Education Week 2014

Education Week will be celebrated from 18-24 May 2014 when kindergartens and government schools throughout Victoria will open their doors to parents and their broader communities through information nights, open days and evenings, student displays, performances and other special events that showcase their programs and achievements. A highlight of Education Week is the much anticipated Calendar of Free Events presented by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development in partnership with galleries, museums, libraries, farms and zoos, performance groups, tourism attractions and other community organisations with educational programs.

Our Open Afternoon and Open Evening will be held on Monday 19 May from 1:45—2:45 p.m. and 6:00—7:00 p.m. respectively. This will provide the opportunity for all students and families to take part. The afternoon session will be an opportunity to view normal classrooms in operation whilst the evening session will provide the opportunity to visit other classrooms at other year levels and participate in a range of activities incorporating literacy, numeracy and SCIENCE! Upon arrival at school, families are invited to collect “student passports” from the foyer of the general office and then visit at least four classrooms. Stamped passports can then be returned to the collection box to be in the draw for some great prizes! In the classrooms, children can participate in classroom activities supported with technologies inclusive of interactive whiteboards, computers, laptops and iPads. There will also be a performance in our Performing Arts Centre at 6:45 p.m. by the Years 3 and 4. We hope to see you all for a celebratory and rewarding experience.

Curriculum Highlights

Excursions provide a wonderful complement to the learning of students. They generally occur once a term in support of the classes’ inquiry units. Last week, the Year 6 classes visited Scienceworks and the Planetarium, and the Foundation and Year 1 classes visited Myuna Farm. The unseasonably warm weather added to the success of both days and upon their return to school, the children were eager to let us share in their experiences through their writing!
Myuna Farm Excursion
On Wednesday 7th of May a very excited cohort of Foundation and Grade 1 students attended their first excursion for 2014 at Myuna Farm. The children participated in many educational and entertaining experiences including talking with Joey the Cockatoo, riding on the farm train, milking a goat, holding baby animals in the nursery, feeding the cows and horses, exploring the vegetable garden and planting peas. Thank you very much to the wonderful teachers and parents who attended the excursion and made this experience possible. The Foundation and Grade 1 teachers and students look forward to continuing investigating farms and farm animals throughout our Literacy, Numeracy and Science units this term. Here is what the students said about Myuna Farm….

Lesath – I liked the cows.

Chloe – I liked the bats. They were hanging upside down in the trees. We got there in a train.

Matilda – I liked picking up the rabbits. I patted the rabbits. They felt soft.

Jacinta – I liked the pigs in the mud. I saw them rolling around.

Nidhi – I like the train ride. I liked the big, ginormous pig!

Nikola – I liked the train ride because we got to see animals as we drove passed.

Leon – I loved the train ride because we saw the horses!

Charlie – I loved Joey the cocky because he was funny!

Grade 6 Visit to Scienceworks and the Planetarium
On the 6th May, grade 6 students visited Scienceworks and the Planetarium to further their studies on science, specifically The Solar System (Earth and Space Sciences), and Electricity (Physical Sciences).

Scienceworks – The Lightning Room: Students observed static electricity which was generated from the large Van der Graff (column with dome). It simulated lightning strikes. High voltage was created causing sparks to arc and connect with specific objects with the safety cage. The moving electrons create electricity. Students observed the effects of the lightning when it arced on humans when they stood or sat in various situations, including holding a golf stick, inside an aeroplane and a car, standing under a tree, and sheltering in a bus shelter with a metal roof. The importance of safety when using electrical appliances was also explained.
I quickly move my fingers to block my ears. I’m looking at something we have never seen. I see the white bolt of lightning move around. There is a loud, crackling noise. So cool … but dangerous. I think this is the best excursion.

Sahar

We were chosen as volunteers. Dylan and Sherry held a sphere-shaped object; one held a positive and the other, a negative charge. We learned how our bodies are conductors, and so the circuit was completed when they held hands. By ‘shampooing her hair’ then touching her hair with the balloon, Faith demonstrated static electricity which caused her hair to fling everywhere as if she had an Afro! We hope we can go there again.

Faith and Dylan

Some questions about lightning strikes:
Is it safer to be in an aeroplane or standing under a bus shelter with a metal roof when there is lightning? 
Answer: It is safer to be in the aeroplane.

Is it safer to be in a car or sheltering under a tree? 
Answer: It is safer to be taking shelter in a car.

Is it safe to be playing golf during a storm? 
Answer: No, metal is a good conductor of electricity.

Tyler R and Ben

In the Lightning Room, what caught my attention were the models of people and vehicles and the lightning generator. Another demonstration was a metal ball which was generating electrical charges. A volunteer placed one hand on the ball and held confetti in a bowl with the other hand. The confetti shot out of the volunteer’s hand.

Raveen

The Lightning Room was a wonderful place where we learned many things about electricity. For the final show, we saw lightning strike various objects and we predicted whether or not the objects would be damaged.

Sherry

The Melbourne Planetarium

The session was titled, The Tilt, referring to the tilt of the Earth’s axis which results in the four seasons as the light from the sun moves from the northern to the southern hemispheres of Earth. From reclining chairs, the students watched the projection of the stars onto the dome above, and the movement of the Earth around the sun. The constellations and planets were noted, as well as the reasons for the length of shadows and temperatures of locations throughout the year, including the North Pole.

Have you ever asked yourself why you don’t see as many stars in the night sky when you are in the city? It’s due to light pollution in the city. You see many more stars, including the Milky Way, when you are in the country away from the lights.

Saviru

The students around me had their minds blown as all of the constellations of our galaxy came into view. Sagittarius, Virgo, Scorpio and eighty-five other constellations could be seen around us. It was amazing. It was interesting watching a usual night sky be turned into beautiful pictures and shapes that had been there for centuries. I could never see all of them if I looked on my own. Hundreds upon thousands of stars are in our night sky and I never thought that it could be so interesting. I was star-struck. Literally! Our chairs made slight creaking sounds as children pulled their heads up to see the stars closely and study them. The planetarium was definitely my favourite learning activity of the whole excursion.

Brooklyn
Tristan and Zac presented their project on ‘Fireworks’. They produced a detailed model explaining the components of a firework and how the firework would ignite. Jessica and Tatianna presented their project on ‘Gravity’ and explained how gravity’s strength depends on the object’s mass. Mass means how much matter an object has inside it.
Grade Foundation/ One Students Can Do It!
Yes we can!

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Term 2
Week ending 9th May 2014

FTL Thara  For trying really hard on Targeting Maths (Perseverance).
FBV Blake  For continuously encouraging his classmates. Well done, Blake!
F/1S Jayden  For arranging words to make a sentence.
1MM Zac  For writing an excellent recount about Myuna Farm including who, what, when, where and why.
1ER Nicola  For showing greater confidence during show & tell - well done!
2RG Imogen  For her improved focus to complete tasks on time. Well done!
2MB Mia  For fitting in beautifully at B.P.P.S. We love having you in 2MB!
2/3C Holly  For the super job you are doing learning your spelling words at home. Keep up the great effort!
3LP Arron  For writing a very interesting and detailed Holiday Highlight recount. Wonderful effort, Arron!
4CH Madeline  For trying her best in every subject and being a kind and caring student.
4SM Chloe  For demonstrating excellent getting along skills with a positive and friendly attitude.
4VK Shreya  For her excellent spelling test results.
5HG Sonja  For your persistence, dedication and have-a-go attitude with all class learning tasks. WELL DONE!
5LF Tom  For great improvement in your mathematical skills. Keep it up!
6TS Sachindi  For finishing all requirements of the Premiers’ Reading Challenge.
6JA Indiah  For demonstrating resilience at Scienceworks.
6JD 6JD  For being a fantastic grade whilst Jo was away - Thankyou!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E. 2/3C  For being able to “spread” during our soccer match.
Performing Arts 4CH  For sharing great ideas and creating choreography for their song - “Tonight’s the Night”.
Visual Arts FBV  For being cheerful, helpful and well-organised students, for displaying creativity & imagination in the outdoor garden & successfully applying a food dye wash to the white parts of their art work.
An evening with David Parkin
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A free parent information session

Find time for healthy life balance as you juggle:

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- work,
- home and
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David Parkin has had an accomplished career as a football player and coach and is now one of Australia's most inspirational and motivational speakers.

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Monday 19 May 2014
7.30 pm - 9.00 pm

City of Casey Civic Centre Chamber 1
Magid Drive, Narre Warren

For more information and bookings contact City of Casey Customer Service 9705 5200.

Please note that childcare is not available at this session.
Growing Great Kids

For parents and carers of primary school aged children

➢ Are your kids driving you crazy?
➢ Your kids just won’t listen?
➢ How can parenting be easier and more fun?
➢ What parenting ideas work?

Come along and join other parents/carers to discuss experiences, ideas and learn strategies in a relaxed, friendly place.

- Refreshments provided -

Parents Building Solutions

When: Tuesdays for 5 weeks
6.30pm – 9.00pm
27th May – 24th June 2014

Where: TurningPoint Family Church
Meeting Room
1785 South Gippsland Hwy
Cranbourne (Melways: 138 E1)

Who: Anyone caring for children - parents, grandparents, step-parents or carers

Bookings & Enquiries: Sandra Phillips at Parentzone
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- Circus • Dance • Drama workshops • Cupcake decorating •
  - Art classes • Art exhibition • BBQ •
Mindfulness Workshop
For Carers

Free Event:

Date: Thursday May 22nd
Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre,
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Time: 9.30am to 3.00pm
RSVP: 97053932 by 15th May 2014
Please advise of any dietary requirements

This workshop provides an introduction to Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR) - a technique for calming and resting the mind and helping people deal with stress.

Mindfulness is designed to enhance mental wellbeing and resilience through learning a number of mindfulness techniques. It is a practical and powerful way to address issues of recurring stress, anxiety and depression as well as assisting with anger management, coping with chronic pain.

Facilitator Anja Tanhane, is a qualified (MBSR) teacher and a meditation and Tai Chi practitioner for over twenty years.

Facilitator Michelle Morris has had 20 years’ experience working in Melbourne as a counsellor/psychotherapist and meditation teacher.

The day will commence at 9.30am with tea or coffee before an introduction to mindfulness meditation, following with small group exercise and meditation with opportunities to try both Tai Chi and Yoga. An enjoyable way to learn everyday stress reduction skills. You will be given a wonderful book on mindfulness at the conclusion of day’s activities.

Please wear comfortable clothing and shoes to participate in activities

Morning tea, lunch, & refreshments will be provided during the day. Ample parking is Free on site.

BOOK EARLY AS THERE ARE LIMITED SPACES.

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For further information please contact the Club Secretary via berwickspringsjfc@gmail.com
**FREE EVENT**

**Date:** Monday 16 June 2014  
**Time:** 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm  
(door open at 7.00 pm for a strict 7.30 pm start)  
**Where:** Cranbourne Golf Club,  
South Gippsland Highway,  
Cranbourne North  
**Tea, coffee and refreshments will be provided. This is an alcohol-free event.**

The evening invites dads and other significant males (including foster dads, grandparents, etc) from across Casey to come together and openly discuss issues relevant to being a dad with our guest panel. The discussion will focus on issues that are faced by expecting and new dads.

**Special Guest Host,** Sandy Roberts  
*TV Sports Journalist*

**GUEST PANEL MEMBERS INCLUDE:**

- **Dave Hughes**  
*Comedian and Media Personality*
- **Jay Laga’aia**  
*‘Play School’ Presenter, Children’s Entertainer and Actor*
- **Troy Jones**  
*‘Being Dad’ DVD Series and Founder of ‘Pregnant Pause’*
- **Gregory Nicolau,**  
*Consulting Psychologist and CEO, Australian Childhood Trauma Group*
- **Randal Newton-John**  
*Executive General Manager, MensLine Australia*

**PLACES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED – REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL**

For more information and to book your place, please contact City of Casey Customer Service on 9705 5200.  
If you have a question you would like to ask the panel, please email these before the evening to: dadsmatter@casey.vic.gov.au  
NRS (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired): 133 677 TIS (Translating and Interpreting Service): 131 450

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Children aged 0-7 years

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Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation presents:
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for parents, carers and professionals

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