NOTES HOME THIS WEEK
* Receipts
* Bank books
* Scholastic Book Club catalogues
* Student/Parent Detail Update

SCHOOL COUNCIL
School council met on Monday night – items discussed were the oval refurbishment, fencing around the school and tennis courts and the Christmas Fair to be held this year.

CONGRATULATIONS to David and Amy Hambrook on the birth of Daisy May born 15th May.

PARENT-TEACHER interviews will be held on Thursday 26th May. We will again be using the Schools Online package to book interview times and information will be made available shortly.

THANK YOU to Matthew and Kirsty for their help in cleaning out the garage this week. We have been able to remove a garden shed and clean out other areas.

SCIENCE DAY - thanks to everyone for a fun Science Day yesterday. It was great to see the children enjoying and learning more about science. Photos on page 5.
National Walk to School Day

Congratulations to all the students who walked to school or some part of it this week. Well done to Mr Fawkes too for organising all the oranges that so many of you ate immediately, or had at Recess time. Well done.

Literacy

Prep / Year 1 Maths

Last week we measured the length and width of our fingers and hands, compared them all and put them in order from smallest to biggest. We then measured four teacher’s hands and the measurements told us that Mr Crossett had the longest fingers and biggest hand!

Remember that when you’re discussing maths with your child at home, it’s more important how your child articulates the question to you and how they think they’re going to come up with the answer, rather than just getting the answer right!
GRADE 1 INQUIRY BASED LEARNING

The Grade 1s had a fantastic afternoon planting our veggies in the garden as part of our ‘From the Garden to the Table’ unit. We’ve put in some lettuce, broccoli, cauliflower, cabbage, snow peas, and carrots, as well as some herbs like sage and mint. It will be an exciting wait to see which grow the quickest! Each week we will take turns watering, weeding and generally taking care of the patch.

We were also very lucky this week as we had a visitor, Ben Meadows. Ben kindly came in to talk to the Grade 1s about how fruits and vegetables go from the farms to the supermarkets. The children had some great questions for him and we learnt some interesting facts! So a big thank you to Ben.

We’d also like to thank Wombat Gully Plant Farm for donating our pea straw and stakes for our scarecrow making. We think it’s safe to say there will be some scared birds....

Rachel Mustovic & Simone Norman
Grade 1

GROUNDFORCE

Our Groundforce helpers would love to have more company on Tuesday mornings at 9 am. You don’t need to be an avid gardener or greenthumb, just a desire to see our lovely grounds looking their best. The recent beautiful weather has unfortunately resulted in plenty of weeds!

Student Messages

We ask parents for co-operation regarding requests to pass on messages to students.

It can be problematic for Office staff to leave the Reception area to deliver non-urgent messages to classrooms, ie. change of pick up arrangements and social activities. We urge parents to make their own arrangements beforehand, as phone calls arriving at busy times, particularly just before 3.30pm cannot be guaranteed to be delivered.

Student Family Occupation Index (SFO)

Coming home today will be an update form for our families’ SFO information. This form is also be available on the school website.

It is important that we accurately record this data as it directly relates to the amount of DEECD funding Fyans Park receives.

Would you please complete and return the form by Friday 6th June.

For more information please contact Jan
FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE - CREDIT YOUR ACCOUNT

As a school we are well aware of the number of times we call on parents to pay for extra curricula activities, such as camps, excursions, sports events, visiting performances etc. This can become quite a process as you pay $5.00 here, $2.50 there and so on.

We are able to offer parents the option of being in credit throughout the year, thus reducing the call for you to send in small amounts of money on a seemingly regular basis.

Parents have a number of options to pay for additional items - cash, cheque, credit card, EFTpos and Bpay. Reference number available at the office.

If you paid a sum of money up front eg. $50, this would be held against your family account as credit and used to pay for those smaller amounts during the year. A print out of your current status is available at any time.

Any unused funds would be rolled over into 2015 or if in Year 6 refunded at the end of the year. We are also able to do this with Education Maintenance Allowance payments that are paid directly to the school.

Please contact Jan in the Office for the appropriate paperwork. You may choose to use this option at any time during the year. We hope this service assists.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY MATTERS

Defrosting one kilo of frozen meat in your fridge helps cool your fridge down and saves one hour of electricity. Planning ahead saves you money and carbon footprint.

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2 DAYS ONLY: 31 MAY – 1 JUNE
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ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Fyans Park Primary School have the new 2014/2015 Entertainment Book for sale. The Entertainment Book includes hundreds of valuable offers from many restaurants, arts, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and lots more!

The cost of each book is $55. Please contact the Office.

CHOCOLATE DRIVE FUNDRAISER

Distributed today is a form regarding the annual Chocolate Drive Fundraiser. The Parent’s Association have offered a number of alternatives this year. Please return this form by Friday 30th May.
LAST FRIDAY AT FYANS PARK
Buddy Bear has been Adventurous!

Hi Families,

This week in OSHC the children have been busy taking Buddy on adventures around the school. Our chief photographers Dylan & Abi have been very creative taking photos of Buddy doing a variety of activities around the school with different children, he played soccer on the oval, he played on the playground and he enjoyed playing in the cubby house. I have included a couple of pics that were taken of Buddy with his friends in OSHC.

There are available spots every day before and after school 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,