INNOVATION AWARD FOR FYANS PARK PS

We are very excited to announce that Fyans Park Primary School has been awarded as the State winner of the ‘Network Neighbourhood Information Technology Innovation Award’.

This annual competition identifies schools throughout Victoria who exhibit innovative ICT strategies that create new and exciting uses of technology for students.

The school will be presented with the award and $1000 prize at assembly on Friday 25th of October. Congrats to Mrs Nawrocki and Ms O’Donnell who entered on our behalf. A great result recognising the terrific program our teachers run.

Accompanying this week’s newsletter is a copy of the submission detailing all of the fabulous ICT initiatives that occur at Fyans Park.

GEELONG CUP HOLIDAY - 23rd October

Please note also that Wednesday 23rd October is the municipal declared non-metropolitan public holiday for all schools in the municipal district of the City of Greater Geelong. This is Geelong Cup Day.

NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

* Bank Books
* Receipts
* Grade 2 & some Grade 3/4 - Count Us In music notice
* Grade 5/6 Dept newsletter
* What’s On magazine
* Special Food Day order forms (due back Monday 21st October)
SCHOOL NEWS

PARENTS ASSOCIATION NEWS

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Friday Assembly - 3pm

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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.

PARENT CONTACT DETAILS

A reminder to all families to keep the school up to date with any changes of details - phone numbers, emergency contacts, address and email addresses.

SUPPORT FYANS PARK WHEN SHOPPING AT REBEL SPORT!!

Get a Rebel Sport Season Pass registered to Fyans Park Primary and we will receive 5% back on all your purchases!

If you already have a season pass you can still have it registered with us, just ask at the desk next time you're shopping in Rebel.

Thank you for your support!!

The Inspirational Moira Kelly

I recently had the great privilege of hearing Moira Kelly speak. Moira is well known to most Victorians as the Legal Guardian of Trishna and Krishna, the conjoined twins from Bangladesh who were separated in a series of extensive surgical operations performed in Melbourne, and organised by Moira.

Moira Kelly is an inspiration. There is no doubt she is a “doer”. The Trishna and Krishna story is but the most recent episode in a full and pioneering life of kindness, courage and action. Inspired by Mother Theresa, Moira set off for Calcutta when she was a young adult. She worked with children who were the poorest of the poor. From there she has engaged with disadvantaged communities around the world, frequently on the basis of an inspiring conversation or a pleading phone call. Moira told of providing hot soup to the homeless in Central Park New York on a 3am van run, nursing children with HIV in Romania, and supporting Bosnian refugees suffering as a result of war, and much more.

Moira is associated with a number of care organisations: “Carers’ Victoria,” “Children First Foundation,” and “Moira’s Garden.” In the last year or so, she has been in discussion about creating a garden sanctuary within the war-torn Gaza Strip.

Listening to Moira Kelly, one can’t help but be inspired and in awe of her. Not everyone is a Moira Kelly. Yet her invitation and challenge to the audience was to do one act of kindness for a carer in our local community to offer them a break. It seems a good place to start!

Alison McDonald
School Chaplain

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Last Friday Fyans Park rang to the delightful sound of traditional Australian music. Students spent the morning practicing their steps and then reproduced their dances in the afternoon for our parents. We thank the Billy Tea Bush Band for providing this wonderful experience for our students.

Do yourself a favour and get along to see the Fyans Park display in the Educational Pavilion at this year’s Show! Our thanks go to Mrs Morell, Catherine Ward, Jenny Dodd and Mandy Leigh who have spent many hours over the last week setting up our display of owls.
On the 15th of October 4 individual students and 1 relay team competed at the Western Metro Regional Athletics event at Keilor Track in Melbourne. It was a cold and windy day but everyone still tried their best. The students competing were Riley M., Eliza W., Hamish P. and Will J. The relay team were the 9/10 boys and the runners were Josh B., Will J., Elliot M. and Hamish P.

The relay team had lots of fun representing Fyans Park at the Regionals. We ran our fastest and tried our best but unfortunately dropped the baton in one of our changes and had a little interference in our lane. We didn’t make it through to the next round but had a great time trying. – Josh, Elliot, Will & Hamish

Student’s events went on through the day and my event was first. I competed in high jump and my competition was very tough. They were all very tall and could also jump quite high. I didn’t manage to get to States but was glad to watch the rest of the school compete in their events. - Riley M

My first event was the 80 metre Hurdles heat; I then won my heat and proceeded into the final. The final was an exciting race and overall I came 1st out of the 12/13 girls. My Long Jump was into a strong wind however after 4 jumps, I had the longest distance and again came 1st in my age group. The day was a great day for Fyans Park and I enjoyed every minute of it. – Eliza W

I competed in the 100m and Hurdles. It was very hard and all the competitors did well. I came equal first in my 100m race and first place in hurdles. It felt great to represent Fyans Park and I had a really fun day. – Hamish P

I went to the Keilor Athletics track for school. I was in High Jump a jumped a P.B. (personal best) of 1.37m. For triple jump I also got a P.B. of 9.07m. I managed to win both events and had an awesome day. It felt great representing Fyans Park. – Will J.

Good luck to Eliza, Hamish and Will at the State championships to be held the 28th of October at Albert Park Athletics Track in Melbourne.
BOOKS
We need good quality pre-loved books for a stall. Cook books, children’s books and adult novels, travel books etc., hard back or paperback all will be well received! Please leave your contribution with Mrs Rippon (Prep R - ELC)

“VINTAGE” CLOTHING
An opportunity to Spring clean!!! Make room in your wardrobes for new spring items!! At this year’s Fair we are having a ‘Vintage Room’. This stall is dedicated to pre-loved ladies and kids clothing. Ideally we would like this to stock good quality and brands of your pre-loved clothes. Please bring in any freshly laundered donated clothes to the Office for collection and sorting. Any queries please contact Jo on 0416 523 600 or Justine on 0417 154 959.

WANTED FOR THE CHRISTMAS FAIR
I am looking for old or excess china or other style cups and saucers for the Living Stall at the Fair. Any style or pattern is fine. They can be left for Kirsty at the Office.

LUCKY JARS
If you have any from previous years lying around the house can you please return them cleaned to the Office for use again this year.

SPONSORSHIP
Do you know a business that would like to sponsor our Christmas Fair ? - Platinum, Gold or Silver sponsorship available. Please contact the office for further information.
Hi Families,

We had a great first week of Term 4. We learned that the tCAF Foundation has built a school in Ethiopia and our project for this term is to make an “Aussie Scrap Book”. We will be highlighting to the Ethiopian children all the awesome things that we love about Australia and living in our fantastic community. Children have started working on the scrap book by colouring in some Australian animals and writing some facts about them into the book. All children in O.S.H.C. are encouraged to contribute to the scrap book in one way or another and I am excited to see what they come up with. These scrap books will be sent to the school for the children to read and enjoy.

We are also looking forward to Halloween at the end of the month with a week of celebrations and spookiness planned. Come along and make a candy bucket, join in on our haunted house decorations and our trick or treat fun.

We have vacancies on all days before and after school so why don’t you come along and join in the fun in O.S.H.C.

Call us on 0452 247 130.

Come and play with us today in O.S.H.C.!!

Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie & Lynne!
Application for Network Neighbourhood Innovation Award 2013

At Fyans Park Primary School we are committed to making our students 21st Century learners. We believe in teaching our students the key skills to make them effective adults; collaboration, co-operation, communication and creativity. ICT enables us to do this in an engaging and effective way. Our School Strategic Plan is based around the use of technology and preparing our students to be the best they can be in the 21st Century. At Fyans Park we believe that children are engaged by feeling part of a community - technology allows us to do this in ways that have never been possible in years gone by.

We have lots of technology in our school including:

- Our green screen and iMac allows students to create authentic examples of their understanding. A Multi Media unit also supports the use of the green screen, with students planning, scripting, filming and editing their own short films.

- All classrooms at Fyans Park have Interactive White Boards, iPads, digital cameras and desktop computers. We also have other technology spread throughout the school including netbooks, wiki-readers, voice recorders and laptops. A hard drive permanently set on Interactive Whiteboards, means that the boards can be used at all times as an extra ‘tool’ for students to use.

- iPads are used in all classrooms as a resource and way for students to share their learning and understanding. While apps are used occasionally, we place an emphasis on staff using iPads for students’ creativity through iMovie, Show Me and Explain Everything. Students have also used the iPads to collaborate with students in different year levels to their own to create animations. The animations can be viewed on one of the class blogs: http://mrsnawrocki.global2.vic.edu.au

- Our computer lab enables specific computer skills/programs to be taught to students each week. Our lab contains the latest model of Asus desktop computers and students use this time to practice their touch-typing skills and develop knowledge of computer programs such as Microsoft Office, Prezi and Google Docs.

At Fyans Park we believe that our staff are the main influence on enabling our students to become 21st Century learners. To support this we:

- Believe in training staff to be confident using technology and integrating it seamlessly into their curriculum. Staff are regularly updated on the latest ways to use technology through weekly staff meetings/Professional Development. Staff are also encouraged to attend external Professional Development and in the last 12 months Fyans Park have had staff attend technology conferences in Auckland, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne. We strongly believe that up-skilling staff is the cornerstone to creating a 21st century school and we highly value the role that Professional Development plays in this.

- We also believe strongly in the SAMR model of using technology and have copies of this model in all classrooms. The SAMR model is considered by staff when planning units of work. This model assists with ensuring that technology is incorporated not purely as a substitute, but as a different and engaging way of doing things.

All staff participate in staff meetings that ensure our school is a Cybersmart school and continue to develop their knowledge of how to teach our children to be Cybersmart citizens when using technology and working or socialising online. Staff have completed “Cybersmart Outreach – Professional Development for Educators Program”.

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Some initiatives we have implemented at our school that make us a leader of technology use in our region include:

- A weekly news program (based on local school events) that the students plan, film and edit independently without teacher assistance. This is something we are incredibly proud of. You can view our 3pm Project episodes aired on our 3pm Project blog here: [http://3pmproject.global2.vic.edu.au](http://3pmproject.global2.vic.edu.au)

- This year we have had live interviews with AFL footballers and are continually adding new segments and ideas. In 3 short months, we have had over 900 visitors to this blog site.

- Our teachers use class blogs as ways of discussing learning, communicating with parents and collaborating with others. You can view one of our class blogs here: [http://missodonnell.global2.vic.edu.au](http://missodonnell.global2.vic.edu.au)

- Our 3/4 Department has recently become ‘blogging buddies’ with another school to collaborate on tasks and communicate with each other.

- Technology is used to complete assessment at Fyans Park. Programs such as One Note and Evernote have enabled teachers to share planning and assessment effectively throughout the school. The Fyans Park staff are highly motivated and are constantly looking for new and innovative ways to work. Staff were motivated and researched technological ways to share student assessment with each other and parents, and found One Note and Evernote the most effective ways to do so. These programs are used throughout the school to share information.

- This year has seen our computer technician setting up our school (staff and students) with access to Google apps for education. All staff and students have been provided with a Fyans Park domain name email and we are in the beginning stages of implementing the use of Google apps for education to support the planning of classroom programs and the ability to collaborate and share information with students and their parents through Google Drive. Three staff members are attending the Google Summit in Melbourne these holidays to enhance their understandings of the potential Google apps for education can provide the staff and students at Fyans Park.

*Fyans Park should be considered for the Network Neighborhood Innovation award as we constantly have the goal ‘To focus on the development of 21st Century skills through a curriculum that promotes co-operation, collaboration, problem solving, innovation, flexibility and adaptability’ in mind when planning and implementing programs in our school. Staff, parents and students are proud of the direction that Fyans Park is heading and the innovative ICT programs that are taking place throughout our school. The students have amazed many with their ICT skills, this has occurred because the students are provided with regular opportunities to extend and enhance their abilities and share their learning with the wider community.*