



## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a fantastic event Melbourne was able to put on for the Commonwealth Games. I went into the city several times and I just thought the whole look and feel of the place was fabulous. Apart from the fantastic sporting events, I enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere of the city and the gardens and the many wonderful events organised as part of the festival. I hope you had an opportunity to experience it.

### Water Safety

The week before the holidays, I spent most of each day down at Mothers Beach in Mornington to help run our Year 5 and 6 Water Safety program. I first taught in this program 23 years ago! Along with the other teachers, I always look forward to assisting the Tyabb 5's and 6's to participate in Rescues, Snorkelling, Endurance Swims, Surf Skis and other aquatic activities. This program is one of the many lasting legacies that Tony Short has left at the school. The program is designed to challenge the children in an aquatic environment. They build enormous confidence throughout the week and ability-based groups allow swimmers of all levels to experience triumph and achievement. The focus is on teaching the children safety and survival through meeting challenges, with appropriate knowledge and a healthy respect for the vagaries of the ocean. All of this happens in a fun environment. I must certainly congratulate Charlene Duthie and Kathie Toft for their terrific organisation of the program this year!

### Bittern Market Support

It has become a regular feature of our student leader presentations to welcome Faye Hester from the Bittern Market to the assembly. The Bittern Market is a wonderful supporter of our school and many other local community organisations. Faye presented each of the School Captains and Junior School Council Chairpersons with a scholarship for \$50 each. She also presented the school with a cheque for \$500. We use that money each year to send our student leaders to the Young Leaders Conference at the Melbourne Convention Centre and to the Leadership Workshop at Toorak College. We thank the Bittern Market for their support and trust that, in turn, the community will support the market.

### Gardener

I am very pleased to announce that we have a gardener at the school! Sue Collis, who runs her own landscaping and garden maintenance business, starts next week. We have had a brief discussion about what her early tasks will be and later on we will have a more detailed look at future plans. Sue is a parent at the school (thanks Jennifer for letting your mum come along and work at the school). She has worked on many working bees and she will be a fantastic asset! School Council was rapt that Sue offered her services when the call went out. She is very committed to Tyabb and I am sure that you will soon see a difference in the grounds as a result of Sue's work.

### Hats

Just a reminder that, due to the changed holiday arrangements, our Sunsmart policy has been altered to reflect this. The policy now reads that "hats will be compulsory until the end of April" - this means not just term one! Bring those hats along kids! You must wear them every day until the end of April.

### Green lines

You may have seen some green lines on the exit paths around the school that were painted on during the holidays. These lines have been provided for children to give them a clear indication of where the actual borders of the play area are. With some changes to the buildings and fence lines, it has become less clear where children can and cannot play. These lines make it very clear and the children know that they **must not** cross the lines during school time without a teacher or parent present. I won't go into detail about why the lines are green. Suffice to say that it is a long story and those who were at assembly will have heard it. Basically we did not want the lines to be intrusive but rather a subtle message to the children. Obviously our "two step" rule still applies which states that all children should remain "two steps" from any fence line.

### Lectern

Were you at assembly this week? Did you see our terrific new lectern? Thanks, once again, to our fabulous PFA who funded the purchase of the new lectern. It's a great addition to the school and another example of how the PFA keeps making our school a better place!

### Early Years Training for parents

Sincere thanks to Heather Tytler and Bronwyn Pike for giving up their evening to

train parents in Early Years Literacy assistance, particularly to Heather, who was in her final week prior to retirement but still had the commitment to do this for us. I am sure that Bronwyn, who has helped Heather in the last couple of years, will have the confidence and ability to run the training herself next year because, as committed as Heather was, I don't think we'll tempt her back for another one!

### OSHC QA Accreditation

Best of luck to Deidre Murray and her wonderful staff in the Out of School Hours Care program who, next week, will be going through accreditation as a Quality Assured program through the federal government assessment process. It has been a long and arduous task of preparation for accreditation and I am sure they are a little nervous about how it all might go. However, I know how much work the team have put in, especially with great assistance and support from Chris Mirabella, our business manager, and so I am confident it will all go well.

### Briars Environment Week

On Wednesday, many of our children will hear lots more about how we can help the environment when they travel to the Briars in Mt Martha for Environment Week activities. It's always a jam-packed day and the children invariably return with wonderful ideas for the school and home.

Have a great week everyone.

*Greg Lacey*, Principal

## FORWARD DATES

### APRIL

Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	PFA Meeting at 7.30 pm
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Gr 2D, 2HM, 3S & 3/4L Briars Excursion
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Curriculum Day
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup>	School Council meeting
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Good Friday
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Mnday
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	ANZAC Day
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Proposed Walkathon

### MAY

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day Stall

### JUNE

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 2

## From the Acting AP's Desk

It never ceases to amaze me how supportive our parents are – not only in regard to their children's program and classroom programs, but also to our school's environment.

During Water Safety Week last term we had many parents who offered to assist with the program. Some parents were there for 2 or 3 days, others for a few hours. Every minute was appreciated by the staff and I'm sure also by the children. The extra assistance and the extra pairs of eyes are invaluable for this program. I would like to make a special thank you to Jo McDonnell who collected and returned the equipment trailer each day. As a person who doesn't tow anything I was extremely grateful for her offer of help. Thanks Jo.

I also received a lovely note from other parents this week. They had noticed the overgrowth of the trees alongside the oval which was restricting the parking area. Over the holidays they came in, cut back the bushes and cleared away two van loads of green waste. They have also offered to donate plant tubes, punnets and seedling trays for the children to use to propagate plants. These will be great when we get our environment centre up and running. So many thanks also to Angie and Dean Underwood (Underwood's Nursery and Landscaping - Tyabb).

We are having a working bee on our environment centre on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> April. The committee felt that at this stage an open plea for assistance from parents may mean too many people trying to work in such a small area. Some parents who have indicated a special interest in this project will be attending. If you feel you have a specific skill, talent or interest, and would still like to be involved, please contact me at the office.

Thank you,  
Charlene Duthie

## ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

Donation envelopes have been sent home today. If you wish to donate to this very worthy cause through the school, **please return your donation envelope by next Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April** so that our total school donation for 2006 can be acknowledged on Good Friday

## The Sports Arena

### WATER SAFETY WEEK

What a way to finish a term. A week at the beach! Although it sounds like a 'cushy program,' our grade 5 and 6 students benefit tremendously from experiencing rescues, endurance swimming, snorkelling, and surf skis in open waters and Mothers Beach in

Mornington offers the perfect, safe location to provide all this and more. The week concluded with a Surf Carnival and an Ironman and Ironwoman event. This year the titles went to the brother and sister team - Andrew and Felicity. They both showed incredible stamina in and out of the water!! A big **THANK YOU** to all the parents who came down, to encourage their kids and assist with some of the activities. A special thanks to Jo McDonnell, who spent the week helping out, driving the trailer to and from the beach each day. Congratulations to all the kids for their fantastic efforts and determination to 'have a go' and try their best at activities that for many, were completely new to them. Well done!!

### ZONE SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

While some of us were at the beach swimming, 8 of our students were creating ripples at the Pines Forest Pool in Frankston, in the Peninsula Zone Swimming Championships. Andrew competed in the 11yr boys freestyle, Justin competed in the 11yr boys Butterfly and our 11yr boys freestyle relay team - Andrew, Rylan, Justin and Wade, all came 7<sup>th</sup> in their respective events. The Open Medley Relay Team - Andrew, Andrew, Aden and Sam came a very close 3<sup>rd</sup> and Andrew goes on to represent the Zone at the Regional Championships in the 12yr boys butterfly after coming 2<sup>nd</sup> in his event. Good Luck today (Thursday) Andrew!

### DISTRICT TENNIS

The Hastings District Tennis competition was held at Balnarring Tennis Club on Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March and 4 of our students were there representing our school. Congratulations to Monique, Olivia, Jack and Aden for being selected from our school. Monique, after finishing third overall, will play in State Championships on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April. Good luck Monique!

### FITNESS CLUB

What a fantastic turn up on Tuesday, of children and parents to the first day of Fitness Club for 2006. It was the perfect temperature to get out - running or walking, getting that blood pumping to start the day. It was great to see! Anyone can join in from 8.15 am every Tuesday and Thursday on the oval, even if you only help mark off laps. It's also a great way to meet new parents and get fit at the same time. This term in our P.E. classes there will be an emphasis on fitness, preparing particularly the older kids for our Cross Country Carnival in May, so any extra training would be of great benefit. It is however, important to be wearing the correct footwear during these sessions. The latest trend of 'Skate shoes' are really cool to wear but totally inappropriate for these activities. Please make sure your children have

runners to wear, to avoid injury and bring bottles of **water** to hydrate their bodies.

### PHYS-ED CLASSES

There have been several changes to the Phys Ed. timetable this term, so to help you remind your children of runners, water bottles and hats, I've listed the sessions below.

MON - Prep S, 2D & Grs 1G & 1B

TUES - Grs 2H/M, 6C & 6S,

WED - Prep H & P, 3S, 3/4L, 5J & 5G.

FRI - Grs 4M & 4W

Keep on keeping on,

*Kathie Toft.*



### TENNIS

On Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March Jack, Olivia, Monique and Aden went to the Balnarring Tennis club to represent Tyabb. It was a Round Robin Tournament so it was the players who won the most games who went into the finals not those who won the most sets. Jack and Monique were the only ones who made it to the finals. Monique won her first two finals then lost the third. She came third overall. Unfortunately Jack was knocked out of the finals in the first match. I would like to thank Amanda Schmidt and Carmen Boer for transporting the team and for coming to support us.

Aden 6G

### EQUESTRIAN TEAM REPORT

Isabella Walsh and Tara Campain competed on behalf of Tyabb Primary School at the Flinders College Combined Training Day held at the Hastings Pony Club grounds recently. Both girls had excellent results with Isabella coming first in both her Grade 3 Dressage test and her combined training and Tara coming second in her Grade 4 Combined Training.

Really well done girls!!!

## Peninsula Connections

Beginning again Term 2. The time frame will be the same as 2005, with notices sent home in mid April and the program commencing early May.

Sue Shergold

## Out of School Hours Care "Kid's Club"

Children have taken enthusiastically to painting their Boomerangs and creating grasshead creatures to link up with Environment Week next week.

We look forward to the Sports Bonanza which is part of our Curriculum Day Program on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April. Bookings for the program must be accompanied by a \$5 (non-refundable) cash booking fee and made by Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April to ensure a place.

### ACCREDITATION

We will have a validator from NCAC visiting us on Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April (After School session), Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> April (Before and After School Care) and Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> April (Curriculum Day – morning session). We are looking forward to a busy term.

Please return any outstanding surveys this week. Thank you to those families who have returned them already – the response has been very good.

### WANTED

For future activities donations of small soaps, sample bottles of shampoo, very small containers, small muslin/voile drawstring bags, spice jars and any decorative boxes would be most appreciated. Recycled goods are always welcome at the program.

Thank you  
Deidre and Marlene.

## ***THRASS picture charts in the home***

A group order for picture charts will be finalised on Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to purchase a picture chart to assist your child with reading and writing at home please contact Bronwyn Pike in Room 3. A total payment of \$6.00 must be received before the order can be made.

## PFA NEWS

Thank you everyone who participated in the Lolly Drive, you should have received your goodies by now. We made over \$1,000-00 which was a great start to our fundraising year.

### **A reminder for the PFA Meeting next Monday 7.30pm in the Staff Room.**

We would love to see some new faces. Come along and see what we do (don't panic you won't be given a job) and meet some new parents, you won't regret it. If you have any suggestions or questions then please don't hesitate to call me 5979 2710.

Thank you,  
Narelle Harvey  
PFA President

### **HELP!!!!**

We are looking for a volunteer to take over the Bookclub duties for the school (after 8 years). Sally is happy to train someone. If you have a computer at home with internet access and you are able to help out please contact Sally Baxter on 59714661.

### **LOST**

Misplaced last term. Prescription sunglasses. Black "Billy Bass" frames.

Please contact the office if you have found them. Thank you.

## **AFL Auskick 2006 Registration Days**

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2006  
and Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2006  
9.30am – 11.00am

At Fruit Growers Reserve Football Oval  
Somerville. Registration will continue in all  
weather conditions.

Fees payable on the day - \$45.00.  
This includes the official Auskick pack.

Season starts 29<sup>th</sup> April 2006.  
Times 9.30 am – 11.00 am every Saturday.  
Fruit Growers oval Somerville.

Any enquiries please contact  
Carlene Page 0418 105 665  
Mel Anderson 0408 887 020

Student Exchange AUSTRALIA

## BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In July 2006, students, aged 15-18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 5 or 11 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly supportive and caring home environment, contact Student Exchange Australia on 1300 135 331 or visit the website [www.studentexchange.org.au](http://www.studentexchange.org.au)

## **MORNINGTON PENINSULA SHIRE COUNCIL**

### **RATEPAYERS FREE TREE ISSUE**

SATURDAY 1<sup>st</sup> APRIL  
MONDAY to FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> APRIL

Ratepayers "FREE TREE ISSUE" will be held in conjunction with ENVIRONMENT WEEK activities throughout the Shire.

*Residents can collect 2 free plants from the most convenient distribution centre. A current RATE CERTIFICATE must be presented and residents owning more than one property can only collect on ONE rate certificate.*

Distribution will be on:-  
Saturday 01/04/2006  
Monday 03/04/2006 to Friday 07/04/2006  
**WHILE STOCKS LAST.**

### **DISTRIBUTION CENTRES:-**

Mornington Youth Enterprises Nursery Mel 145D2  
Mitchell Street Mornington - 9:00am to 4:00pm  
Hastings Garden & Mini Mix Supply Mel 154G12  
2165 Frankston Flinders Road Hastings (800  
metres south of McDonalds) 9:00am to 4:00pm  
Wongabeena Association Inc. Mel 170 F2  
25 Leon Avenue Rosebud 9:00 am to 4:00pm  
(Enter Leon Ave off Jetty Road via Lawson Cres.,  
Keogh St or Wootton Cres)  
Russell Ardley (Coordinator)

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# WAKAKIRRI 2006

All expressions of interest from students in Grades 5 and 6 to take part in Wakakirri must be returned by **tomorrow**, Friday, 31<sup>st</sup> March. Tyabb Primary School will be performing in this dance, drama and musical event for the first time this July. Completed interest forms can be returned to Mrs Galvin in room 11. There is to be a meeting of all parents interested in helping out, in the 5/6G classroom on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> April after school. This is a very exciting project and we would love lots of people involved.

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## FREE FAMILY FUN DAY

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10am – 3pm  
Mornington & Southern Peninsula Baptist Church

370 Craigie Rd Mt Martha  
Melways Ref: 146A11

Rides, Games, Craft, Food, Drinks, Ice Cream, Music, Bands, 4X4, Custom Car and other Displays, Aerial Aerobatics

**All Absolutely Free! You can't pay a cent!!**  
Our Easter Gift to the Local Community



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