Dear Parents and Friends,

Our two days at Bastow.

We had two very long days with lots of learning at Bastow on Tuesday and Wednesday. Thank you to Siobhan, Emily, Rainer and Angelica for putting in the extra hours and to Emily and Siobhan for working on their days off. We have a project we need to plan that will make a difference to the way we plan for and teach our students and we will be working on that over the next couple of weeks.

We have also been partnered up with Glenroy Central PS. The two schools will act as supports for each other and will visit each other’s schools. We have two more visits to Bastow on June 14th and October 12th as well as some webinars to participate in.

Thank you to Alison for being in charge on Wednesday and for our students for, generally, behaving very well for their replacement teachers. I have spoken to a small number of students today about their disrespectful behaviour towards their replacement teacher. At Malmsbury Primary School we expect all our students to behave in a respectful manner towards all their teachers including replacement teachers.

School Values.

Our focus this term has been on helping our students learn more about Responsibility and Inclusiveness. You can help your child become responsible by:
- Holding your children accountable for their actions, even if it means an uncomfortable, even painful, interaction with them when you ‘Name it’ to them and put consequences in place.
- Not stepping in and doing a job you have asked your child to do. Many parenting experts also recommend not paying our children to do tasks they are expected to do around the home, it’s part of being a family and keeping our homes neat and tidy for everyone who lives there.

You can help your child learn more about inclusiveness by:
- Ensuring they treat everyone with respect and that they see you doing the same.
- Helping them learn about other cultures by reading widely, visiting art galleries and museums.

Warm regards,
Carolyn Tavener.
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Friday 18th March is National Day of Action Against Bullying.

Outside of School Hours Care (OSHC)
Here is our program for next week-
Monday— Public holiday— no OSHC!
Tuesday— Zucchini slice. Cooking the zucchini slice, playing on the equipment outside.
Wednesday— Fruit platter. Lego construction and treasure hunt.
Thursday— Cheese and biscuits. Story telling and poison ball.
Friday— Baking Banana muffins. Playing Octopus and games outside.

Don’t forget, for your child to attend OSHC they must have a 2016 enrolment form completed and handed in to the office. Children can be booked in by 11am each day or you can make a permanent booking for a particular day of the week.

From Claire.

Easter Raffle. It’s time to send along your donations for our Easter raffle. Donations can be left at the office and we will draw the raffle on the last day of term, Thursday 24th.

Parents Night Out. A sign up sheet is at the front of the school for parents who would like to come out for dinner at the pub on Wednesday 23rd March. Make sure you add your name if you are coming along so we know how many people to book for.

Don’t forget our first fresh produce market coming up on Friday 18th March. Home baked goodies and home grown goodies will be on sale. All donations welcome!

From Katie and Marg.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for striving to be the best they can be.

School Values Award - Degan for putting in a top effort in all school activities and making good choices.

Writer of the Week - Charlie for her amazing effort with her writing.

Musician of the Week - Velvet for her gorgeous singing and ukulele playing.

Parents Club.

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LEARNING, SHARING, GROWING TOGETHER
Ride2School or Walk to school
P/1 all ready for Clean up Schools Day action!
Lunchbox Winners!
A week of lunchboxes.
These are from http://www.mymommystyle.com/2013/09/04/6-healthy-lunch-box-ideas/

Day 1-
Turkey, cheese, and spinach sandwich on multi-grain rounds from Costco (these are awesome because they are the same shape as the deli meat and cheese so it makes them a little easier to handle for little kids), mandarin, grapes, pistachios, yoghurt, and a few coconut pieces for a sweet treat.

Day 2-
Sandwich kebabs, fruit cup, apple, and carrots.

Day 3-
Peanut butter and jam sushi, mandarin, carrots, mini bell peppers, string cheese, and a fruit leather for a sweet treat. To make the sushi cut the crusts of a piece of bread and roll it out flat with a rolling pin or drinking glass. Add some peanut butter and jam and roll (don’t roll too tight or you will squish jelly everywhere….believe me.) Cut the roll into four pieces.

Day 4-
Romaine salad with carrots, bell pepper, and almonds, sliced strawberries, yoghurt, and ants on a log (peanut butter on celery with sultanas)

Day 5-
Sandwich kebabs, cantaloupe, carrots, celery, and apple sauce.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

In primary school, some students miss on average 3 weeks of school per year. That’s half a year of school by the end of year 6.

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child’s education.

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit: education.vic.gov.au

Department of Education and Early Childhood Development
Taradale Mineral Springs Festival

Sunday 13 March 2016 10am – 4pm
Taradale Mineral Springs Reserve

- Handcrafted local wines
- Specialty foods, oils and multicultural delights
- Music & dance including flamenco, rock & folk music
- Historical displays & Devonshire teats
- Vintage and classic cars
- Art Exhibition - Sat & Sun 10am - 4pm
- Jumping castle & giant slide

Free Parking
$5 entry - children under 15yr free
BYO picnic basket & blanket

Art Exhibition Opening Friday 11th March 7-9pm

COMMUNITY NEWS

Discovery Science & technology Centre presents-
Dr. Karl Great Moments in Science.

6:30pm Monday 18th April
The Capital, Bendigo.


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Wackie Workshop

Federation Handbells & Handmade Instruments

Jon Mabin, Wacky Music Instrument Maker, is holding a workshop for playing joyful music with Federation Handbells & his instruments. The workshop is for all - young and old - who want to have fun making music.

Play at St John's on Easter Eve, Saturday, 26 March 2016
Contact: Srebrokina Kune K M: 0419 222 813 Email: srebrokina@xmpl.com.au
"The Federation Handbells are managed by Museum Victoria on behalf of Creative Victoria"
COMMUNITY NEWS

Bug-A-Lugs Holiday Program
29th March - 8th April
*Little Comedians Workshop*  *Dino Diggers*  *Minute to Win It*
*Magic Show & Workshop*  *Sovereign Hill*
and much more!
Qualified staff and government rebates available
Call Bug-A-Lugs 5422-2767 or www.bug-a-lugs.com.au for more information

CELEBRATE EASTER EVE

Program
* Choir of Angels
* Harpers Bizarre  *harpists
* Federation Bellringers
  Jon Madin & Group
* Malmsbury Music Makers
  David Kram & Katie Nowland
* Federation Handbells & Pilgrim’s Way
  Anton Hasell & Srebenka Kunek
* Heritage architecture presentation
  Rev. Canon Graham Snell & Robyn Snell
* Thanksgiving Feast
  Peter Feron singing ballads

* Blessings & candles
* Historical photo exhibit

local foods  local foods  local foods

where: St John’s Malmsbury
time: 10.00am till late
when: Saturday, 26 March 2016

alcohol free zone
Are you amongst the 10% of smart parents?

Parenting is challenging but you don’t need to go it alone. We all need help from time to time. Here are some ideas to help parents build their support network.

Help comes in many forms. It’s essential to build your network of support. Here’s how:

1. **Start with family and friends**
   You need between three and five trusted, non-judgemental people who you can call on for help. Count how many you have right now. If you fall short, look for ways to build your social capital.

2. **Work alongside your child’s teacher**
   Develop an open and communicative relationship with your child’s teacher so that you can work with them, seek support and develop ongoing strategies. Understand the best time to touch base with your teacher and establish how regularly this contact is needed.

3. **Find counselling, parent education services and professional assistance**
   Whether paid or free (such as Parentline), there are various services that you can go to when you need significant assistance. Foster a relationship with a professional (general practitioner, psychologist, social worker) that you can trust and return to over time.

4. **Follow a voice you can trust**
   Part of modern parental stress comes from the plethora of information about raising kids. Answering the basic question, “Am I doing a good job?” is now super-confusing. Choose expertise wisely.

5. **Don’t blaze trails**
   Many parents think like the Lone Ranger, they are blazing a trail through uncharted territory. Raising twins on your own? You’re not the first. Got a child with ADHD, another with autism and your 15 year old wants to get a tattoo? You’re not the first. Seek out like-minded parents or experienced professionals who have been down these paths, or have helped people navigate similar situations and get their perspectives. Trail-blazers are easily lost.

If you are like the majority of parents who find the job tough from time to time then I encourage you to be one of the smart 10 per cent and adopt help-seeking behaviours. The alternative, struggle along with the majority of parents, is just not necessary.

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**Michael Grose**