2014 PARENT SURVEY

The use of opinion data as a measure of school performance is a very important step towards making our school the best it can possibly be. In recent years, we have conducted annual and anonymous opinion surveys for staff, students and parents. We use this information to inform and direct our plans for school improvement. Many parents over the years will have completed these surveys. If you are selected to participate in this year’s Parent Opinion Survey I would ask you to take the time to complete the survey as your opinions are important to us and will be reflected in the management and organisation of the school.

Families who are randomly selected to take part in the survey will receive in the mail the survey in the week beginning Monday July 28th. Please return your completed survey to school by Friday, 1st August. Please be assured that your responses are totally confidential.

NATIONAL TREE PLANTING DAY

All students will have an opportunity to plant a native tree tomorrow as part of National Tree Planting day. This is the fourth time we have planted on the bank below the oval and the results over the last 4 years have made the bank both more stable and pleasant to look at. We have planted over a 1,000 trees and grasses on the bank so far and are almost to the end. Well done students.

THANK YOU MRS. MCLEAN

Our thanks to Mrs Jacqui McLean who has taken 5/6C since the start of Term 3. Miss Castelow starts today and will continue for the rest of this term.
Leading Senior Constable Robbie Noggler, Youth Resource Officer
will present a

**CYBER SAFETY PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

on **MONDAY, 4th AUGUST** in the **Fyans Park PS Early Learning Centre**


Do not miss this opportunity to become more eSmart aware!!

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**SOVEREIGN HILL EXCURSION**

This week, the Year 5/6’s finally got to go on their excursion to Sovereign Hill. The weather was cool, but no wind or rain! The students were engaged all day. They participated in an educational session, walked down the Red Hill Mine Tour, watched a gold pour demonstration and learnt about the sad story of the Creswick Trapped Mine. The ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ was amazing, and all the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done to all the teachers involved, thank you to all our parents and congratulations to Mr Scade who definitely has ‘gold fever’.

Gavin Nelson
Assistant Principal
ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Turn up in big numbers on National Tree Day Sunday the 27th of July. For information and registrations please go to http://treeday.planetark.org/. Click ‘Find an event’, enter ‘Geelong’ in the search facility and you will find all registered National Tree Day projects in and around Geelong. For example The City of Greater Geelong is hosting a National Tree Day activity along the Ted Wilson Trail at Haimes Reserve in Hamlyn Heights. Over a number of years The City aims to plant over 40,000 trees and 20,000 scrubs along the Greenway to improve amenity of the area along the Geelong Ring Road, encourage biodiversity and increase canopy cover in an area of Geelong that has low levels of vegetation. Another project is The Batesford Fyansford Stonehaven Landcare group who is hosting a National Tree Day activity at the Dog Rocks Flora and Fauna Sanctuary. All the details for both sites and more are on the Planetark website. See you there.

RELIABLE BABYSITTING AVAILABLE

I am a Communications / Public Relations second year student at RMIT. I have lots of babysitting experience and I am an ex-Sacred Heart College student. I live within walking distance of Fyans Park PS. I am available weekdays, weeknights and weekends. For more information call Alice on 0409 178 666.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Here is P.E. guru Mr Fawkes with a big box of freebies received courtesy of the Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart 2014.

David won the goodies in an early registration competition.

Nice one Mr Fawkes!

2014 Life Education

The Life Education Van will be visiting us later in the term to work with Fyans Park students from Foundation to Grade 4. It is a program based on the national curriculum. Specialist educators deliver age-specific programs in state-of-the-art Mobile Classrooms using an approach that focuses on the individual, interpersonal relationships and the community. Healthy Harold the giraffe, helps create a fun and memorable environment for the students.

The program is contemporary, engaging and highly relevant and wants all Australian kids to be empowered to make the best choices possible when faced with a range of issues.

Visit the following website to learn more about the program and click on the Parent tab to see a range of tips and strategies to help support raising your happy and healthy child/children.

http://www.lifeeducation.org.au/parents

David Hambrook
Life Ed Coordinator
Reminders...

- **BOOK CLUB** ....... Orders due **Friday 25th July**. No late orders can be accepted.

- **CHOCOLATE DRIVE** ....... Monies or unsold chocolates due **Friday 25th July**.

- **SPECIAL FOOD DAY** ....... Orders due by **3pm - Monday 28th July**. No late orders will be accepted.

- **PARENT OPINION SURVEY** ....... Surveys to be returned by **Friday 1st August** please.

- **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS** ....... Only 2 books left at Fyans Park - no more will be available when these are gone. $55 at the Office.

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**GRADE 6 SOCIAL DAY**

Hi Grade 6 families,

Welcome back to Term 3. Hope everyone had a great break.

The **Airodrome Trampoline Park** is opening in Geelong mid August and I’ve secured an early group booking on the opening weekend.

**Date:** **Sunday 17th August**

at 3.00-4.30pm. The kids will jump for an hour and then have food.

**Where:** Corner Barwon Terrace & Crown St, South Geelong

**Cost:** $20 - Payment can be made to me on the day.

Please reply to me by this Friday if your child would like to attend. For more info please see the website [www.airodrome.com.au](http://www.airodrome.com.au)

Regards, Kate Kennett  
kate@wideideas.com.au

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**JUNIOR TENNIS LESSONS – TERM 3, 2014**

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 29th July** and will be **$60 for 6 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 22nd July 2014. 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 $60 payable to Tony Brushfield by **Tuesday 29th April**.

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

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

Signed: _____________________________

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**Fyans Park Tennis Club**

Are you interested in playing tennis at your local courts?

If you are, or know of anyone who would be interested, the Fyans Park Tennis Club, corner of Camden Road and Ormskirk Street, Newtown, is currently seeking new members. All ages and abilities welcome.
SCHOOL NEWS

Starting this FRIDAY 25th JULY
Fyans Park Family / Friends Fitness session - 9:30am (after drop-off)
St. Joseph’s FC oval / rooms (Drew Reserve)
Please advise if you are onboard - approximate numbers help with programming
Ph: 0423 651 109
Email: davefawkes@hotmail.com
Plenty of space for children to play during the session

What does it feel like?
- I can't catch my breath. It’s hard to breathe.
- My breathing may sound funny, it may be a bit noisy (wheezing) or it may sound like a whistle.
- Sometimes it may feel like someone is squeezing my chest really tightly.
- I may cough a lot. Sometimes more at night or after sport.
- My throat may feel itchy.

What makes my asthma better?
- My Blue puffer. This is also called a reliever. The medicine in my reliever quickly makes it easier for me to breathe.
- I use my puffer with a Spacer. It helps to get more medicine into my lungs.

CHRISTMAS FAIR PRESERVES
The Preserves Stall still need salsa jars and now we need de-labelled beer stubbies of any colour. Over the holidays we made 170 jars of tomato relish and now are ready to get tomato saucing and onion jamming. But we need jars and bottles to do so.

Thank you
Helen Purnell

Parenting as a Team
This 4-week parenting program explores:

The value of working together and moving in the same direction, recognising and combining your strengths, supporting each other and sharing the load and decisions, developing a family approach to issues, complimenting each other’s parenting style. Both parents are encouraged to attend.

Commencing: Monday 4th August
Time: 7.00pm-9.00pm
Location: Ariston, 245-249 Pakington Street, Newtown
Contact: Regional Parenting Service
Ph: 5272 4817
Cost: Gold Coin Donation

Education Maintenance Allowance - Instalment Two - Applications close 1 August 2014

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

Parents and guardians may be eligible for the EMA if they have a valid Centrelink Health Care Card or Pensioner Concession Card.

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due to be paid from mid-August onwards for parents/guardians who chose the ‘direct deposit’ or ‘pay direct to school’ payment option on their application form.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Parents/guardians whose children have transferred to this school since 28 February 2014 will need to submit a new EMA application form. Applications close on 1 August 2014.

Eligibility information can be obtained from: www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm

Contact: School Office for an application form and further information
The Commonwealth O.S.H.C Games Has Started!

Hi Families,

Buddy Leader News: The Buddy Leaders have been hard at work organising a variety of activities for us all to play and do. Each leader has been given the task of introducing a new game to everyone at some stage this term and I am looking forward to seeing what they come up with.

This week and next we will be having our own Mini Commonwealth games with a variety of activities for the children to engage in, each child will be encouraged to participate in the activities and to support their team mates. We have been having loads of fun using the Minute To Win It idea as a basis for the activities, we have ping pong bounce, mini soccer dribbling, urchin tap and ping pong blow, with many more other activities to be used in the coming week. If you know of an activity we can do PLEASE don’t hesitate to let me know your ideas.

This term we will be focusing on The Smith Family Back 2 School activities again. The children have all been discussing what fundraisers we will be doing this term, as we finalize the details for the activities planned I will let you all know at both assembly and here in the newsletter what we plan to do.

There are available spots every day in before and after school care so don’t hesitate to book your children in to come and have some fun with us. Call me on 0452 247 130 if you have any enquiries, I am more than happy to answer any questions you may have or come on in and see me either before or after school to see what we get up to in OSHC.

Cheers & Keep Smiling,

Jodie & Chelsea