FAMILY NEWSLETTER - Issue 9 - APRIL 14th 2016

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WELCOME BACK EVERYONE

Welcome everyone back for Term 2. We hope families had a happy and restful Easter break.

Congratulations to our SRC for once again organising a highly successful Easter Egg raffle. We had over 35 prizes and raised more than $900 for the Royal Children’s Hospital. Thanks to our SRC for their organisation.

Term 2 plans to be another busy one with a range of activities supporting our work in the classroom. We have our annual commemoration of ANZAC Day, Enrolment Week, Grade 3 & 5 NAPLAN testing in May, Education Week, district cross country, School Dinner Auction, student progress reports, Winter Lightning Premiership half year progress reports and parent/teacher interviews.

2017 ENROLMENTS - Enrolling Siblings

Due to anticipated enrolments we would like to finalise numbers of Preps for 2017 as soon as possible. If you have a child you would like to enrol, enrolment forms can be obtained from the office.

Interest from outside our area is particularly high so we need to finalise numbers from existing families as soon as possible.

Enrolment Week is in May and we offer places to families outside our immediate area to maintain numbers, so it is important to get all local enrolments as soon as possible.

Tours during Enrolment Week will be held on Tues/Thurs at 9.15am and bookings can be made at the office shortly. Please wait until our dates are finalised before making contact or a tour.

ANZAC Day Observance

Our school captains will represent our school at the regional schools service next Friday 22nd April at the cenotaph in Johnston Park. We will also have them relay the meaning of ANZAC to the rest of the school at our assembly next Friday. Lest We Forget.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

- Bank Books
- Receipts
- Arthur Reed School Photographs
- Gr 3/4 Department Newsletter
- Gr 3/4 Department Parent Helper note
- Scholastic Book Club catalogues
- All Childrens Theatre flyers

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OSHC - CAMP AUSTRALIA
Telephone: 0452 247 130
Hours: 6.45 am - 8.45 am
3.30 pm - 6.00 pm
Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge

The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Fyans Park Primary is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to 16 years in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by the closing date of the challenge.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books.

If you would like your child to participate, please notify Mr Hambrook in the 5/6 area who will set up a username and password.

Parental consent forms are no longer required for children to participate in the PRC, unless parents would like their child’s name on the online honour roll. If parents would like to have their child’s name published on the online honour roll, parents can opt in to the online honour roll.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll.

For more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge and to view the booklists, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc

Meet Lachlan the Reading Dog

Lachlan the Reading Dog is our 2016 Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge mascot. He is a loveable smooth collie, a bit like the movie star Lassie, but without the fluffy coat. Lachlan has a very important job; he listens to children read at Diamond Valley Library with his owner Marlies, a children’s librarian. Luckily for us, Lachlan is taking time out of his busy schedule to join the Premiers’ Reading Challenge. He is very excited about this because he loves nothing better than cuddling up to hear a good story!

More about Lachlan …..

Lachlan is ten years old and celebrates his birthday on May 8. He is a pedigree smooth collie who didn’t become a show dog, like his parents, because his ears prick up instead of flopping over at the tip. No matter how hard he tried, his ears would not sit down! But this makes Lachlan the perfect reading dog – his ears stand up because he’s always listening for the next story!

Lachlan’s favourite books are Hairy Maclary, Spot, Harry the Dirty Dog and Clifford, but really he just loves hearing stories from any book. When he’s not at Diamond Valley Library, he enjoys going to the beach with his friend, having a walk at the local park and reading, reading, reading! Lachlan’s favourite movies are Lassie and Red Dog.

Junior Tennis Lessons – Term 2, 2016

Tony Brushfield, a qualified Tennis Coaches Association of Victoria member, offers coaching sessions at school for groups of four children every Tuesday Lunchtime. This term’s lessons commence next Tuesday, 19th April and will be $70 for 7 weeks.

Please return the below application form to the school Office or contact Tony on 0408 524 898 for further information. The children will be advised of their lesson time at the tennis court at 1.45 pm on Tuesday 14th April 2016. As numbers are strictly limited, acceptance will be based on order of replies received.

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Please forward this section to school with a cheque for $70 payable to Tony Brushfield by Tuesday 14th April.

Name: ___________________________ Phone No.: ___________________ Grade: _______ Age: ______

Please enrol my child in Junior Tennis Coaching. The appropriate remittance is included with this application.

Signed: ____________________________________
DINNER AUCTION NEWS

~ SAVE THE DATE ~

DINNER AUCTION 2016

Friday 27th May at 7pm

Berkeley Lodge, 258 Pakington Street

This fun Fyans Park parents' night out is held every 2 years to raise money to directly benefit our children at school each day. With silent and live auction items available on the night as well a host of other fun filled activities it guarantees to be an enjoyable night out with your Fyans Park friends

$50 per ticket will include your meal and 3 raffle tickets. Drinks available at bar prices

Put the date in your diary now and lock in the babysitter! Only 14 tables of 10 are available so let Jan in the office know you would like to organise a table and she will put one aside with your name as table captain. Tickets will go on sale early next term ... parents, teachers, past or current, and friends from outside the school are most welcome. We’ll allocate you to a table of friendly folk if you cannot fill a whole table! Look out for more info in newsletters to come.

How can you help?

We never expect help, but we sure appreciate it when you do.

We desperately need families within the school as well as the community to donate goods or services that can be auctioned or used as prizes on the night. So... if you’re out and about over the school holidays keep your eyes and imagination open and ask the question - Would this be good for our auction?? Anyone wanting ideas or if you have queries or business contacts you can contact Jules Broad on 5222 6721 or 0402 353 953 or broadcats@optusnet.com.au or see our lovely ladies in the office.

* Meal vouchers
* Hotel accommodation
* A voucher from your business (eg. An electrician could donate 2 hours of electrical work)
* Beauty vouchers
* Picture frames
* Home wares
* Wine and associated products
* Baby Sitting
* Host a dinner party
* Donate your holiday house for a weekend
* Cook a meal a week for 5 weeks to help another busy Mum
* Make a decorated birthday cake
* Produce a work of art
* Garden products
* Movie/Theatre tickets
* The options are endless ......
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Make your own toothpaste and avoid:

- Plastic micro beads (phthalates and bisphenol-A (BPA))
- Triclosan (an anti-bacterial agent) which may interfere with hormone function, contribute to antibiotic-resistant bacteria and harm fish and other wildlife
- Sodium laureth sulfate (SLS or SLES), which makes the bubbles in many store-bought toothpastes.

Homemade toothpaste also saves you money.


GROUNDFORCE

Groundforce will meet on **Tuesday** mornings during the term from **9am**. See you then.

Kirsty
HEADLICE

Parents are advised that there have been a couple of incidences of head lice of late. In order to determine if your child has been infected with head lice, we are asking all parents to inspect their child’s hair.

We suggest that you look for the following symptoms or signs that would indicate the presence of head lice:

- General: child scratching his/her head excessively,
- On pillows: fine black powder or pale coloured material,
- In the hair: signs of lice eggs (nits) – cream or coffee coloured specks close to the hair roots,
- Lice: small white or ‘greyish’ parasites the approximate size of a pin-head.

If you notice any of the above signs or if you require any further information, please contact your local pharmacy as treatment is readily available and easy to apply.

Thank you

The frustration of discovering your child’s head crawling with unwelcome visitors is familiar to many parents. Head lice is a very common problem, particularly in primary-age children – and although exasperating, it is easily treatable.

Contrary to popular belief, head lice don’t have a preference for clean hair – in fact, they don’t care if hair is long, short, blonde, brown, washed this morning or last week. As long as they are warm, and have blood to drink, they are content.

“Discovering that you or your children have head lice can actually be quite traumatic,” says NitWits brand manager Danielle Roberts. “However, it is an extremely common and easily treatable problem. Parents should never feel embarrassed or ashamed.”

If you suspect your child may be harbouring some unwanted guests, using the ‘conditioner and comb’ method every week is the best way to detect head lice early and minimise the problem:

- Comb any type of hair conditioner onto dry, brushed hair. This stuns the lice and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around
- Now comb sections of the hair with a fine tooth, head lice comb
- Wipe the conditioner from the comb onto a paper towel or tissue
- Look on the tissue and on the comb for lice and eggs
- Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least four or five times
- If lice or eggs are found, the child’s hair should be treated.

Head lice eggs are small – the size of a pinhead – and oval. A live egg will ‘pop’ when squashed between fingernails. Concentrate on the head – there is no evidence to suggest that you need to clean the house or classroom.

Only the pillowcase requires specific laundering – either wash it in hot water (at least 60 degrees centigrade) or dry it using a clothes dryer on the hot or warm setting.

No treatment kills all of the eggs so apply the treatment twice, seven days apart. If you are using lotions, apply the product to dry hair. There is no need to treat the whole family, unless they also have head lice.

There is no product available that prevents head lice. Using the conditioner and comb method once a week will help you detect any head lice early and minimise the problem. Tying back long hair can help prevent the spread of head lice.

Combs with long, rounded stainless steel teeth positioned very close together have been shown to be the most effective; however, any head lice comb can be used.
Term 2 Week 1, 14th of April 2016

WELCOME BACK TO TERM 2!

Hi Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the families that supported our first Holiday Club these past holiday's here at Fyans Park. We had fantastic numbers and the feedback from the families that attended was all positive which is fantastic. We look forward to seeing more families over the coming holidays.

Over this week I have been working to ensure that everyone's enrolment details are up to date, I would like your cooperation in this, if any of your details have changed please come and see me so we can fix it up, I am also needing everyones medicare numbers and ambulance subscription numbers as well, your cooperation with this task is greatly appreciated.

The children this term will be working on making Mother's day gifts, so Mum's please be mindful when you pick your children up so as not to ruin there surprise. We have been busy playing a variety of games this week with octopus and knock off being the favourite, the children have also been busy making harmer bead creations, drawing and playing board and card games.

If you know that your child will NOT be attending a session they have been booked into PLEASE ensure you give me a call to let me know, so that I am not chasing up children that are safely with their caregiver.

I encourage you all to enrol your child/ren with us in case of emergencies that are beyond your control to ensure that I have access to your child’s details if needed. To enrol your child/ren go to www.campaustralia.com.au.

We have vacancies every morning and afternoon in O.S.H.C. Don’t hesitate to book your child/ren in today!

Cheers & Keep Smiling

Jodie & Dawn

STAR OF THE WEEK : Noah