Welcome and Welcome Back
I trust teachers, children and parents alike had an enjoyable school break and I hope all have returned to school and other respective duties, revitalized for the demands of what is shaping up to be, once again, a busy term. This first two days of term has seen ten children from seven new families enrolled at Brentwood Park. To our new families; Harrop, Warsi, Perera, You, Manning, Fletcher and Loku Gamage, and to our established families, may I extend a sincere welcome and welcome back, respectively.

ANZAC COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
On Thursday 24 April, we held our school’s annual ANZAC Commemorative Service. The School and House Captains presented the service admirably, with each school captain having a significant role to undertake when reading the ANZAC Requiem. Zoe and Adelle spoke about the significance of the day and the sacrifices made to provide us with the freedom and Australian lifestyle which we enjoy today. Lewis read the Prayer of Remembrance and following the laying of a wreath on behalf of staff, students and parents of Brentwood Park Primary School, by the house captains, William, another of our school captains, recited the ANZAC Ode. The Last Post was played, followed by an observance of silence by all assembled. The flag was raised during the playing of Reveille and upon it reaching full mast position, all assembled spoke the words LEST WE FORGET. The children then listened to the choir as they sang the song “Lest We Forget”, and in conclusion, we sang the National Anthem. The respect the children demonstrated throughout the service was highly commendable and as teachers, parents and a community, we can be justifiably proud!

Our four school captains, Lewis, Zoe, Adelle and William, along with other student representatives will also attend the ANZAC Commemorative Service in Berwick, in the official capacity as representatives of our school. Our wreath, from the Brentwood Park Primary School Community, will be laid at the cenotaph upon our name being called.

If students would like to take part in the Berwick ANZAC Day march, the school delegation will be meeting in the vicinity of Berwick RSL, 17 Langmore Lane, Berwick at approximately 10:15 a.m. Students who are in attendance are asked to be dressed in school uniform.

Jim Bell, principal
Little Scientist Program at John Monash Science School

On the 2 of April 2014, Zach, Tristan and I went to John Monash Science School for the Little Scientist Program. This week we decided what we would do for our project. Zach and Tristan decided to do their project on fireworks. Jessica was not at school on the day so I decided that we would do our project on gravity. I have had a great time at John Monash for the Little Scientist Program.

Science at Kambrya College

Science at Kambrya College concluded Term 1 with problem solving activities in readiness for its mathematical focus in Term 2. Our Year 6 students readily accepted the challenge to build a free standing structure taller than 20 centimetres out of newspaper which could hold the weight of a very large dictionary! The second challenge was to build the tallest free standing structure, again out of newspaper! The students were thoroughly engaged in their learning and constructions! They readily took to the “hands on” approach during their “engineering” investigations!

School Banking – Win a Share of the Dollarmites’ Treasure!

School banking parent coordinators are pleased with the regular deposits being made and many children will have soon collected their ten tokens and be ready to redeem them for their incentive prizes!

The Commonwealth Bank, in its commitment to helping young people understand the importance of saving, is now providing an additional incentive and is running a fantastic promotion throughout Term 2!

“Keep saving to win a family holiday...”
School Banking – Win a Share of the Dollarmites’ Treasure!

Major Prize

- Five nights’ accommodation at the Sea World Resort and Water Park on the Gold Coast.
- VIP Passes for two adults and three children to Sea World, Warner Bros. Movie World and Wet ’n’ Wild Gold Coast.
- A Dolphin Family Aqua Adventure; and
- A $3,000 travel gift card to get you there

Runners-up Prizes

- 130 Toys’R’Us Gift Cards to the value of $250 each to spend on your favourite toys. Plus, a separate draw of $1,000 cash for our school.

Simply make three or more deposits at school during Term 2 and you’ll be automatically entered into the competition! These are great incentives to open a Dollarmites Account at school, however, the greater incentives are the future benefits when a child learns to “spend a little, save a little and save often”!

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN] continues in 2013 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using common national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions [Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation] and Numeracy. The testing period is 13 May to 15 May. Student attendance is strongly encouraged during the testing period in order for parents to receive a comprehensive report later in the year.

Sports Shorts - School Athletics Carnival

Next week is the school’s annual athletics carnival. The school athletics team will be selected from the results of our carnival. Students are able to support their house team by wearing house colours, ribbons and hair colour. However, this is not an opportunity for students to dress as they like. Suitable clothing is required as the students will be running!

Years 3 to 6: Tuesday 29th April.
Years P to 2: Wednesday 30th April.

To ensure these days run smoothly, parent helpers are required. If you are able to help, please contact Jim Narayan. Thank you.

Jim Narayan; H&PE Coordinator

The Spirit of ANZAC Day

The significance of the ANZAC Day holiday is well understood by the students of Brentwood Park Primary School. It is a national holiday set aside for us to remember Australians who have served or have been killed in wars.

From Foundation Year to Year 6, the focus on ANZAC DAY in classroom literacy activities, at age appropriate levels, may have been undertaken, however, a common element shared by most classes was the baking of ANZAC biscuits! The aroma of baked rolled oats and golden syrup has been wafting throughout the classrooms and corridors over the past few days!

Why not share in the experience by baking ANZAC biscuits at home? The recipe is included on the following page!
Anzac Biscuits

As part of our focus on Anzac during literacy and writing this week, Grade 2RG made Anzac biscuits. We learnt that the name of the biscuits comes from the Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. We also found out that the original biscuit was not sweet at all, it was a savoury hardtack biscuit that was used in soldiers’ rations as a substitute for bread. As eggs were scarce in Australia during the war it became a popular recipe for families to make. It is still enjoyed today. In using teamwork and our getting along skills we worked in groups to make our biscuits. Everyone enjoyed eating them.

Recipe

Ingredients:
- 1 1/4 cups plain flour, sifted
- 1 cup rolled oats
- 1/2 cup caster sugar
- 3/4 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 tablespoons golden syrup or treacle
- 150g unsalted butter, chopped
- 1/2 teaspoon bicarb soda

Method:
Preheat oven to 170°C. Place the flour, oats, sugar and coconut in a large bowl and stir to combine. In a small saucepan place the golden syrup and butter and stir over low heat until the butter has fully melted. Mix the bicarb soda with 1 1/2 tablespoons water and add to the golden syrup mixture. It will bubble whilst you are stirring together so remove from the heat. Pour into the dry ingredients and mix together until fully combined. Roll tablespoons of mixture into balls and place on baking trays lined with non stick baking paper, pressing down on the tops to flatten slightly. Bake for 12 minutes or until golden brown. Enjoy!
STARS OF THE WEEK

Term 1
Week ending 4th April 2014

FTL  Agam  For his enthusiastic approach to all his learning tasks.

FBV  Jack  For being an enthusiastic member of FBV, who is always willing to learn.

F/1S  Lesath  For organising his book bag each day. Well done!

1MM  1MM  For being the most awesome, magnificent, brilliant, amazing and super cool class this term!

1ER  Kaelon  For showing great enthusiasm in all areas of your learning - Keep it up!

2RG  Rhylee  For her confident getting along skills and eagerness to learn.

2MB  2MB  For a FANTASTIC term 1, filled with lots of learning and laughter.

2/3C  2/3C  For being such a fantastic, well behaved class. Thanks for a lovely week!

3LP  Darby  For doing a FABULOUS recount of your most memorable birthday. You are a SUPERSTAR!

4CH  Taj  For making an outstanding improvement in your reading comprehension. Keep up the good work!

4SM  Aimee  For being a patient friend and a diligent student.

4VK  Jack  For being a co-operative teacher’s assistant.

5HG  Guamar  For putting so much effort into your learning. Well done and keep this positive attitude up!

5LF  5LF  For a terrific term’s work! Well done! Keep it up!

6TS  6TS  For your effort, teamwork and determination to achieve your “personal best”.

6JA  6JA  For a fabulous term - You are all the BEST!

6JD  Sherry  For always working to achieve her personal best. Outstanding effort, Sherry!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E.  2/3C  For displaying such great sportsmanship in H. & P.E.

Performing Arts  2MB  For displaying wonderful ‘Getting Along’ skills as you learned about notes on the musical staff and wrote the melody of “See Saw”.

Visual Arts  4SM  For displaying interest, enthusiasm and fabulous organisational skills while creating their fingerprint characters and for sharing resources and ideas during the creative process.
Kambrya College

Transition Information Evening

for Grade 5 and 6 students

No booking required to attend this event

Thursday 1 May
6:00pm - 7:00pm

The evening will commence in the IMAC centre

All parents and students are invited to attend
We look forward to meeting you on the evening

Additional School Tour Dates & Times:

To book a tour for one of the following dates please call 9707 7600

Monday 5 May at 4:00pm
Thursday 8 May at 4:00pm
Introducing our Newly Approved Department of Education

Select Entry Accelerated Learning (SEAL) Program

For high achieving students in 2015

The new Accelerated Program will:

- Be introduced at Year 7 in 2015
- Build on the outstanding success of our existing High Achievers Program
- Be delivered through a range of carefully planned accelerated, compressed and extension formats
- Utilise an externally assessed entry test to determine suitability for the program
- Provide an accelerated pathway to VCE studies and allow students to undertake university enhancement studies in Year 12
- Be run by a team of specifically trained teachers to provide challenging learning and ongoing support to students
- Allow students to pursue particular interests through broad elective and co-curricula programs beyond core academic studies
- Potentially save you thousands of dollars in non-government school fees

Kambrya College is a leading school in Berwick, with VCE ranking inside the top 20% of government schools! If you would like to find out more about our SEAL Program, please contact Joanne Wastle on 9707 7600 and come to our Year 7 Parent Information Evening to be held at 6.00pm on Thursday 1 May at Kambrya College.
Grade 6
Transition Tour and Information Sessions

Sessions available are
Morning 10:30am and Evening 6:00pm
Monday 28th April, 2014
Bookings are essential

For bookings go to www.schoolinterviews.com.au Event Code - YSXAF
Accelerated Learning Program

The Accelerated Learning Program provides a challenging and innovative curriculum (across Yr.7-10), which engages highly capable students to excel in their academic studies. The program personalises learning for students who are “gifted and talented” delivering an accelerated Maths, Science, English and Humanities curriculum that encourages students to become independent, lifelong learners. In addition to academic excellence, social justice, leadership and being a global citizen are integral components.

The differentiated learning approach and academic features of the Accelerated Learning Program will heighten and expand students’ analytical and reasoning capacity with an explicit focus on teaching students to think critically, work collaboratively and develop higher order thinking skills across all subjects. This will contribute to the development of a rigorous and challenging academic culture that fosters exceptional student achievement and learning outcomes through to Yr.12.

Students will be expected to participate in an array of leadership, networking partnerships (external to the College) and academic competitions to heighten individual capacity.

Alkira Sports Academy

The Alkira Sports Academy (ASA) is a select entry sports program for students who show promise and commitment in sporting responsibilities external to school sport. It operates from Yr.7-12, with a timetable specifically designed to cater for the unique sporting needs of individuals, also enabling active participation in College experiences.

The Alkira Sports Academy caters for all sports by providing expert physical conditioning programs within specialist facilities and a personalised program, including:

- Mentoring on diet, media and peer pressure from professional athletes.
- An Alkira Sports Academy uniform.
- Sports Academy camps.
- A variety of excursions, elite sports training sessions and tours.
- An athlete friendly environment where teachers are aware of individual sporting commitments and allow for flexible learning approaches to be negotiated.

Further Information

The Accelerated Learning Program and Alkira Sports Academy information booklet and 2015 (Yr.7) student enrolment application forms will be placed onto Alkira Secondary College’s website for students and parents to download from March 1st, 2014. All applications are due to the College by April 30th, 2014.

www.alkirasecondarycollege.com.au \ Go to the Enrolment tab then select the program.

Or Contact

Accelerated Learning Program - Mr. Paul Looker (Assistant Principal)

Alkira Sports Academy - Mr. Vaughan Chaplin (ASA Junior Co-ordinator)
For children aged 6 - 12 who have gone through:
• Death in the family
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Who’s in Charge?

Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you? Do you feel you are losing control? Want to better handle conflict?

“Dear Andy — How are you? Your mother and I are fine. We both miss you and hope you are doing well. We look forward to seeing you again the next time your computer crashes and you come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Mom and Dad.”

The Who’s in Charge? group is a 7-week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:
- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child’s behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and wellbeing
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Starting — Tuesday 29th April 2014 @ 7pm - 9.30pm
Finishing — Tuesday 10th June 2014 (longer session)

At the Connections Narre Warren
55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805 (John Garrett Room)
Enquiries & Enrolment (essential):
Contact the Group Workers at Cranbourne on 5990 8400
Gold Coin Donation
Further info on violence to parents: www.eddiegallagher.id.au
connections.org.au
Back to School in 2014! Be prepared for an Asthma Spike

What is the February asthma spike?

Throughout the year there are significant increases, or ‘spikes’, in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments. Approximately 1 in 10 children in Australia have asthma, and for children and adolescents with asthma these ‘spikes’ usually occur towards the end of holiday periods as they return to school and preschool. A significant ‘spike’ in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital of children and adolescents, experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occurs throughout the first few weeks of February.

Why does the spike occur?

While there have not been direct links established, the February ‘asthma spike’ is believed to be largely due to children and adolescents coming into contact with asthma triggers that they have had time away from, as they are now returning to school. Forgetting to take their medication, and poor medication adherence, also places students at an increased risk of asthma attacks when exposed to triggers.

Triggers that can be encountered are:

- Dust and mould spores from poorly ventilated, or insufficiently cleaned school rooms
- Respiratory viruses, such as cold and flu viruses
- Cleaning products that leave behind strong smells, aerosols or airborne dust
- Anxiety and stress due to returning to school

What can we do to avoid asthma exacerbations in our school?

- Ensure your school has a sufficient number of Asthma Emergency Kits
- Ensure that each Asthma Emergency Kits contain fresh and in-date reliever medication (e.g. Ventolin, Asmol or Airomir), spacers, record sheet and instructions detailing the emergency procedure
- Ensure student Asthma Action Plans are updated and returned to school
- Ensure staff education and training is current, arranging a free staff asthma education session as required for all new and ongoing staff
- Ensure your school’s asthma policy is current for both onsite and offsite situations, and first aid posters are displayed in key locations
- Ensure staff are aware of which students in their class have asthma, and know where Asthma Emergency Kits are stored
- Ensure all classrooms are opened, cleaned and aired out in the weeks before students return to school. A helpful technique can be to turn on all fans, as well as any heating/cooling systems, to begin to clear dust before students arrive

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

www.asthma.org.au
1800 ASTHMA (278 462)
TAKE HOME A BIG BROTHER OR BIG SISTER

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by volunteering to host one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in July 2014 for their 3, 5, or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Spain and Colombia will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money, and comprehensive insurance cover, all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. You choose the nationality, the gender, the duration and the interests of the student that you feel is the best match for your family. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceausl@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
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Dates: Tuesdays: 29th April 2014 - 3rd June 2014
Time: 7:00pm - 9:00pm
Venue: Hampton Park Uniting Church, 1 Coral Drive, Hampton Park
Cost: Gold coin donation

Includes a comprehensive ‘parenting tune-up’ manual.

Contact: Sidney Ashby 03 5945 3900 or Jonathon Gonsalvez 03 9704 8377
Registration essential

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