**FAMILY NEWSLETTER - Issue 33 - 24th October 2013**

### 2013 CALENDAR DATES

#### OCTOBER

- **Fri 25th**  World Teachers' Day  Special Food Day
- **Sun 27th**  Working Bee 9.00-11.00am
- **Thurs 31st**  'Count Us In' Music Festival - Costa Hall

#### NOVEMBER

- **Fri 1st**  Preps to Donegan's Farm
- **Wed 6th**  MSO @ GPAC - Gr Prep to 4
- **Fri 15th**  Curriculum Day - pupil free
- **Mon 18th**  T20 Blast Cup - Grade 5/6
- **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
  - Assembly 2.00pm
  - Dismissal 2.30pm

### SCHOOL COUNCIL OCTOBER MEETING

Our school council met this week and it continues to support and develop progressive programs to improve outcomes for our students.

Highlighting this support council has backed a proposal for a 1:1 (one student:one device) technology program in Gr 3/4 in 2014 where students will have opportunity to bring a personal Ipad to school. This 'bring your own device' program will enhance the terrific work our Gr 3/4s currently do with developing 21st century learning skills. We will shortly invite Gr 2 and Gr 3 parents to an information session to give them the finer points of how the program will operate.

Other discussion from council centred on:-

- Supporting a petition for the retention of the Police bands.
- Updating the Prep-6 homework policy in line with DEECD guidelines and to include holiday tasks.
- A proposed working bee for this Sunday 27th October between 9-11am.
- A pupil free Curriculum Day on Friday 15th November for AUsVels professional development and student report writing.
- Acceptance of the 2013 school chaplain report (included in our newsletter this week) with thanks and appreciation to chaplain Alison McDonald.
- Fees for 2014 will be $205 per student with $30 for our Library fund.
- Acknowledgement of the technology innovation award we were recently awarded.
- Appreciation of the work Anne Morell and parents completed for the recent Geelong Show exhibition. Congrats on the 2nd prize award.

### NOTES HOME THIS WEEK

- Bank Books
- Receipts

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**OSHC - CAMP AUSTRALIA**

**Telephone:** 0452 247 130  
**Hours:** 7.00 am — 8.45 am  
3.30 pm — 6.00 pm
The production of the annual school magazine is well underway! We expect the magazine to be available for distribution in the last week of Term 4, if not before. We expect the magazine will cost approximately $12-$13 per copy. We will shortly issue an order form, so watch out for that in coming weeks. We will only arrange for the printing of enough copies to meet demand, so please give some thought to how many copies you might like to order.

**STARS OF THE WEEK**

- 1C - Charli H
- 1H - Jordan F
- 2H - Charlee W
- 2V - Ainslie A
Fyans Park School Council Report October 2013

School Chaplaincy

It’s been a pleasure to continue to have the role of Chaplain in the Fyans Park community this year. Pastoral care sessions have again taken up the bulk of my time. Over the first three terms I have had sessions with 21 different students. Pastoral care has been provided to referred students experiencing parent separation, friendship issues, grief, learning difficulties, secondary school transition, long-term medical problems, crisis events, heightened anxiety, and low self-worth. I have also provided support to parents and staff.

Another regular event has been running of Lunchtime Games on Tuesdays. These have usually been attended by 12-20 students each time, and have been particularly popular with the Prep students. As always, they have provided a friendly and safe environment for young students who find the 50 minutes of lunchtime a long stretch of time to fill, those who have difficulty finding someone to play with, and those who just love playing games. One major benefit is the opportunity for cross age-level interaction - it’s not unusual to have Preps and Year 4s all playing Uno together.

It has been exciting to be involved again with the Peer Support Team. Ten Year 5/6 students have formed a very strong team this year. Each year the program has increased and improved, culminating this year in a dedicated “Peer Support Week” in August. This involved a great deal of planning, creativity and sheer hard work from the PS students who ran activities across an entire week to promote PS and concomitant values such as friendship, honesty, listening, sharing, and so on. Activities included a Values Treasure Hunt for the Preps, Science experiments (demonstrating friendly and unfriendly chemicals!) for the 1/2s, a computer game on anti-bullying for the 3/4s, and Peer Support Hot Seat for the 5/6s. Warm Fuzzies (positive comments about Fyans Park) were collected from most students and are currently being transposed to digital presentation so they can be displayed on the front desk office computer. Significantly, after the week was over, some of the students voiced their desire to run another major PS event in fourth term.

Other one-off or irregular activities have included newsletter articles on a pastoral care topic, parent talk, and excursions accompanying students. I have tried to keep in touch with students of all year levels by undertaking classroom visits and offering to help with classroom activities.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity and experience of working in the role of School Chaplain in 2013. Having completed five years in this capacity means that I have seen almost a generation of students move through the school. There is no doubt that longevity in this role has benefits as the students know me which makes it much easier if it comes to supporting their pastoral needs.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Alison McDonald
Halloween Morning Tea
- Grade 1 & 2 parents and younger siblings
Friday 1st November

9.30 am - 11.30 am at Ruthven Street Playgroup House, Ruthven Street Newtown.

Bring a plate, gold coin donation towards venue hire. Coffee van hopefully in attendance.

RSVP - Grade 1 to Kristen Grant 0438 294 319 and Grade 2 to Frances Postgate 0400 955 607.

Sponsor Child - Melaku Gebreziher

The SRC would like to introduce you to our new Sponsor child: Melaku Gebreziher.

Melaku is 6 years old and he is from Ethiopia, a country on the continent of Africa. He lives with his parents, 2 brothers and sister. Melaku likes to play football and help out around the home. By supporting Melaku we are giving him the chance to grow up happy and healthy with access to education.

Jake, Eliza, Lewis & Miss Judd

GEELONG WEST OCCASIONAL CARE INC.
392 Autumn Street, Herne Hill

A community, non-profit organisation.
Currently have vacancies on each day.
Mon/Tue/Wed/Thu : 6 months to 6 years
Fri : 3 years and over.

Please contact 5221 3223 between 9am and 2pm each day for more information.
With our new building complete we need to help organise its surrounds and generally clean up the yard to keep it ‘spic and span’.

We need your help Gr 3-6 families!!

This will be the first Working Bee for the year so please come along and give us a hand! School Council works hard to make the school look its best and we need to maintain the great standard.

The main jobs are weeding and spreading mulch as well as the usual raking, whipper snipping and weeding.

So bring your wheelbarrow and rake and give us half an hour or so – many hands make light work!

Could volunteers please bring tools to help complete the following tasks:-

* Spreading mulch over garden areas - wheelbarrows, shovels and rakes

* Lawn mowing and edge trimming – mowers, whipper-snippers, edge trimmers, etc.

* Weeding and pruning – gloves, secateurs.

* Weeding garden areas

* Raking leaves

If you have any queries please contact the school.

Your help is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your help in making our school a safe and attractive place to be for all students.
2013 Christmas Fair Raffle

This year we plan to run our fair raffle differently with the aim of having great prizes and selling lots of tickets!

What you need to know about the raffle this year:

- 7 Major prizes/Raffle Hampers
- Each “hamper” will have a different theme
- Each year level will be responsible for donating/ sourcing goods, creating and preparing the final hamper.
- You can start collecting items for you hamper now!!
- The Hampers must be completed and ready for display and promotion by October 25th - Five (5) weeks prior to the Fair.
- Each family will be given a book of 20 tickets to sell prior to the fair with a picture and summary of each hamper so you can sell and encourage your friends, family and work colleagues to buy tickets.
- Tickets will also be available on the night of the fair.
- As you are selling the tickets prior to the fair the winner does not need to be present on the night.
- Process will stay the same as last year $2 each or 3 for $5

RAFFLE THEMES

**Prep** – Wow, my kids are going to love this!
**Grade 1** – What a lovely day to be outside.....
  **Grade 2** – Isn’t it divine......
  **Grade 3** – Treat yourself
**Grade 4** – I am the next MasterChef
**Grade 5** – Help me get organised!
**Grade 6** – Refreshments please

It would be great if a person wants to take the lead in co-ordinating their year group hamper.

So what can go into each Raffle hamper?

Any items can be put in that you think relate to the theme you have been allocated. Some things will be obvious but for different ideas – think outside the box – think what you would like if you won. You can also put in vouchers for shops/stores that are aligned to your theme.

**Prep** – Anything you think kids might like – toys, games, food, DVDs, books, i-tunes cards, the list is endless
**Grade 1** – BBQ/Picnic food, drink or accessories, Garden tools, outdoor items, pots, plants, gloves, vouchers, etc.
**Grade 2** – Gourmet or special food – lovely edible items to treat the taste buds and share with friends
**Grade 3** – The ultimate pampering hamper – body treatments, soaps, creams, spa vouchers, moisturisers, makeup, vouchers
**Grade 4** – Masterchef – items for the Kitchen – food, relevant kitchen utensils, cooking accessories, cookbooks
**Grade 5** – Stationary, cards, folders, binders, diaries, sticky notes. Ideas can be found in Kikki K, Smiggle, Office Works, Typo
**Grade 6** – Anything you can drink. Soft drink, milo, cordial, tea, coffee, beer, wine, spirits, glasses, mugs, cups, bar accessories

*Your priority is donate to your own year level hamper, however if you have an item that might suit another hamper feel free to donate that as well!!*

Questions?
Prep, Grade 2, Grade 3 and Grade 5 - Please contact Kate Kennett 0402 266 299
Grade 1, Grade 4 and Grade 6 - Please contact Jenni Dodd 0405 122 755
Halloween Preparations!

Hi Families,

We are 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. If you have any ideas with what we could do for Halloween that is different, please come along and share your ideas with us.

Our “Aussie Scrap Book” is coming along fabulously with many children contributing to it. There are a lot of blank pages in it and we want to make sure it’s full, so please come along to OSHC and do a page and share what you like about living in our community to share with the children in the tCAF sponsored school. Miss Judd has been kind enough to share with us a poster about the school’s sponsor child and we will endeavour to find where the tCAF school as to where Melaku lives.

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

Call us on 0452 247 130.

Come and play with us today in OSHC!!

Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie, Jess & Lynne

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STAR OF THE WEEK: IRIS

HOW TO GET STARTED

Before using our programs register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit www.campaustralia.com.au/newparents

Once registered
You can make bookings and cancellations, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day.

Save on Care
Save 50% or more on Before and After School Care with the Child Care Rebate. Almost all families are eligible. To find out more call our Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343

Holiday Clubs
Don’t forget about the Camp Australia Holiday Clubs these school holidays. Use the Holiday Club Finder on the website to find the nearest program: www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

Healthy Snacks
Afternoon tea is served daily. Menus are tailored to children’s tastes, developmental and nutritional needs. Afternoon tea includes a selection of yummy sandwiches and fruit. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities.

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