Fundraising Acknowledgement

With sponsorship money tallied and incentive prizes distributed, our fundraising team are pleased to announce that an amount of approximately $4,500 was raised through our recent walk-a-thon! Contributing to the school total was Year 5 LF who collectively raised $1,030 and contributing to their grade total was Year 5 student Mackenzie Pierce who raised a total of $500.

For her outstanding fundraising achievement, Mackenzie won an MP3 player which she had presented at last Friday’s assembly along with a certificate of appreciation. As the grade raising the greatest amount, Year 5 LF enjoyed a hot lunch of fish and chips provided by our fundraising team!

Thank you to all our families and community members who supported our fund raising activity by providing sponsorship for students. The fund raising are working hard towards their priority of providing air-conditioning throughout classrooms.

Remember, fundraising cannot do it alone and payment of outstanding curriculum contributions would enable other school finances to be redirected in support of their efforts. Payments can still be made at the school office between 8:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. All children are the beneficiaries of these payments so full parental support would be appreciated.

Mathematics News!

On the 7th August 2014, 61 students from grade 3 - 6 sat the Australian Mathematics Competition sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. This is a national competition.

A prize is awarded to no more than one student for every 300 students within each year and country or Australian state. High Distinctions Certificates are awarded to students who are in the top 2% for the state, Distinction Certificates are awarded to students in the top 15%, Credit Certificates are awarded to students in the top 50% and Proficiency Certificates are awarded to students who receive a pre-set score, who have not been awarded a Credit or higher certificate, and Participation Certificates are awarded to all other students. The Prudence award is given to the student with the highest number of consecutive correct responses starting from question 1.

Our overall results continue to be very pleasing with individual students achieving very high standards. It is with great pleasure to announce that this year, Brentwood Park students achieved 8 Distinctions, 28 credits, 22 Proficiency and 3 Participation awards. Awards will be presented at a forthcoming assembly.
Chinese Language and Culture
Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival
The Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival is the second most important Chinese festival. It is also called the Moon Festival or August 15th Festival among all the Chinese living around the world. It falls on the August 15th according to the lunar calendar. It is a festival about the moon and about the family union. As part of the celebrations, people eat special food - moon cake.

The round shape of moon cake stands for the moon, the family union and the perfect happy life. On this special day, all the family members will gather together, eating moon cakes and fruits, drinking Chinese tea and appreciating the beauty of the full moon.

There are many beautiful stories, poems and songs which are related to this festival. The most famous ones are Hou Yi She Ri (Hou Yi shooting the sun), Chang E Ben Yue (Chang E flying to the moon) and Yu Tu Dao Yao (The Jade Rabbit making Medicines) and Wu Gang Kan Shu (Wu Gang Cutting Down the Tree). If you are interested to know more about this festival, here are the links which you might like to check out.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ndknxk4v4QY (Moon Festival)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZIE66BQB3UE (moon cake)
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DEzgAilV0zM
http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jPHAR0bJfXQ (famous Chinese song about moon)

This year the festival fell on September 8th. At Brentwood Park primary school the students from Foundation to Year 3 were celebrating this festival not only by exploring the stories, songs and traditions related to it, but also by making moon cakes! Here is the recipe which you might like to try with your children during the school holiday.

Ingredients

Moon cake pastry
- 200g golden syrup
- 1 cup alkaline water (or milk)
- a pinch of baking soda
- 50g peanut oil/ butter
- 275g flour

(You can add some brown sugar and 1tsp vanilla essence if you want)

Red Bean Paste
- 600g red bean
- 550 sugar (1 add very little sugar because we want to encourage children to eat less sugar)
- 2 tbsp maltose
- 250g oil

Method

1. Moon cake pastry: mix all the ingredients and set aside for at least ½ hour.
2. Red bean paste: you can buy it from the Asian shop or make your own red bean paste. Blend all the ingredients and mixed them well.
3. Divide pastry into 40g each, and divide red bean paste into 140g each.
4. Wrap red bean paste with moon cake pastry. Press moon cake into moon cake mould. Tap lightly to de-mould.
5. Arrange moon cakes on a baking tray. Bake in a preheated oven at 180 c degree for 10 to 15 minutes, brush them with egg white/yolk mixture. Set aside for 15 minutes. Continue to bake for 8 to 10 minutes or until golden brown.
**Berwick CFA Visit**

On Monday 15th September, Grade Foundation and One enjoyed a visit from Berwick CFA. We were able to go inside a fire truck and then had an educational talk about fire safety back in our classrooms. The firefighters stressed to the students how important it is to know their phone number and home address and for their family to have working smoke detectors and a fire escape plan. We greatly appreciated the volunteer’s time and enthusiasm.

**Year 3/4 Camp to Arrabri Lodge**

On Wednesday, 103 Year 3 and Year 4 students headed off to school camp at Arrabri Lodge in Warburton East. In past years, there have been separate camps for each year level 3—6, however, with smaller cohorts of students in each year level and with some of the “better” camps only catering for larger groups of students, the decision was made to combine camps at Year 3 and 4, and at Year 5 and 6.

At Arrabri Lodge, the children will have an excellent opportunity to engage in their outdoor education! Activities will include the flying fox, initiatives activities, ropes course, giant swing, sensory trail, damper cooking and archery! The children will also have the opportunity to ride Puffing Billy in Belgrave prior to returning to school!

What an exciting conclusion to Term 3 for the Year 3/4 students!! No doubt, a collage of photographs will appear in the newsletter early in term 4, capturing the excitement of it all.

**Fire Truck Incursion Recount**

Yesterday, we learnt about fire safety. It was fun going into the fire truck. When we got out of the fire truck, we had a photo. Then we went back to class. The firemen came to every class. The firemen taught us to get down low and go, go, go! A cold door is a safe door and a hot door is an unsafe door.

*Riley 1 MM*
Naplan 2014 Reporting
Deliveries of the National Assessment Program—Literacy and Numeracy [NAPLAN]
Reporting Packages arrived last week and were distributed at Parent / Teacher Interviews for Year 3 and 5 students. The parent reports included information such as:

- individual student results for all NAPLAN tests on the ten-band National Achievement Scale
- an indicator for each assessment area that shows the national average and the middle 60% of national results
- a written description for each assessment area identifying the types of skills assessed
- a summary table describing the skills and understandings students are likely to demonstrate in each of the bands.

Their arrival was very timely, as it allowed the results to be considered along with the teacher comments delivered in our recent Parent / Teacher Interviews for those children.

As a school, we have been reviewing our results against the State and national averages and we are very pleased to report on our very positive comparisons. There were no assessment areas noted where Brentwood Park Primary School varied significantly from the State average at the Year 3 level although our strength was still identified in Numeracy. At the Year 5 level, our strengths were highlighted in Writing, Spelling, and Numeracy with our means in these assessment areas surpassing the State means!

Thank you for your cooperation. Your assistance is greatly appreciated!

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
This year, 361 students at Brentwood Park registered to undertake the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge in 2014. This equated to 85% of our total enrolment! Of those enrolled, 346 or 96% of students have completed the Challenge, having read a total of 11,007 books! This is a GREAT achievement! Congratulations on a FANTASTIC effort!

Children’s Book of the Year Awards 2014
Each year, The Children’s Book Council of Australia select books in different categories based on high standards set by the council. Grade Foundation and One students studied the Early Childhood shortlisted books. Today we voted on our favourite book and Annette announced the CBCA winners. The winners of the Early Childhood section was The Swap, written by Jan Ormerod and illustrated by Andrew Joyner. The study of such high quality literature was a rewarding experience for us all.

Conclusion of Term
With the warmer days of spring upon us, staff and students alike will be looking forward to the forthcoming term break. As always, the City of Casey is home to a variety of services that provide events and activities for children during the school holidays. There is a great variety of fun activities. The City of Casey website www.casey.vic.gov.au will provide additional details. I trust everyone will have a relaxing and enjoyable school break, concluding with a safe return to school for the commencement of Term 4 on 6 October.
Term 3
Week ending 12th September 2014

FTL  Zahi  For settling back into Brentwood Park really well.
FBV  Yazan  For doing a great job of reading and writing his Oxford Words. Welcome back to Brentwood Park!
F/1S  Karishma  For writing a creative story about a Princess.
1MM  Zoha  For developing her confidence in writing! You can do it, Zoha!
1ER  Adam  For working so hard to improve your handwriting - Keep it up!
2RG  Vincent  For his regular completion of homework & improved reading skills. Well done!
2MB  Mia  For showing a great understanding of counting money. Well done, Mia!
2/3C  Mikayla  For the outstanding effort you are putting into your learning. Well done!
3LP  Maddie  For making a BRILLIANT effort to improve her handwriting & work presentation. You ARE A SUPERSTAR!
4CH  Ava  For using great punctuation and “wow” words in your writing.
4SM  Makayla  For always being an eager helper and a kind friend to others.
4VK  Harvey  For being a ‘Super Star Student’. Great effort this term!
5HG  Joseph  For having enthusiasm and a positive attitude towards learning.
5LF  Kris  For showing confidence with his fraction work. Well done!
6TS  Owen  For completing work requirements quickly and efficiently after his overseas trip.
6JA  Brooklyn  For your commitment to your school work & dedication to ALL class activities.
6JD  Joshua  For his improved attitude towards applying himself to all tasks. Keep up the great work, Josh!

‘SPECIALIST’ Stars of the Week

Health & P.E.  1MM  For awesome gymnastics jumping & landing.
Performing Arts  6JD  For playing different versions of ‘12 bar blues’ on tuned percussion instruments.
Visual Arts  F/1S  For displaying interest & enthusiasm in clay and for their clever use of informal tools to decorate clay.
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.
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At the Movies

- giant jumping castles
- team games & prizes
- movie-theme craft creations
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A parent/carer’s program in 6 sessions to help you tune into the child in your care.

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» Be better at understanding your child?
» Help your child learn to manage their emotions?
» Teach your child how to deal with conflict?

Feedback has shown that Tuning into Kids helps children:
» To calm down when distressed
» Get along better with other children
» Express their emotions in more appropriate ways

Who: Parents and carers of young children up to 10 years of age

When: Wednesday 10.30am–1.00pm,
October 15th - November 26th 2014.

Where: Hampton Park Uniting Place, 1 Coral Drive Hampton Park.


Contact: Judy Chu 03 9704 8377
or Megan Clarke 03 5990 8400

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PROGRAM SCHEDULE:

DAY 1.
MONDAY 29 SEPTEMBER 2014
SESSION 1 10:00AM TO 11:00AM
BREAK 11:00AM TO 11:15AM
SESSION 2 11:15AM TO 12:15PM

DAY 2.
TUESDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2014
SESSION 3 10:00AM TO 11:00AM
BREAK 11:00AM TO 11:15AM
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Contact: Sidney Ashby 03 5945 3900 or Jonathon Gonsalvez 03 9704 8377
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To celebrate National Recycling Week, 10-16th November 2014, Visy and the City of Casey are turning 12 students into published artists!

Put your creative ideas into action by creating a A3 landscape poster addressing the theme:

Why should we Recycle?

Who: Primary school students in the City of Casey

How: Send your A3 landscape poster with your name, school and year level printed on the back to: Fleur Pilkington, Resource Management Officer, City of Casey, PO Box 1000, Narre Warren, 3805.

Entries close: Friday 19th September 2014

 Winners will be notified before National Recycling Week.

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12 finalists will have their artwork printed in a 2015 wall calendar!

For more details contact, Fleur Pilkington on 9705 5296 or email fpilkington@casey.vic.gov.au
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