Education Week 2014 - Open Night

All government schools and kindergartens throughout Victoria are in the midst of Education Week and in recognition of it, Brentwood Park Primary School opened its doors to parents and the broader community. Parents were invited to view classroom and corridor displays and to participate in the learning activities with their children during our Open Afternoon and Open Evening which were held on Monday 19 May from 1:45—2:45 p.m. and 6:00—7:00 p.m. respectively. In addition to the classroom activities, our visual arts room, Chinese [Mandarin] classroom and the Years 3 and 4 singing in our performing arts centre also proved to be popular attractions.

One hundred and twenty-three “passports” were collected as children and parents filed through the school’s entry foyer, although numbers were less than in previous years! Nevertheless, with four stamps collected in the “passports”, indicating at least four classrooms had been visited, our attendees subsequently gained entry into the “lucky draw”! Prizes will be awarded for each year level and will be announced at this week’s assembly!

I’d like to thank all staff for their attendance and contributions to the evening and to the parents and children who took the opportunity to attend our Education Week celebrations! It was great to see the children’s enjoyment of being at school in the evening and in showing their parents around the school and participating in a variety of literacy, numeracy and science activities. I trust all found it a rewarding experience.
Visit to Parliament House and The Museum
To further their understanding of the unit, *Civics and Citizenship*, grade 6 students visited Parliament House where they were welcomed by Judith Graley, our State Labor Member for Narre Warren South. Led by a tour guide, the students visited the Legislative Council and the Legislative Assembly. They also visited The Museum to learn more about science. Of particular interest was the Science and Life Gallery which featured dinosaurs, sea life and insects. In the Melbourne Gallery, they viewed replicas of past transport, buildings and technology.

**Parliament House:** The red carpet is in the Legislative Council (upper house) and the green carpet is in the Legislative Assembly (lower house). In the upper house, there are three symbols: a lion, a crown and a unicorn. Parliament is where laws are debated.  

**Tyler G**

**Phar Lap:** As we entered the Melbourne Gallery, I rushed towards the Phar Lap exhibit, ignoring everything else. I gazed at the beautiful horse in the glass case, admiring the size and perfection of the majestic creature in front of me. As a horse rider, I looked intensely at every detail, from the scratches on his hoofs to his eyes. On a screen, I watched a video of Phar Lap’s life, as Trish spoke about his death in North America. In the display case, I saw his old, faded saddle and a pair of rusty iron horse shoes. The rest of the exhibits in the museum couldn’t compete with the beautiful exhibition I had just seen.

**Adelle**

**Phar Lap:** Australia’s wonder horse!
He triumphed during the Great Depression of the early 1930s, when a hero was most needed by the people of Australia. He conquered the local racing scene—36 wins from his last 41 starts—and then won North America's richest race, the Agua Caliente Handicap, in 1932.
Bugs and Humans: In the Bugs Alive section, we saw spiders’ webs and some live giant, creepy spiders including Tarantulas and the poisonous Redbacks. There were honey bees with painful stings considering their size, bull ants and annoying wasps. We looked at human bodies and the organs, as well as dissections. Long mirrors distorted our reflections. This was probably one of the coolest museums I have been to!   

Logan
Edwin Flack District Cross Country
This week, our school had 60 students competing at district level in cross country. With fine conditions the course was very fast and the students from our school ran exceptionally well against fierce competition. There were a total of 80 competitors per race and many Brentwood Park students finished in the top 20 which was an excellent result. I am very proud of all of our competitors who gave their very best effort. Congratulations to Lewis 1st and Zoe 6th in the 12 year old category. We wish them well at divisional level. A huge thank you to the parents who assisted with the day. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Inter School Sport
This week, we will be playing Berwick Primary at home. Can you please ensure uniforms are being washed after each game and are returned at the end of the season.

Jim Narayan, H.&P.E.

National Walk Safely to School Day
National Walk Safely to School Day is on this Friday and hundreds of thousands of primary school aged children across the country will be participating with their parents, carers and teachers. It is a community event seeking to promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment!

REMEMBER:
• If you can't walk all the way, combine a walk with public transport.
• If you must use the car, leave it a good distance from school and walk the rest of the way.
• Download the free App that tracks your walks and encourages regular walking to and from school. (Search for WSTSD)
• Walking is one of the best ways to exercise – so get the children into a great habit and walk to school not only this Friday, but every day.
• Help teach the children to Stop! Look! Listen! and Think! ... every time they cross the road.
• Ensure that children up to 10 years always old hold an adult's hand when crossing the road.

BELLBROOK CATERING CANTEEN NEWS
Please note that the Home Style Muffin Choc Cocoa has been deleted from the New Canteen list, it will no longer be available.

South East Water
Stop the drip and save!
Did you know you can save up to 20,000 litres a year if you fix a dripping tap?
This can be as easy as changing the washer – a simple and effective way to make sure you're not using (or paying) more than you need to.
You can also save on your water bill if you have an eligible concession card.
Don't miss out on receiving your concession discount.

You can register your concession via mysoutheastwater.com.au or visit southeastwater.com.au/resident for more information.
Term 2
Week ending 16th May 2014

FTL Hayden  For showing persistence to do his best handwriting.
FBV Henry  For producing beautiful writing, with capital letters and full stops.
F/1S Holly  For working hard to learn the Oxford words. Awesome!
1MM Chase  For writing a fantastic recount about Myuna Farm including who, what, when, where and why.
1ER Hannah  For writing a detailed, interesting report on cows - great work!
2RG Chloe  For a concerted effort to read regularly each night. Well done!
2MB Sethuli  For trying really hard during our multiplication lessons and coming up with great arrays.
2/3C Eliza  For always trying your best to produce outstanding work. Well done!
3LP Abbey  For doing a FANTASTIC job on our ‘Chat to the Picture’ writing activity. Well done!!
4CH Cameron  For always completing his work to his best - which is outstanding! Well done!
4SM Josh  For being a super word - watcher during spelling and reading. Keep it up!
4VK Lucas  For being a friendly, cooperative and respectful student.
5HG Sienna  For your interest to read and developing ability to make connections between reading and writing.
5LF Tatiana Tristan  For an excellent science presentation at John Monash Science School. Well done!
6TS Travis  For his excellent presentation of bookwork.
6JA Noah  For being a brilliant mathematician.
6JD Hailey  For her positive and enthusiastic attitude to everything she does! Superb effort!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E.  2/3C  For an outstanding game of T-ball.
Visual Arts  5HG  For drawing detailed beetles, for using fine brushes & poster paint carefully & accurately, for their enthusiasm, interest & willingness to try new materials and for displaying wonderful getting along skills.
City of Casey: Aiming to reduce the occurrence of graffiti in your community

The City of Casey Graffiti Education Program has been educating and deterring youth from undertaking graffiti vandalism for the past 11 years.

Delivered to students in Years 5/6 and 8, the Program is part of a comprehensive approach to graffiti management, complementing other areas of eradication and enforcement.

Fully funded by Council, the presentation has been developed by our contractor, Warner Youth Education to inform, educate and deter “would be” taggers with a creative education approach.

The developed approach involves an interactive, entertaining presentation with the aim of involving your child in thinking about and discovering the impacts of graffiti, with a focus on the criminal aspects. *(It is illegal when a person damages or defaces private and public places without the property owner’s permission).*

Ultimately, it provides them with an understanding of the social and economic costs of vandalism to them and the community.

**HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

1. Talk to your child about respecting other people’s property and the issues surrounding property damage. The success of this type of program is enhanced when it is reinforced at home. Discuss the Graffiti Prevention Act that covers graffiti specific offences & penalties, e.g:
   - Marking property without owner’s consent – Jail term of up to 2 years and fine of up to $34,646.40
   - Possessing a graffiti implement while on or near public transport property – Carries a fine of up to $3,609 or an on-the-spot fine of up to $721.80.

2. Seek further information by contacting:
   - Casey Youth Services. They provide information, support and referral on a range of issues and can be contacted on 9705 5322 or SMS on 0438 013 165.

To report graffiti in the City of Casey, free call your Graffiti Hotline 1800 Vandal (1800 826 325)
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 -

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
Ph: 1300 984 011 or 0447 500355
sandra.kelly@anglicarevic.org.au

- NO COST -
but bookings required
Winter Arts Festival

OPEN DAY

Saturday 14 June, 10:30am-4:30pm
John Twist Hall, Haileybury, 138 High St, Berwick

Workshops and arts fun for the whole family!

- Circus
- Dance
- Drama workshops
- Cupcake decorating
- Art classes
- Art exhibition
- BBQ

CHIPS
changing little worlds in big ways

Trivia NIGHT

Come along & Test your Knowledge!

Amazing prizes & Silent Auction

21 JUNE 2014 / 7PM
Beaconsfield Community Centre
O’Neil Rd. Beaconsfield
(Mel Ref 214 : B1)

$20 PER HEAD
Tables of 8-12
BYO: Drinks & Nibbles

Ph: 9702 5528
E: enquiries@chips.org.au
RSVP: 16 JUNE 2014

Bookings Essential...
Limited Places!

Come and enjoy a night of fun & excitement,
whilst also raising funds to help local primary aged children in crisis.
Mindfulness Workshop
For Carers

Free Event:

Date: Thursday May 22nd
Venue: Cardinia Cultural Centre,
Lakeside Boulevard Pakenham (Melways: 215 H5)
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.

UnitingCare Community Options
Mental Health Respite Carer Support Options
55 Webb Street,
Narre Warren Vic 3805
03 9705 3932
Making Changes

Do you feel scared, intimidated, threatened, humiliated or unsafe in your relationship with your partner?

Do you have control of your finances?

Have you ever been frightened for the safety of your children?

Does your partner blame you for their abusive behaviour?

Making Changes is a group program for women who have experienced intimate partner Family violence

Groups are facilitated by qualified welfare professionals with experience and training in Family violence

Groups are held in a safe and supported environment, to share experiences, skills and knowledge in the journey away from violence and abuse

Topics covered include: cycle of violence, difference between anger and violence, healthy and unhealthy relationships

Next group - TBA - Group runs one morning a week during school term

For further information: Maria 8792 8999
Dads Matter
(it's a family thing)

Q and A Evening

FREE EVENT

Date: Monday 16 June 2014
Time: 7.30 pm – 9.00 pm
(doors 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

The Communities for Children Initiative is funded by the Department of Social Services.
Casey-Cardinia Library Corporation presents:
THE LITERACY EXPO
for parents, carers and professionals

Barbie Bates
Paediatric Occupational Therapist, Managing Director of Paint the Town REaD

Jeanette Rowe
Popular pre-school author/illustrator and reading Ambassador

John Marsden
Bestselling children/teen Author. Founder & Principal - Candlebark School

- Service providers
- Displays
- Seminars
- Workshops
- Networking opportunities
- Handout material
- Certificates of Attendance
- Lucky Door Prizes
- Show Bags

11.00am - 8.30pm Thursday 5 June
@ Pakenham Library & Hall
cnr. John & Henry Streets
Enquiries: 5941 2036

To receive full program details, register your interest in attending at www.tinyurl.com/cclcevents
Type 1 Diabetes

Do YOU Know The Symptoms?
You could save the life of someone you LOVE

No-one is ever TOO YOUNG

One of the most common Non-preventable Auto-immune diseases in children

Signs and Symptoms NOT to be ignored

- Extreme thirst
- Sudden weight loss
- Frequent urination
- Blurred vision
- Extreme tiredness
- Mood changes

- Constant hunger
- Vomiting
- Nausea
- Infections
- Tummy pains
- Acetone breath

If you notice these symptoms please seek medical advice

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