Welcome Back and Thank You
Welcome back to all of our students and staff. I trust all had an enjoyable school break and have returned to school revitalized for the challenges of Term 3. A special welcome is extended to educational support staff member Marlene Masciulli who has joined us from her latest position at Rowville Primary and to the Thompson, Singh and Hakim families who have joined our school community for the first time. Thanks are also forwarded to staff for the preparations undertaken during the term break which assisted greatly in our first day of term commencing smoothly.

Curriculum Highlights
As a school, we are proud of our weekly newsletter which aims to provide key dates and community information through its online and hardcopy distribution. Additionally, we aim to provide insight into our weekly school life by highlighting our programs/excursions/special events etc. This week, we feature the Year 3 excursion to the Royal Botanical Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance which formed part of the students’ inquiry topic, “Community and Remembrance”. At the Royal Botanical Gardens, the students participated in a program designed to give them a greater understanding and respect for Aboriginal culture. Their experiences included making and using ochre paint, string making and hands-on exploration of tools. The program’s emphasis was on diversity and examining sustainable land practices used by the Aboriginal people. At the Shrine of Remembrance, the students participated in a program titled “Loyal Friends” which identified the ANZAC values by looking at the service of animals during wartime and peacekeeping. The program incorporated storytelling and hands-on activities that reinforced the values of servicemen and women, and their loyal animal friends. It highlighted qualities such as courage, devotion and kindness. Enjoy the student reflections featured in this week’s newsletter!

Working Bee
Please reserve a few hours on Saturday 26 July for attendance at our first working bee for the year! All we’re asking is for a few hours of your time to help weed and possibly mulch the garden beds bordering our school gymnasium. It’s surprising the difference your contribution of time would make to our school.

Curriculum Contributions
Could I please encourage every family to support the school by paying their outstanding curriculum contributions. The amount is not exorbitant, being only $22.50 per term or $90 for the year. Payments can be made by instalments. All children are the beneficiaries of these contributions and we sincerely thank those families who have already made payment. Outstanding payments can be made at the school office between 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m.

Jim Bell, principal
Year 3 excursion to the Royal Botanic Gardens & The Shrine of Remembrance

On Tuesday 15th of July, the Year 3 students visited the Royal Botanic Gardens and the Shrine of Remembrance. At the gardens, the students participated in 5 interactive activities that further enhanced their knowledge of indigenous culture. At the Shrine, the students toured the Shrine and its surrounds. They watched an informative documentary in the new auditorium, received a poppy and participated in a service in the Shrine’s sanctuary. Students had the opportunity to wear hats belonging to the Navy and the Light Horse Brigade and viewed the Eternal Flame.
As a follow-up to our excursion, the students in Year 3 created Diamond Poems about their experiences. They reflected on the events of the day and what they learnt.

Diamond Poems are created using only 9 words. The poems below illustrate how a diamond poem is constructed.
During the school holidays, Zac Croker from 1MM performed in his first pantomime with Adlib Children’s Theatre. He was a ‘little prince’ and ‘evil monkey’ in “Sleeping Beauty” and did a great job remembering the words and moves to all the songs. I’m sure many of you have enjoyed watching an Adlib show in the school holidays. For those of you who don’t know much about them, I’ve included some information below. I look forward to seeing you in another show, Zac!

Adlib Children’s Theatre has produced over 80 seasons of children’s musical productions over the past 15 years. We have seen 100s of performers and 1000s of audience members in that time. We are very proud of the shows we produce and are very grateful to everyone who has supported us both on and off the stage. We would love to see more people get involved but we also love seeing old faces return. Adlib Makes Magic Happen!!

Linda Moore
Performing Arts Teacher

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year, as part of the School Accountability process, schools across the state gather data from a variety of sources, with part of the data coming from the Parent Opinion Survey. The opinions of parents have always been an important indicator of how well a school is meeting the needs of the students. The survey is conducted state-wide over a common week period [Monday 28 July to Friday 1 August 2014]. Schools produce a random sample of parents from their database. The sample size is generally 15% of a school’s enrolment. The overall objective of this survey is to collect parent opinion across the state, and for individual schools to use this data to inform school improvement. All schools need to maximize their response rate, as the higher the response rate, the more accurate, and therefore useful, the data will be. We anticipate forwarding the surveys home next week.

If your family is one of the randomly selected families, could you please complete the questionnaire and return it within the designated time. Your contribution to the process would be greatly appreciated.

Australian Mathematics Competition: Year 3-6
The Australian Mathematics Trust is a non-profit organisation under the Trusteeship of the University of Canberra. It conducts a number of mathematics enrichment activities through schools. The Australian Mathematics Competition first started in 1978 and is currently sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank.

The aim of the competition is three fold:
- To highlight the importance of mathematics as a curriculum subject
- To give students an opportunity to discover talent in mathematics
- To provide resources for the classroom and promote general discussion

The cost to enter this year’s competition is $6 per student. The competition will take place under exam conditions and will last for one hour on Thursday 7th August 2014. The first 20 questions will be familiar from classroom mathematics. The problems are carefully moderated by experienced teachers in Australia and New Zealand to ensure that they are suitable. The later problems are more difficult and may be in unexpected contexts but have been graded to ensure that the skills required are commensurate with those taught at that year level. Please note that it is a competition and not a test so students should not expect to answer all questions as they will be competing against their own year level in our state.

If you are interested in your child participating could you please discuss this with their classroom teacher before the end of term two.

Lyn Forsyth, Mathematics Coordinator

Parent Modelling of Safe Practices
Whether in the role of pedestrian or driver, it is important that adults model safe practices to their children and to others! What message do we convey when we drive and park unlawfully or cross roads unsafely! It has been observed that a number of parents are entering the school car park at dismissal time to collect children. This habit is strictly forbidden as parents are encouraging children to walk through the car park. Double parking has also been observed. Please park in adjoining streets and walk your children across the supervised crossing to the car. This provides an opportunity to model safe practices.
Brentwood Park
Working Bee
Saturday 26th July
9am-12noon

Our school desperately needs some garden beds cleared.

Every hand makes a difference, so bring partners and kids and join us for a couple of hours for a Saturday morning clean up!

If possible, please bring along your garden tools (pick, shovel, rake and wheelbarrow) and help us clear the way for new plantings and mulch.
This year’s Celebration is the musical play “Cinderella Rockerfella”. It’s the story of Cinderella with a modern twist!

Years 3 to 6 students will be participating.

When: 19th August from 7:00 to 8:30pm

Where: Rivergum Performing Arts Centre, 58-96 Fordholm Road, Hampton Park (on the site of Hampton Park Secondary College)

Cost: $15 per seat.

Please note: tickets sales will occur next term, do not pay now.
Term 2
Week ending 27th June 2014

FTL  Jayde For her super happy outlook and also her wonderful writing.

FBV  FBV For working hard all term 2 and being a wonderful grade.

F/1S  Jacinta For writing words that rhyme with ‘ten’ well done!

1MM  Ali For being such a fantastic friend and student! Good luck in your new school!

1ER  Kaelon For showing such awesome initiative! You have been a great help around the classroom - thank you!

2RG  Lerato For her PowerPoint on Seals & her improved confidence to present her learning to others.

2MB  Arliah For displaying respect, responsibility, excellence and teamwork all term.

2/3C  Dominique For your awesome, artistic display of our Solar System. Well done!

3LP  Emily For being an AWESOME member of 3LP. Good luck at your new school. We will miss you!

4CH  Venus For having creative thinking and doing your personal best in class. Well done!

4SM  Jack For always having an enthusiastic attitude towards his learning.

4VK  Anjali For settling in beautifully in 4VK and completing fantastic work!

5HG  Malik For his FANTASTIC organisation with his project work and meticulous handwriting. Congratulations!

5LF  5LF For being such a wonderful class whilst Lyn has been away. Thanks, Nicole!

6TS  Adelle For the initiative showed during preparations for the Grade 6 Expo Night.

6JA  6JA For an awesome presentation night and term.

6JD  Katie For her terrific effort with her Gallipoli project. Great job!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E.  FBV For always trying during H&P.E.

Performing Arts  Actors For all the actors in “Cinderella and Rockerfella” and your enthusiasm and dedication preparing for what will be a great show!

Visual Arts  2RG For their fantastic effort with hessian, the even running stitch, the fancy fringing techniques and the use of paint in primary colours & for their super effort & persistence when doing running stitch on a polystyrene cup. Well done 2RG!
Education Maintenance Allowance

Information about changes to Education Maintenance Allowance as a result of the School Reform Agreement made between the Victorian Government and Commonwealth Government.

What is EMA?
The Education Maintenance Allowance currently provides financial assistance to low-income families to help meet costs associated with the education of their children.

How it is paid?
Parents can currently elect to have their EMA paid in one of the following ways:

- paid by direct deposit (Electronic Funds Transfer) into the parent’s bank account; or
- paid directly to the school to be held as credit which the parent can use towards education expenses; or
- paid by cheque which will be posted to the school for collection.

In 2013 over 70 per cent of parents receiving the EMA chose to have their EMA paid directly to their school. Each school would then use the funds for a range of expenses for that child.

Who is eligible?
The EMA currently provides financial assistance to Victorian families on a low income to help with the cost of educational items such as textbooks, stationery, uniforms and excursions.

It is a means-tested payment - parents must hold a Centrelink or Veterans Affairs concession card to be eligible.

What is changing?
In the recent School Reform agreement signed with the Commonwealth, the Victorian Government has changed the way it helps low income families with education expenses.

From 2015, the Government will distribute the funds previously used for the EMA directly to schools. DEECD will develop the arrangements to be used to distribute these funds to schools – consultation will occur with stakeholders about this.

Why?
Under the recent School Funding Reform an additional $12.2 billion will be allocated to Victorian schools.

Will my child be worse off?
No. Education funding for children will increase but will be delivered to your child in a new way through their school. The new agreement provides that schools with the most vulnerable students will receive the funding they need.

The students who will benefit the most from this funding agreement are those who are the most vulnerable.
A Group For Adults Who Have Experienced Significant Change
i.e. death, separation, migration, disability, financial or mental health issues

Explore the range of emotions that accompany loss
Share the challenges
Learn strategies to assist you to manage grief

A four week program running in Term 3 2014.

Venue: To be announced

Any Enquiries and enrolment:
Bronwyn Atkin or Megan Clarke on 03 5990 8400

Gold coin donation
www.connections.org.au
Girls in Charge.

This program has been developed for young women to come together to explore and increase their self-worth and self-esteem within a friendly and supportive community environment for eight weeks.

**Themes.**
- Body-image and self-esteem (week 1)
- Assertiveness and personal safety (week 2)
- Healthy eating and diet (week 3)
- Friendship (week 4)
- Trust and confidence (week 5)
- Physical Activity (week 6)
- Healthy cooking (week 7)

**For.**
Girls 12 – 16 years old

**Date.**
Monday the 14th of July until Monday the 1st of September

**Time.**
4.00 pm – 5.30pm

**Venue.**
Cranbourne Community House
49 Valepark Cresent, Cranbourne 3997

**Cost.**
Free

For bookings and more information please contact:
Monika Vajand on 9705 3464 or Emily Kein 5943 7902
or info@windermere.org.au
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 — Wednesday 30th July 2014 @ 9:30am - 12pm
Finishing — Wednesday 10th September 2014 (longer session)

At Pakenham Consolidated Primary School
2 Rundell Way, Pakenham 3810 (In before & after school care 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
A career working with older people is possible, get your qualifications with the

Upper Beaconsfield Community Centre

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Certificate III in Aged Care

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Certificate III in Home and Community Services

Enrolments being taken now
Start date Tuesday July 29th, 2014
Tuesday and Wednesday’s 9 am to 3 pm

Learn locally with a highly qualified, very experienced and dynamic trainer.

Dual qualification widens the scope of employment opportunities in this expanding service industry.

***Payment plans and Government funded places available***

For more information and enrolment please contact the Community Centre on 5944 3484 or by email to office@ubcc.org.au
JULY 25TH, 26TH AND 27TH - 2014
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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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