### COMING EVENTS AND REMINDERS

**24th April**—District Athletic Sports—Wonthaggi

“**3pm Special Anzac Day Ceremony**

**27th—29th April**—Grade 3/4 Camp

**4th May**—Whole School Assembly—2.30pm

**5th May**—Mothers’ Day Stall

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#### DISTRICT ATHLETIC SPORTS

Tomorrow we are sending 42 students to compete in the District Athletics competition in Wonthaggi. We wish you all good luck and look forward to hearing your results when you get back to school. The alternative date for the sports is Friday 8th May if tomorrow is called off due to wet weather. Please enquire at the school office in the morning if you need confirmation.

Our House Athletic Sports were run last Friday in ideal conditions. We have some pictures from the day featured on page 4 of this newsletter. A big thank you to Jon McCormick for your organisation of this event and to all staff and the House Captains and other students and parents who helped out on the day. All help was very much appreciated.

#### GRADE 3/4 CAMP

We hope our 3/4 students heading off to camp on Monday have a great time. Make sure your bags are packed and you are ready to go. Students return home from camp by 3pm.

#### TERM 2 ASSEMBLIES

We will be having a special Anzac Day Ceremony at 3pm on Friday 24th April. This will be held on the asphalt area.

There will be an unit assembly on Monday 27th April at 2.50pm. This assembly will feature Grades P/1G, P/1V and 1/2H. Parents are most welcome to come along to this assembly.

#### FRENCH CLASSES

Bonjour, tout le monde! Here are some new French words the students have been learning this week:

- Merci - Thankyou
- un soulier - a shoe
- un manteau - a coat
- un chapeau - a hat
- "Je mets le chapeau" - I put on the hat
- "J'enlève le chapeau" - I take off the hat

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#### MOTHER’S DAY STALL

On Tuesday 5th May a Mother’s Day stall will be run at school, coordinated by Katrina Graham. Each class will visit the stall during the morning. Gifts will be priced between $1 and $10 and will only be available on this day. We will not be able to lay-by or hold any gifts. They will have to be paid for on the day.

#### NAPLAN TESTING

During Week 5 of the term (May 12th—14th) the Grade 3 and 5 students will do the NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) assessment. NAPLAN is an assessment program that is administered to all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students throughout Australia. NAPLAN has four dimensions, Writing Conventions, which is Punctuation & Grammar and Spelling, Reading, Writing and Mathematics. When the testing is completed it will be sent away to be centrally marked. For parents who want further information relating to NAPLAN you may find the answers to any queries on the VCCA website:

http://www.naplan.edu.au

#### ANZAC TRIBUTE

Brian Whelan from the Mens Shed Woodies Group put together the pictured tribute for Anzac Day. The poppies were made in our Art class by our students. This will be on display in the exhibition at the Bass Hotel on Anzac Day. Our students also feature on the front page of this week’s P.I. Advertiser with the poppies they made with the C.W.A. ladies that will also be featured at the Bass Down Service.
**ANNUAL REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY**

The 2014 Annual Report to the School Community for Bass Valley Primary School will be available for anybody to pick up a copy of from the School office from Thursday 23rd April.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Religious Education classes commenced last Tuesday. If there are any other students who wish to participate in Religious Education please return the Parent Consent form or contact the school office to obtain one.

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Prep I/V made some Anzac biscuits today. Below is a recipe from our C.W.A. ladies for Anzac biscuits.

**ANZAC BISCUITS**

125gm butter, chopped 2 tbs golden syrup
½ tsp bi-carb soda 2 tbs boiling water
1 cup rolled oats 1 cup plain flour
1 cup caster sugar ¾ cup coconut

Combine butter and golden syrup in a pan, stir over heat until butter is melted. Stir in combined soda and water, then remaining ingredients. Mix well.

Drop rounded teaspoons of mixture about 4cm apart on greased oven trays and flatten slightly. Bake in a slow oven for about 20 minutes, or until slightly brown. Cool on trays. Makes about 24.

Recipe provided from Cookery Book Copyright ©2003 The Country Women’s Association of Victoria Inc.

Another icon of war is the ‘Anzac Biscuit’ which has long been associated with Anzac Day. The hardtack or tile was an extremely hard and long-lasting biscuit, designed as a substitute for bread. Soldiers try and soften them with a favourite jam tart, some used them as a canvas and sent them home with messages to their loved ones.

The first recipe for Anzac Biscuits appeared in recipe books in the 1920s although cooked earlier.

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**BIRTHDAYS AT BASS VALLEY**

The students celebrating their birthday this week are:

*Angela Pearson & James Thornton*

We hope you both have wonderful days.

**Canteen Roster for Next Week:**

30th April: Di Dakin & Katrina Graham

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**BASS VALLEY BASKETBALL GROUP**

We did not have enough players register last night to commence a competition. We will try one more week of registrations next week. Wednesday 29th April at 5.30pm. If we do not get enough players, this competition will not commence this year.

Spread the word amongst your friends. Boys & girls in grades 3-6 are welcome to join this competition.
On Tuesday, our School Captains, Olivia and Emily and our Bass Coast Young Leaders Jamie and Kodi went to a “GRIP” Leadership conference in Korumburra.

We started off with a game of paper, scissors, rock which had a meaning for us leaders to find out. Paper stands for Plan- Create a plan. Scissors stands for Take action- Take all opportunity’s and finally, Rock stands for stay strong- Never give up.

Next on the agenda was learning the meaning of stand up! 1. Stand up when… There is an opportunity. 2. Stand up for… What is right. 3. Stand up for… Others. 4. Stand up for… yourself.

WHEN I STAND UP I BECOME A LEADER!

Next was the topic “Pay it forward” which meant how to be generous when being a leader. A habit of giving to someone else without expecting anything in return is an example of being generous. The three T’s mean Time, Treasure and Talent. Then we were learning about looking for opportunities’ to lead.

Look and listen- Listen and think of others ideas
Every day- Your job is not a one off thing
Ask- Don’t be afraid to ask questions
Decide and do- Once the plan is made do it!

Developing our leadership plan!

Priority area
Listen
Activity
Next steps

Some ideas we have come up with so far:
◊ Bass Valley has talent
◊ Crazy Hair day
◊ Bin it to Win it
◊ Pyjamas Day
◊ Funniest B.V.P.S (Funniest Home Videos)
◊ Dancing with the staff

While we were developing our plan we had to think about improving areas in our school that we thought needed a make over that included, the running track and making the eating area a cleaner space. We also learnt about plans and structure.

As a surprise guest, Elinor Patterson was a guest speaker at the conference. Just in case you do not know who she is, she is an athlete- High jumping. Her personal best is 196cm. Elinor was in the commonwealth games last year for high jump and she got a gold medal for it. Her next competition is in Beijing for the champs. It was really cool to see her in person after seeing her on television and in the paper, as well as being a champion she was also a leader too!
House Athletic Sports

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL
Bass Valley Primary School students made poppies to go on the map of Gallipoli made by the Woodies group of Corinella. Our School Captains will assist with the tree planting. All students and their families are invited to attend this service.
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