new direct number as soon as possible.

Thanking everyone for all the support and team work that makes our school such a brilliant place to be. Have a safe and happy Easter holiday

Christine
Library News

Calling all overdue library books! We know you are there somewhere! Is that you under the bed, peeping from under the sofa or hidden in the bookshelf with all the other books! The library needs you to return to your rightful place on the shelves at the library so other students can read your wonderful words, be inspired by your beautiful pictures and absorb your wisdom! Let's make an extra effort to take care of our library books, always keep them in your library bag and in a designated place at your home and return them on time, so they can be shared with your fellow students. That's what the library is all about after all!

If you need to communicate with the library (students, teachers, parents), please leave a note in the Library Communications Book which lives on the Circulation Desk in the library and we will respond to you on the following Tuesday (when the library is manned by volunteers in the morning). If you are a parent who can spare a few minutes a week/fortnight/month to join the library crew please let me know shellykemp@optusnet.com.au / Michelle Kemp - 0430139920. Happy reading everyone!

Michelle

The Second Hand Uniform Shop will be open this Friday 27th March at 8.45-9.30am in Staff Room.

Head Lice Checkers

We currently have no head lice checkers available at the school. If you are able to volunteer a small amount of your time for this task could you please contact the office. Training available. Thank you
Parents & Friends Association

The next PFA meeting will be Friday 17th April, 9am, in the staffroom. Please come along and help plan some great social events for students, parents and friends of Kallista Primary this year—we would love to see lots of new faces around the table!

Regards
Kate (0438 038 718) and Cath (0428 862 074)
PFA

Eastern Zone Swimming

Congratulations to all of our Kallista swimmers who represented us so well recently. Well done to Indio L for her second placing in her individual event. Great effort also for Hamish S, Indigo B, Darcy W and Taj L for a fantastic relay swim. What great representatives of Kallista.

Easter Raffle - Drawn this Friday!

Our Easter raffle will be drawn this Friday 27th at assembly - and with over 30 Easter baskets to be won ...it’s HUGE !!!
Please return named tickets and money to school by Friday morning
More ticket books available in the office
Donations of eggs, soft toys, baskets etc can be placed in the pink box outside the office until 9am Friday
Baskets will be packed on Friday morning from 9am-11am in the staffroom.
Everyone welcome to come along and help us create some fab. Raffle prizes
...Thanks for your Support!

(enq ph/text Kate 0438 038 718)
Our choir will be joining with other local schools to perform in the DRMC (Dandenong Ranges Music Council) specially commissioned production of “Bells Of Peace” to commemorate the centenary of ANZAC.

This special work composed and compiled by Brian Hogg will reflect the impact of wartime life on local communities and families and is sensitively developed to focus as positively as possible on mateship, music and community solidarity in times of great need. The title “Bells Of Peace” comes from a central story which will be included in the production reflecting Dame Nellie Melba’s impromptu concert at Lilydale when peace was announced. Dame Nellie, having the only telephone in the area, had her driver take her to Lilydale where she rang the fire bell to notify locals that the armistice was official. Bells then rang out up and down the Yarra Valley and hundreds of people gathered at Lilydale where singing and dancing went on well into the night.

**Tickets for the two performances can be purchase online as outlined below.**

This would be a wonderful culmination for the studies of ANZAC that many of our students have been doing in class this term. Our year 3-6 classes will be contributing work to be displayed in the foyer of both performances.

“We love your work such a range of topics and a depth of research and understanding. We hope they all come to see it displayed.” Helen Willsher, Bells of Peace Display Coordinator
“Monoprints”  By Grades 1 & 2

Gully

Gil

Stella

Molly
MINDFULNESS MEDITATION
EVENING GROUP

An 8-week group program that combines meditation with therapy for people who have a child with autism and have experienced depression or chronic unhappiness.

This group teaches a range of exercises and skills based on Meditation and Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, a type of therapy which helps people to change unhelpful or unhelpful thinking habits, learnings and behaviours.

- Learn gentle and effective techniques that help maintain clarity and well-being
- Learn about the patterns of the mind, how to recognize when your mind is starting to work and how best to respond
- Learn the practice of mindfulness meditation by listening to it in classes and at home
- Help break the link between periods of sadness and negative or self-critical thinking.

DATES
Monday Evenings
April 7th - June 8th
(Inclusive)

TIME
6:30pm - 8:30pm

VENUE
Irabina Office Branch
438 Princes Highway
Officer, VIC 3809

COST
FREE - This program has been kindly supported
through the Cardinia Local Government Area Community Support Grants. Participants will need to pay $50 for program necessities.

ENQUIRIES
For more information please contact Louise Messer on 9726 1118 or via email lms@irabina.com
Book your place at www.irabina.com
Training and Development • Mindfulness

April 2015
School Holiday Program
20 hours of Intensive Intervention!
Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA)

April 7th - 10th 2015
4 hours a day 9.30am - 1.30pm

Funded

** BAYSWATER SITE ONLY **

*** Book early to avoid disappointment ***

Cost: $600 for the 4 day program

To assist therapy staff with planning, registrations MUST be in by the 23rd March

Questions? Please call Bessie (Manager Clinical Services) - 9726 1118

e-mail registrations to autism@irabina.com

School Holiday Program
March 31st - April 2nd 2015

** Bayswater & Officer site **
Lego Club
Helping Children with Autism (FaHCSIA) funded

Group 1: Prep-Grade 2
9.30am - 11.00am

Group 2: Grade 3 - Grade 6
1.00pm - 2.30pm

Cost: $250 for a 3 day program

Our program is based on the Lego Therapy model.

The idea behind Lego Therapy is to motivate children to work together in pairs and small groups on specific projects. For part of the program, children will be assigned different roles in structured play. Other parts of the program will be less structured and we will work with the children to apply some of the problem solving and interaction skills they learn through the structured play.

The program allows children to practice joint problem solving, listening, and general social communication skills, and will be supported by a multidisciplinary team of therapists.

Questions? Please call Bessie (Manager Clinical Services), to assist therapy staff with planning, registrations MUST be filled in by the 23rd March. E-mail registrations to autism@irabina.com or hand them to Wendy in main reception.

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Autism Counselling
Why fit in...when you were born to stand out?

2015 Parent Courses

The new education & support program for parents of children with ASD
Course consists of 5 two hour sessions, designed to encourage greater understanding of ASD & to help encourage positive change within the family.

Course Outline:
1. Following Diagnosis - specific issues facing families
2. Coping, managing grief, self care
3. Communication & ASD - increasing communication to decrease frustration
4. Understanding & managing difficult behaviour
5. Understanding social issues & increasing social understanding
6. Sensory issues - understanding the links to challenging behaviour.

Course Dates:
Term One: Feb 5th - March 12th
Term Two: April 23rd - May 28th
Term Three: July 31st - Sept 4th
Term Four: Oct 23rd - Nov 27th

Contact: Jo White
Phone: 0418 607 290
Web: www.autismcounselling.com.au
Email: jo@white123@gmail.com

An Invitation to:
Yarra Ranges schools, early years services and health, family support agencies

The middle years is a critical time in a young person’s development. What are the issues and how can we respond?

Participate in this important forum to find out more and explore the issues relevant to Yarra Ranges. Celebrate and brand the launch of the Yarra Ranges Council Child and Youth Strategy.

Date: 4th May 2015
Time: 9am to 1pm
Where: Japara Living and Learning Centre
54 Durham Road, Kilsyth
Parking: Vic Taulby Rd and Tower Street

Morning Tea provided

Presenters include:
- Dr Jenny Preinos, Principal Medical Advisor - Department of Education and Training
- Current Research on Middle Years - Mayor Councillor Maria McCarthy - Launch of the Child and Youth Strategy

To RSVP to this event, please contact Tracy McCaskill on 9294 6716
or email t.mccaskill@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

For more information please contact Alice Tudehope on 9294 6377 or email a.tudehope@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Reclaim, Renew, Reconnect
An engaging 8 week creative arts therapy journey for
women recovering from family violence.

2015 Women’s Art Therapy Group Workshops

The RR program uses painting, drawing, sculpture, poetry, movement and music to explore the experience of self and motherhood in the recovery from family violence.

These workshops provide women with a safe space to:
- Experience healing, acceptance and growth while developing self-awareness and self-esteem
- Be nurtured, inspired and empowered through creative art processes
- Share and connect with other women who have had similar experiences
- Nurtures the mother-child relationship by discovering ways to connect more deeply with children
- Challenges social myths around family violence and breaks down the silence around abusive relationships
- Reconnect with inner strengths and wisdom whilst gaining insight and understanding into oneself

PLEASE NOTE:
- Limited places available
- Children with a parent or other adult in the workshop
- Women are required to have attended some family violence counseling

Date Commencing - 22nd April 2015 - 10am to 1pm.
Venue: Anglicare Victoria 47, Castella St, Lilydale.
For further information please phone 9735 4188

There is no cost for the program.
Holiday Tennis Clinic at Belgrave!

- Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th of April  
  (Belgrave Tennis Club: Corner of Benson st and Blair rd.)
- Lots of Coaching and Games!
- 2pm to 4.30pm both days $60

Call or text Sam: 0432 865 787 (Bookings essential)

Never played? .... Beginners are most welcome! .... Racquets provided!

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Backyard League is an exciting initiative introducing students to Rugby League in a safe, non-competitive and fun environment.

For more information contact Len Mason 0411 057 303 or lmason@nrl.com.au

FREE ACTIVE APRIL ACTIVITIES!

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
WEDNESDAY 8TH APRIL 10-12pm

Boys and girls aged 8-12 years old are invited to attend a FREE Rugby League Clinic, run by NRL Development Officers and fully accredited and experienced Coaches, followed by a Sausage Sizzle.

Bookings essential – RSVP by 1 April.

FAMILY FUN DAY!
SATURDAY 11TH APRIL 10 – 3pm

A fun packed day for everyone! Bring the kids down to have a go at some of our FREE Activities. Watch some of our players in action with Rugby League Demonstration Games showing safe play codes including mini, mod and international rules rugby league, Sausage Sizzle, Raffle and much, much more!

Both events will be held at our Home Ground:
Colchester Reserve
Colchester Road, Boronia

Also seeking players for the 2015 Season
Boys and Girls: 4 – 18 years old and Girls League Tag; 12-18 years old.

For more information please or to make a booking contact our Club Secretary, Rebecca Marnock on 0411 154 776 or visit our website:
www.easternraptors.com.au

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