FAMILY NEWSLETTER - Issue 31 - 10th October 2013

2013 CALENDAR DATES

OCTOBER

Fri 11th  Billy Tea Bush Band — no Assembly
Tue 15th  Grade 1 Blogging Afternoon
Mon 21st  Finance Committee - 6.30pm
          School Council - 7.00pm
Wed 23rd  Geelong Cup - Public Holiday
Fri 25th  World Teachers' Day
Sun 27th  Working Bee — proposed
Thurs 31st ‘Count Us In’ Music Festival - Costa Hall

NOVEMBER

Wed 6th  MSO @ GPAC - Gr Prep to 4
Fri 15th  Curriculum Day - pupil free - proposed
Mon 18th  T20 Blast Cup - Grade 5/6
          School Council - 7.00pm
Fri 29th  Christmas Fair

DECEMBER

Tues 10th  Orientation Day - Grade 6
Fri 13th  Student Progress reports home
Mon 16th  Grade 6 Graduation
Wed 18th  Grade 6 Day Out
          Grade 5 Leadership Day
          Grade P-2 Xmas lunch
Fri 20th  Term 4 concludes - Dismissal 2.30pm

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

* Bank Books
* Receipts
* Grade 1 incursion note
* Scholastic Book Club order forms

WELCOME BACK for TERM 4

Welcome back for the last term of 2013. We hope everyone had a restful break and is raring to go over the next 11 weeks.

Our teachers all look refreshed and ready to maximise opportunities so it’s full steam ahead.

Sadly Mrs Hill is on the sick list again and will be for October but Mrs Morell will once again step into the breach and we are fortunate to have her services.

Term 4 is also the last term of primary school for our Grade 6 students and a time for them to consolidate their skills in preparation for secondary college. It is rewarding for teachers to see their growth, readiness to accept challenges and the positive leadership they display. Their year will culminate in a graduation ceremony for Grade 6 families in December.

2014 CLASS ORGANISATION

We have had a couple of families indicate they are leaving our school at the end of the year due to relocation. We really appreciate knowing this information now so if there are any other families relocating for 2014, please contact the office and let us know. Thank you. This information will help with the make up of classes for next year.

Enrolments for 2014 (284) at this point in time are similar to 2013, and as such we will run 13 classes in the same format as this year.

We have 46 Preps for 2014 which is perfect for our configuration of 2 classes. If there are any families who have not enrolled a sibling, we ask you give this your immediate attention.

Classes for 2014 will be finalised after teachers have completed their individual student reports. Parents will again have opportunity to have input into our arrangements for 2014 and we will let you know through the newsletter when this will be. Plans and organisation for next year will continue during November.

NAPLAN

Individual NAPLAN results have been received and will be distributed as quickly as possible this week.
LOST PROPERTY

There is a large amount of lost property in the corridor of the Collaborative Learning Centre (CLC). If you are missing uniform items, please check here as soon as possible or they will be removed.

BUSHDANCE TOMORROW - FRIDAY 1st OCTOBER

Don’t forget that tomorrow is our Bush Dance activity day where all classes get to learn some steps with the ‘Billy Tea” bush band and then perform their dances in a larger group in the afternoon.

Students can come to school in their bush dance/colonial gear to help set the day off. Cost for students attending the workshop and the afternoon group dance is $5.00 per student. (Thank you to our Parents Association for subsidising part of the cost).

So come along ready to 'heel-toe' tomorrow. Parents are welcome to observe the larger dance sessions at 2.30pm and 3.00pm (see below). Yee-haa!!

2.30pm - 3.00pm - Prep R, 1C, 2V, 3/4H, 3/4O, 5/6J, 5/6C

3.00pm - 3.30pm - Prep M, 1H, 2H, 3/4M, 3/4N, 5/6D

Please note there will be no Assembly this week

GROUND FORCE

Spring has sprung, the grass is ris ....... and so has the garden and the weeds.

The gardens are looking just great and thanks must go to all of those that have helped out through the year on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There has been lots of pruning, weeding, planting and mulching going and the gardens are loving it. We have had donations of cuttings and divided plants from families which has saved the school lots of money so thank you also to you. The new fruit trees have survived the winter and are looking fabulous.

With the school fair not so very far away ground force will again be out this term keeping the weeds at bay and generally tidying up ready for the big day. Please feel free to join us on a Tuesday or Wednesday morning for an informal session in the dirt.

Hope to see you with gloves in hand!

Ground Force

JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS – TERM 4, 2013

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 15th October and will be $70 for 7 weeks.

Please return the below application form to the school Office or contact Tony on 5244 0040 or 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 15th October 2013. As numbers are strictly limited, acceptance will be based on order of replies received.

Please forward this section to school with a cheque for $70 payable to Tony Brushfield by Tuesday 15th October.

Name: ___________________________ Phone No.: ______________________ Room No.: ______ Age: ______

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

Signed: ____________________________________
The You Can Do It! Focus for this term is .......... **RESILIENCE**

Resilience means being able to stop yourself from getting extremely angry, down or worried when something “bad” happens. It means being able to calm down and feel better when you get overly upset, and bounce back from adversity. Emotional Resilience also means being able to control your behaviour when you are upset.

**Examples of Emotional Resilience**

- Not getting overly upset from mistakes in your work or when you have not been as successful as you would like to be.
- Not getting overly frustrated and angry with yourself when you do not understand something.
- Not getting down when your friends seem to understand their schoolwork and do better on tests than you.
- Avoiding getting extremely worried before an important test or event in which you have to perform in public.
- Avoiding excessive worry concerning your popularity with peers.
- Not getting overly angry when peers are mean to you.
- Remaining calm and in control when an adult treats you unfairly or disrespectfully.
- Not getting too down when being teased or ignored by friends.
- Stopping yourself from getting extremely worked up when you want to stand up and say “No” to someone who is putting pressure on you to do the wrong thing.
- Staying in control when your parents say “No” and the parents of your friends seem to be saying “Yes.”

**Negative Habits of the Mind to Eliminate to Help Build Emotional Resilience**

- Self-Downing – thinking that you are useless or a total failure when you have been rejected or have not achieved a good result - (replace with Accepting Myself).
- Needing to Be Perfect – thinking that you have to be successful or perfect in everything important that you do and that it’s horrible when you are not (replace with Taking Risks).
- Needing Approval – thinking that you need people (peers, parents, teachers) to approve of what you do and that when they do not, it’s the worst thing in the world (replace with Being Independent).
- I Can’t Do It – thinking that when you have not been successful at something important, you are no good at anything and that you never will be (replace with I Can Do It).
- I Can’t Be Bothered – thinking that life should always be fun and exciting and that you can’t stand it when things are frustrating or boring (replace with Working Tough).
- Being Intolerant of Others – thinking that people should always treat you fairly, considerately and the way you want and when they do not, they are rotten people and you have a right to get back at them (replace with Being Tolerant of Others).
What's Happening Around The School

Fyans Park Cyclones

The Grade 2 Basketball team finished the Winter 2013 Season third on the ladder (out of 10) and with a fantastic final match victory.

The team's skills improved dramatically over the season. The players had a great time and their team work, and most importantly sportsmanship, was something to be very proud of. Well done Cyclones!

A very BIG thank you to Mr Fawkes who has trained the team all year.

Kate Kennett

Back L-R:  Jack P, Max, Jack T, Archie, Ethan  
Front L-R:  Milly, Libby, Sam, Darcy  
Absent:  Mia E

Fyans Park Sharks 2013 Netball Season

Hi! We are the Fyans Park Sharks. We are a netball team from Grade 2. We all started in Grade 1 and have had people come and play and have also dropped out. We have had some really solid players that have stayed in the netball team since Grade 1. Those people are: Millie C (2H), Ainslie A (2V), Lucy McM (2V), Poppy B (2H), Mia E (2V), Chloe K (2H - she didn't play this season), Cinnamon S (joined this year), Charlize S (2V) and Libby C (2V).

This is our fourth season. Each year goes for 2 seasons. There is a Winter and Summer season. At the end of each season we have a Round Robin which is when we play 3 or 4, 10 minute games. Then we have a medal ceremony and we get a medal. Darcy McF (who is in Grade 6 at Fyans Park and is our coach) is very good, even though she doesn’t watch the games she has definitely made a difference! GO FYANS PARK SHARKS!

Here is why the team members like netball so much:

Poppy: I like netball because it is fast but not too fast and it is a really fun game and I love centre (C)!

Millie: I like netball because it is fun and I like shooting goals

Chloe: I like netball because I like shooting goals

Lucy: I like netball because it is fun and I like playing other teams and shooting goals

Cinnamon: I like netball because it's healthy and I like playing other teams

Ainslie: I like netball because it’s fun, healthy and I like shooting goals

Mia: I like netball because I like passing and shooting goals and I enjoy centre passes. My favourite position is goal attack, it is also really fun.

Charlize: I like netball because I like centre (C) and shooting

Libby: I like netball because I like wing attack (WA) and goal shooter (GS)

Thank you for reading,

Grade 2 Netball Team

Fyans Park Cyclones

On Thursday 19th September the Grade 5-6 Cyclones basketball team played at the Geelong Arena in the grand final for the Winter season. It was a very close game with the half time score seeing us behind by 6 points. As the game progressed we closed the margin and we got in the lead, from then on it was a 1 point difference. But in the end we won by 3 points.

Thanks to the whole team and Jess our coach, for a great season and thanks to all the parents for bringing us down every week and supporting us. Congratulations to Ben Hough for winning the Most Valuable Player and being the highest scorer.

The team was presented with a Premiership flag which is on display in the Office.

Ben Hough & Riley MacDonald

Back L-R:  Ben H, Riley, Mia E
Front L-R:  Ben R, Mia E, Jack T, Riley, Ben H

Image: Players of the Grade 2 Basketball team.
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We raised $320.00 for The Smith Family!

Hi Families,

Welcome to Term 4. We hope you all enjoyed your Spring holidays, sharing and spending your time with family and friends. If you have made any changes over the break to your contact details, please remember to change them online and please remember to let me know so we have the most up to date details for you.

Our Art Show fundraiser was a success! We raised $160.00 for The Smith Family: Back2School program, and with The Camp Australia Foundation matching dollar for dollar, we have raised a total of $320.00!! So well done and THANK YOU to everyone that came in and supported our fabulous Art Show - your contribution was appreciated by all.

This term we will be concentrating on “celebrations”. We would like to hear from you if your family participate and celebrate in a different cultural celebration throughout the festive season. Even if you don’t attend OSHC, please feel free to come in and share with us your culture - we would love to hear from you.

We have vacancies on all days before and after school so why don’t you come along and join in the fun at OSHC.

Call us on 0452 247 130.

Come and play with us today in OSHC!!

Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie & Lynne!