**TERM 3 EVENTS & REMINDERS**

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**EMERGENCY EVACUATION DRILL**

On Tuesday this week there was an emergency external evacuation drill. It is important that everyone at school learn what to do in the event of an emergency. A drill is a great way to practice what needs to happen, not only for all students but also for teachers and staff. It was fantastic to see all students calmly leaving the school buildings and lining up in front of their teachers. **WELL DONE EVERYONE!**

**HAND FOOT & MOUTH DISEASE**

There have been reports of Hand Foot & Mouth Disease. Hand foot and mouth disease (HFMD) is a viral infection. It is not linked to the foot and mouth disease that affect animals. HFMD is mainly seen in children under the age of 10 or in young adults. It is easily spread from one person to another.

**Signs and symptoms**

Symptoms usually start three to seven days after catching the infection and can last from seven to 10 days. The common signs and symptoms include:

- high temperature (fever)
- sore throat
- small blisters on the inside of the mouth, the sides of the tongue, palms of the hands, fingers, soles of the feet (the blisters should not be itchy like chickenpox blisters)
- poor appetite
- Tiredness

If you have any concerns about your child please see your doctor. Children who have HFMD need to remain at home until all the blisters have dried up.

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**GRADE 3/4 BASKETBALL RESULTS**

Last Friday Grade 3/4 girls and boys basketball teams competed in the District Basketball Competition held at San Remo Primary School. Both teams displayed excellent teamwork and sportsmanship while representing the school. The girls team improved in every match throughout the day and the boys team finished in first position. **WELL DONE!**

Thank you to the parents, coaches and helpers who attended and assisted on the day, in particular Dino Masinovic, Kirsty Taranto, Megan Hocking, Jessica Palmer, David Blum and Kylie Landsdown.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSION FUND (CSEF)**

For those families who were eligible and applied for the CSEF money before the end of Term 2, your children's accounts have now been credited with $125/student. Late applications have been submitted and only some funding has been received. Future camps, sporting excursions etc. expenses may now be claimed by drawing on your child’s account. Parents will need to tick the CSEF payment box, on Permission Slips. If you have any questions about the funding and what it can and can’t be used for please phone the office.
BIKE EDUCATION PROGRAM
This week students from Grades 3-6 began their Bike Education Program at school. The program offers all students in middle and senior years, the opportunity to enhance their riding competency by; practising cycling skills, promoting safe strategies for riding in traffic, familiarising students with relevant road rules and promoting safe methods to negotiate common traffic situations. We would like to thank Don Turner, Anne, Gabrielle (from the local ‘BUGS’ - bicycle user group) and Kylie Landsdown for assisting with the sessions.

GRADE 6 BOMBER JACKET
A student who recently moved and left the school, ordered a Grade 6 Bomber Jacket and partially paid for it. If you’re interested in purchasing the brand new jacket at a discounted price, please give the office a call.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE
After School Activities started this week.
Football - Monday afternoon 3.30-4.30pm
Netball - Tuesday afternoon 3.30-4.30pm
Students are advised to bring their own fruit or snack for afternoon tea as the funding for Active After School Care this term sadly doesn't include afternoon tea. Parents are required to pick up children from school.

BIRTHDAYS AT BASS VALLEY
Students celebrating this week:

ENJOY YOUR SPECIAL DAY!!!
Heidi Bennett (belated—sorry)
Ollie Diggles
Kodie Brown-Dancer

DUCK LOTTO
Friday 13th November. We need lots of help to organise this fabulous event. Anyone willing to volunteer or help out, in any capacity at all, would be fabulous. Please contact the office if you’re able to get involved. Watch this space for more information.

TISSUES PLEASE
So many students have been struck down with colds and virus’ this term that we are running extremely low on tissues. Any donations would be great appreciated. Thank you!

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2015
Woolworths has started its Earn & Learn program again. This is a fantastic opportunity for the school to be able to purchase extra resources with the community’s help. Simply ask for and collect your stickers at the check out. We have a box at the Wonthaggi store or they can be brought into the school. Ask your neighbours, friends, relatives and any contacts you have to collect for Bass Valley Primary School.
Thank you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox is an opportunity to touch a child’s heart.
All donations need to be new & unused

Gift Suggestions:
* Something to Wear – t-shirt, shorts, dress, cap, etc.
* Something to Love – teddy bear, doll, soft toy etc.
* Something Special – sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklace, craft, photo etc.
* Something for School – exercise book, pencil case, pencils, sharpeners, chalk etc.
* Something to Play With – tennis ball, cars, skip rope, marbles, yo-yo, etc.
* Something for Personal Hygiene – soap, face washer, toothbrush, comb etc.

Arid
(adjective)

Definition: having little or no rain; dry; parched with heat.
A desert is an example of an arid land.

Salubrious
(adjective)

Definition: favourable to; or promoting health or wellbeing.
Vegetables are an example of salubrious foods which provide essential nutrients.
It is one of the most spectacular rides in Victoria and on Saturday 14th November 2015, cyclists and their friends and families from all over the state will flock to Inverloch for a smorgasbord of events in the 2015 Bass Coast Cycle Challenge + Family Festival. With rides, runs, kids skateboarding and BMX comps, music and food stalls, there is something for the whole family:

**RIDES:**
- 121km
- 85km
- 53km
- 40km
- 5km kids ride

**RUNS:**
- 10km
- 5km
- 1.8km

**COMPS:**
- BMX + Skateboarding

“We are excited to partner with the Lions Family Festival in 2015, and have timetabled the day so while adults or riders aged 12+ are enjoying one of the four longer rides, Inverloch will remain abuzz with activities for young and old, such as fun runs, a safe kids bike race, competitions at the skate park, street stalls and music.” Said Event Director Gavin Slavin.

A charity event, proceeds fund the education of South Gippsland’s young drivers, passengers and cyclists, making our roads a safer place for all. Through local support of this event, over 1000 students from South Gippsland have participated in the RYDA program, a one day course delivering practical road safety information targeting attitude and awareness of young drivers and their passengers.

Early bird entries go in the running to win one of five free ride entries. For more information or how to enter, see our website: www.basscoastcyclechallenge.com
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