EDUCATION WEEK 2015-Technology-create your future

This week is Education Week across Victorian government schools and this year’s theme is based around technology. Education Week throws a spotlight on the education happening in our government schools and invites parents and friends in to have a look at programs in action. Our fun activity day held yesterday highlighted the varied types of activities that encompass the technology spectrum. Technology does not always involve computers and tablets but rather students problem solving and using critical thinking and creativity to produce an answer to a problem. Students and teachers enjoyed the activities and we hope visitors enjoyed being part of the day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MAY MEETING

Our school council met this week with discussions centering on recent NAPLAN testing for Gr 3 & 5, Enrolment Week which was very well attended, the school maintenance program for 2016 and an explanation on the school’s financial position.

Our school receives term grants based on enrolment from the state government and from this we budget everything from utilities (gas, power, water), waste, replacement teachers, maintenance, etc. Indeed we cover everything excluding teachers salaries. Our voluntary building fund enables us to maintain and improve our facilities above the grants whilst the library fund helps both the purchase of books and readers and also technology to support literacy and numeracy programs. These funds help provide our school with up to date facilities and equipment to support student learning. Payments from parents help provide classroom supplies and necessary equipment for students for the year. At present we have had 96% of families pay their student booklist contribution for 2016.
ONE week to go

Final call to purchase your tickets ... numbers are down so PLEASE reconsider attending - we’ll organise you onto a fun table!

Ticket payment and delivery of goodies to the office

NO LATER THAN

3.30pm Monday 23rd May

To those families who have generously donated so far

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

IMPORTANT INFO FOR THOSE ATTENDING THE AUCTION

Don’t forget to wear “A Touch of Op Shop Glamour”

Items purchased on the night must be paid for on the night via our portable school EFTPOS machine OR the new QKR! App which you can download from the App Store or see Pages 3-5 for more instructions. Fun activities such as the Bottle Lotto, Bingo and “Dougie’s Wheel O’Fun” can be paid for with cash or by using your bidder number. Bring some gold coins to be nearest the bottle to take it home at the end of the night!

Some items up for grabs include: A night for 2 at Crown Metropol, 2016 Cats signed Footy Jumper, massage vouchers, café vouchers, a bottle of Penfolds Grange, Tickets to the Channel 9 Footy Show, Point Roadknight Holiday House for the week, Fitbits, a Mercedes for the weekend, Murray River Houseboat holiday, Vixens signed netball, new Apple TV and loads more.

Contact Jules Broad 0402 353 953 or broadcats@optusnet.com.au or see our lovely ladies in the office for any queries.

Special thanks to our Platinum Sponsor

Wilsons Real Estate
We are well into Term 2 already - how fast is the year flying!!

We’ve been super busy on the PA this term with Special Food Day, Mother’s Day stall and organizing the Dinner Auction.

Firstly, we wanted to say thank you to you all who donated to our always fun, annual Mother’s Day Stall. The children have so much fun shopping for the special lady in their life and this year we were spoilt for choice with all of our AMAZING donations, that not only made lots of Mums’ Mother’s Days extra special, but also helped raise over $830 for the school!!

Our Dinner Auction is quickly creeping up on us and tickets are selling well, though we do have a few more tables spare so, if you haven’t already jumped on a table, grab a few friends together and get some of the last tickets available for a FANTASTIC night out. The Silent Auction always has some fantastic items to bid on. Thank you to Jules for organizing another fun night out for our school community.

Thanks to all for your support with the Parents Association and our school.

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**FYANS PARK’S GOT TALENT - HEAT 1**

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## Qkr! is now at Fyans Park Primary

The new Qkr! App is available for Fyans Park families to use. Qkr! by MasterCard can be downloaded free of charge from Apple’s App Store for iPhones (iPads should download the iPhone App) or from Google Play for Android phones and tablets. After downloading the App and registering, simply scan the QR code on the left using the Qkr! Code Scanner or type FYANS PARKPS after tapping the magnifying glass in the top right of the home screen of Qkr!, and then the App will always recognise you as part of Fyans Park Primary in future to make payments even easier. You can pay for your Christmas Fair wristbands, pre-order your food for the Fair, and next year, we will incorporate booklists, excursions and other school payments using Qkr! To start making payments why not download it today and take a look at our school on Qkr!

See following two pages for more information.
For quicker, hassle-free school payments, try Qkr! today

Introducing Qkr! (pronounced ‘quicker’) by MasterCard: the easy-to-use phone app that gives you the flexibility to place orders at a time and place that suits you. Qkr!:

- Saves you time by letting you order and pay for school items directly from your phone;
- Reduces the need for your child to bring cash to school;
- Reduces the time school staff spend on administrative tasks

Getting started is easy – try it yourself today

Step 1 Download Qkr!
on your Android phone or iPhone. iPad users can download iPhone app

Step 2 Register
Select your Country of Residence as ‘Australia’ and follow the steps to register

Step 3 Find our school
Scan the QR code or search for our school name. Our school will also appear in “Locations Nearby” if you are within 4kms of the school

Step 4 Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Scan QR code provided by your school
Or search for our school name
If within 4kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

Now you’re ready to order directly from your phone...
Manage your children's details

Add your child's details and photo
Tap to add another child
Tap the student card to edit details on that child
Tap to show Manage Children option

Purchase school items

Add multiple payment cards

Pay with any scheme credit, debit or pre-paid card accepted by the school. At checkout, you can select from any of your registered cards.

We want your feedback!

Please send your comments or suggestions on how the Qkr! service could be improved to the school office.
Encourage your child to spend time OUTSIDE

Time playing outdoors has clear, long-lasting, positive impacts on your child’s health – particularly their mental health.

Opportunities for children to play outdoors involving some normal, healthy risk-taking are diminishing rapidly, with poor consequences on their later health.

Children’s lifestyles are becoming increasingly sedentary, exposing children to greater risk of obesity and illness.

As our weather cools – make a conscious decision to go outside.

- **Dark does not hurt**
- **Dirt does not hurt**
- **Nature really is good for your health**

Here are some ideas ...

- Play classic outdoor games like “What’s the time Mr. Wolf”, Hopscotch, etc.
- Go on a scavenger hunt.
- Drive to a neighboring town and check out their playgrounds.
- Race the waves in to the shore at the beach.
- Take a ton of pictures.
- Play hide and seek with torches.
- Build paper airplanes. Who can make theirs fly the furthest?
- Search for bugs.
- Play on the swings **in the dark**.
- Pitch a tent and camp outside.
- Paint rocks.
- Learn to do cartwheels.
- Build a fort using lawn furniture or fallen branches.
- Have a Fire Drill
- Paint the fence with a fly swatter.
- Stack and balance rocks.
- Find, sort and make a leaf scrapbook.

To download some FREE resources available from Baron Health type “Barwon Health Nature” into your search bar, you will find some information, and books, to help you.

_Susan Parker_

*Health Promotion Officer*

*Barwon Health*
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

How to treat yourself this time for free. Part 3 of 3.

Clean the skin with a retro steam bath:

Boil a kettle of water and pour the boiling water into a washbasin. Please watch out not to burn yourself. Lean over the basin with a towel over your head. Let the steam clean your skin. For extra freshness add mint leaves to the water. Steam your face for five minutes.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PRESERVES

It’s only May but preparations for this year’s Christmas Fair are well and truly under way.

Would families please start collecting glass jars and small bottles suitable for our home made preserves and sauces.

De-labelled and cleaned donations can be left at the Office.

Thank you

MAKE 3 DEPOSITS VIA SCHOOL BANKING DURING MAY AND YOU COULD WIN.

Deposit money into your account three times during Term 2 and you will go into the draw to win one of three family passes to Sovereign Hill.

*Terms and Conditions apply.

SCHOOL & COMMUNITY NEWS

Can Saver Plus assist you with school costs?

Join Saver Plus and match your savings, dollar for dollar, up to $500 for educational costs including:
- school uniforms and text books
- computers, laptops and tablets
- excursions and camps
- sports equipment, uniforms and leases
- music tuition and Instrument hire.

You may be eligible if you have a Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card, are at least 18 years old, have some regular income from work (you or your partner), such as full-time, part-time, casual or seasonal work, and have a child at school or study yourself.

Contact Amanda Vernon your local Saver Plus Worken: (03) 5278 8122 or avemon@bethany.org.au

Saver Plus was developed by a Not-For-Profit Organisation to encourage young people to save money. The program is funded by NAB and the Australian Government.

Parenting as a Team

When we become parents we find ourselves in a new role and a new set of circumstances. Most parents learn the skills they need ‘on the job’, and at times it can feel like one is learning at the ‘deep end’.

How can two parents describe their differences, talk about them in a calm and constructive way, and then work out a common approach that is consistent, that works, and satisfies both parents?

It is fair to say that learning to work together to build a shared approach is no mean feat!

The four week program looks at:
- Reflecting on our own upbringing
- The importance of understanding the differences in parenting styles
- Knowing that it is normal to experience some level of frustration or disagreement about the ‘correct’ way to parent your children.

Cost
Gold Coin Donation

Beginning
Tuesday 17 May

Time
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Location
‘Arston’ 245-249 Paikington St, Newtown

www.geelongaustralia.com.au
Term 2 Week 6, 19th of May 2016

Construction and Imaginative play at work!

Hi Families,

Over the past 2 weeks the children have been playing with the large construction blocks and the zoobs, making a variety of objects, working together and individually. A group of children have also been busy playing a variety of games including UNO, boggle, monopoly jnr., chess and twister. We have also been busy making sculptures using the kinetic sand which has been a hit these past 2 weeks.

I have been informed that Holiday Club bookings are live now, so jump online and have a look at the activities we have programmed, our theme these holidays is Amazing Games, send your children along for 1 day or everyday, there's something for everyone. We're off to the movies to watch Finding Dory, to the indoor rock climbing arena to see who can climb the highest, there'll be some dancing, games, sports, craft and lots more. Come along and see if you can make it into our Record Book.

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 : Hugh