



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

It happens time and time again, I never tire of it and it always makes me so proud. I was at the Sand Sculptures in Frankston with some Year 1 and Year 5 students and there was a staff member from the display talking to the children. Almost her first words were, "I had some children from your school here yesterday and they were the best behaved that I've ever had here and I'm sure you will all be the same." It wasn't a platitude. It was a genuine comment about our fantastic children and the good manners and respect they show on events like this. I got the same comment from another teacher who had another group at the sandcastles and I had the same feedback about our House Vice Captains in regard to their participation at a Leadership Development activity at Toorak College. Well done Tyabb! You always make me proud!

Student Leaders

Recently, we announced the names of many more of our student leaders. Badges with the student's names and titles have been ordered and will be presented at assembly very soon. Congratulations to the following students for their appointments. Once again, it is an amazing group of individuals, with a further group of wonderful students who were unlucky not to also be on this list.

School Captains

Jesse Liam

Junior School Council Chairpersons

Kate Darcy

House Captains

Baxter (Gold)

Jack Natalie

Liam Emily

Benton (White)

Jeremiah Sarah

Chris Emma

Coolart (Blue)

Laz Simone

Aidan Taylah

Jones (Green)

Riley Lillian

Rhys Sarah

Parking Awareness Program

The Mornington Shire Council has written to me in regard to a "Parking Awareness Program" that will be instituted at local

schools over the next few months. You can expect a period when council traffic staff will kindly remind you of your responsibility to travel and park safely near schools. This will, of course, be followed by a period where they will use fines to emphasise the reminder should illegal practices continue. [NCHRC and Working with Children Cards](#)
The issue of National Criminal History Checks (Police Checks) and Working with Children Cards was discussed at length at School Council. Many people, I know, already have Working with Children cards for all sorts of activities. Below is a summary of the school's current policy on these issues. We will no longer be accepting an NCHRC for those activities for which they were previously required. Current, valid Working with Children Cards ONLY will be accepted in the future. Working with Children Cards are free for volunteers and they can be obtained from the Post Office.

Working with Children Card Policy

Below is a summary of the key points about Working with Children Cards as they pertain to parents.

School Council requires that volunteers and visitors who participate in programs that have potentially higher levels of student contact than normal must hold a valid Working with Children card. Working with Children cards are free for volunteers and can be used in other circumstances outside of school. Specifically, a WWC will be required for all volunteers involved in:

- * Camps
- * Sleep-overs
- * Canteen roster
- * Any activities in which a volunteer's own child is not involved
- * Any situation in which a volunteer may have unsupervised contact with a child
- * Swimming program teachers and assistants
- * Permanent sports coaches
- * Any other programs that have potentially higher levels of student contact than normal, as determined by the Principal.

Teachers holding current full registration with the VIT are exempt

from requiring a Working with Children card.

In general, parent volunteers whose own children are involved in a particular activity, do not need a WWC card or NCHRC.

Contractors who work at the school on a scheduled basis within school hours for Maintenance, Gardening and Cleaning must hold a current Working with Children Card.

School Council

At the first meeting of School Council, we elected office bearers for 2008. They are as follows.

President: Tony Gay (Parent member)

Vice President: David McKinney

Treasurer: Kerry Quigley (Staff member)

Secretary: Carole Howden (Staff member)

Parent members: Mark Barnes, Carol Faska, Donna Flanigan, Cameron McDonald, Debbie Taylor and Wendy Dunn

Community member: Sharon McKinna

Staff members: Greg Lacey and Bronwyn Rogers

Information Nights

Last night, we had our first Information Night for Years 3 and 4. Prep - 2 and Years 5 and 6 nights are next week. Your attendance will provide you with valuable information about your child's schooling. Strong attendance at these nights will indicate parent support for the initiative and will ensure its continuance. Numbers for the Year 3 and 4 last night were really strong. It was good to see so many people taking advantage of the opportunity.

Cycling to school

A letter, signed by a number of parents was submitted to School Council recently for discussion in regard to a change to our Riding to School policy. The School Council unanimously supported the current policy which states that only children in Year 4 or above should ride to school. The policy remains regardless of whether the children are supervised by a parent or not. There is an open letter to the signatories of the letter to Council explaining the rationale behind the School Council's decision.

Have a great week everyone,

Greg Lacey

Principal

FORWARD DATES

MARCH	
Monday 10 th	Public holiday
Wed 12 th	Preps commence full time
Wed. 12 th	Western Port Secondary College - Open Night and School Tours
Thurs. 13 th	Junior School Council - Free Dress Day
Thurs. 20 th	Last day of Term 1 – Dismissal time 2.30 pm
Friday 21 st	Good Friday
APRIL	
Monday 7 th	School resumes for Term 2
16 th – 18 th	Grade 3 – Somers School Camp
16 th – 18 th	Grade 4 - Phillip Island Camp
29 th April – 2 nd May	Grade 5 – Beechworth Camp

BOOK CLUB

Order forms have been sent home this week. Orders and money **must be returned by tomorrow, Friday,**

7th March so that orders will be received by the end of term. Sorry for the short notice – due to reduced number of weeks this term.

MORNINGTON PENINSULA SCHOOLS ENVIRONMENT WEEK PROGRAM

Will be held during the week of 14th to 18th April (Term 2). It has been running for 26 years. Many children from this school have attended over those years. Many would have great memories of potting up seedlings, planting seeds and bringing them home to share.

The Horticulture program is in need of assistants during the week – can you give one day?

Go along and enjoy the fun – lunch is provided, no training needed – all you need is an interest in gardening and the desire to share this with children.

If you can help please contact Heather Tytler on 5989 2080 or email lesandheather@bigpond.com

Year Level Information Nights

- **Prep, 1 and 2 - Tuesday, 11th March from 7 – 8 pm**
- **Years 5 and 6 – Thursday, 13th March from 7 – 8 pm**

FROM THE AP'S DESK

After five weeks as Assistant Principal of Tyabb Primary School, it certainly feels like home! I have been made to feel so welcome by the whole school community – it is really a lovely place to work. I have tried to spend some time each week in different grades around the school and have been impressed by the work being done in all grades. The children are focussed and engaged in what they are doing and the programs have been exciting and varied!

I especially enjoyed Water Safety Week last week. We had beautiful weather for the week and I think I spent most of my time paddling around on my surf ski – there aren't many jobs where you can do that! It was a week of achievements as children accomplished things they didn't think they could – the endurance swim was probably a highlight for most. My achievement was towing the HUGE water safety van down to the beach each day – not something I have done before!

Luckily, Mornington Mazda had kindly said we could park the van in their customer carpark each night – and they had plenty of willing staff to help me back, park and unhitch the trailer!! I would like to thank the parents who assisted us at the beach: Suzie Cuttriss, David McKinney, Gary Downs, Jo McDonnell and also Josh Lacey.

Thank you, also, to all the parents who have come up to say hello to me around the school. I am trying really hard to remember names – but forgive me if I have to ask twice!

Just a reminder about hats – would you please ensure your child's hat is in good condition? Some hats are looking very battered with pieces cut out of them and writing all over the outside. Apart from being much less effective at blocking out the sun, they look really messy.

Have a good weekend,

Kerry

MUSIC NEWS

Last call for any recorder money for children in Grades 3, 4 and 5. Parents please check any stray notices for children who have not returned their forms as ordering will take place on Friday, 7th March.

Thank you,
Merran Wyatt

PARENTS AND FRIENDS ASSOCIATION

Thanks everyone for supporting our Easter Drive. We had a fabulous response! Orders have been processed and will be delivered by the end of next week.

Kerry Vandebroek would also like to thank all the parents who have offered to help with the Mothers' Day Stall. Kerry will arrange a date early next term for a Working Bee.

Thank you!
Carol Faska, PFA President

ROYAL CHILDRENS' HOSPITAL GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL

If you would still like to donate through the school to this very worthy cause, please return the donation envelope by Friday, 14th March so that

our total school donation can be acknowledged on Good Friday - at the start of the school holidays. Thank you very much to those families who have sent in donations already.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL FREE DRESS DAY

Thursday, 13th March is FREE DRESS DAY. On this day we are asking for everyone to bring a gold coin to donate to support our World Vision sponsor child, Ayire, who lives in Ethiopia.

We send \$30 per month to provide food, fresh water, education, medical expenses, school related needs and clothes.

If you bring a coin to donate you will know that you are helping to make our World Vision child's life a better one.

Don't forget FREE DRESS DAY on Thursday, 13th March.

BALNARRING ARTFEST 2008

Opening Night (Friday 7th March) 7 pm till 10 pm – entry \$15 (includes food, wine and auction). Saturday 8th (9 am till 5 pm) and Sunday 9th March (10 am till 4 pm).

Entry \$4. Quality work by recognised artists from the Peninsula and beyond. Painting, jewellery, craft, mosaic, sculpture, garden art, woodwork, textiles. Refreshments, light lunches, wine and children's activities available all weekend at Balanrring Primary School, Civic Court, Balnarring.

Phone 5931 4444

(Mel Ref 193 C5). See our school noticeboard for more details.

THE SPORTS ARENA

DISTRICT SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our Tyabb Swimming Team who showed a fantastic effort at the Hastings District Swimming Carnival at the end of last month. Everybody there, watching and cheering on our swimmers would agree that they all put in 110%, the effort that they had trained to do in our early morning training sessions. Well done!! Of our initial team of 30, we have 13 students going on to swim at the Pines Pool tomorrow, Friday 7th March. Our swimming team captains, Natalie and Ryan headed the cheer squad of enthusiastic parents and spectators, encouraging our individual swimmers to achieve some results of which we are all very proud.

FREESTYLE - Lilli and Ned came 1st, Kaila and Emma came 2nd, Lochlan 3rd and Ryan 5th.

BACKSTROKE - Lilli, Ryan and Natalie (making a new District record) are all competing at Zone after winning their backstroke races, Ned also came 1st, Lochlan and Maddi came 2nd.

BREASTSTROKE - Maddi, Peter, and Darcy all came 2nd, Simone 3rd, Taylah and Chris came 4th.

BUTTERFLY - Thank you to Nicola and Darcy who were both emergencies and swam in these races. Nicola won her race and is competing at Zone and Darcy came 3rd. Well done! Natalie is also going to Zone, Kaila and Marus both came 2nd and Alex came 3rd. Congratulations to you all! Our relay teams swam next and of the 8 teams that competed in their heats we have 3 teams going on. Well done!

10 year girls - Kaila, Maddi, Emily and Elysha - 2nd.

10 year boys - Ned, Declan, Alex and Bradley - 1st

11 year girls - Lilli, Taylah, Nicola and Rebecca - 1st

11 year boys - Lochlan, Sam, James and Griffin, who swam for Jake who was ill on the day - 3rd

12 year girls - Natalie, Olivia, Emma and Simone - 2nd.

12 year boys - Ryan, Marcus, Scott and Jack - 3rd

Girls Open Medley - Natalie, Simone, Emma and Emma - 2nd

Boys Open Medley - Ryan, Scott, Marcus and Chris - 1st

Although our school came 2nd this year to Balnarring P.S. it was a great day to be part of! Congratulations everyone!

BASKETBALL TEAMS

The Westernport Schools' Basketball Competition started last week. We have 6 teams registered at this stage and we can extend that if we get more children wanting to play. A big 'Thank You' to the parents who have offered to help out with coaching, managing or scoring.

Remember, the kids are there to learn how to play and ultimately have fun!!

There is no basketball this weekend because of the Labour Day weekend.

Fixtures will be sent home to those teams who had a Bye last week, when I get them.

WATER SAFETY WEEK

A great time was had by all those attending our Water Safety Week. Although the weather was a little chilly during the morning sessions, early in the week, our Grade 5 and 6 students benefited tremendously from experiencing rescues, endurance swimming, snorkelling, and surf skis in open waters at Mothers Beach, Mornington. The week concluded with perfect conditions for a Surf Carnival. Everybody put in a fantastic effort with determination to 'have a go' and try their best in every activity. Special congratulations to Aidan Cuttriss and Natalie Dimitrakas, taking the 2008 Ironman and Ironwoman titles. They both showed incredible stamina and strength. Aidan also won the boys' Flags' competition and Taylah Gaynor, the girls' competition for the second year in a row. Jones House people were victorious in the overall competition. Well done. A big 'Thank You' to the parents, who came down, to encourage their kids and those who assisted with some of the activities: Suzie Cuttriss, Gary Downs and Jo McDonnell. Thanks also to Josh Lacey, Amber Killen and Rhiannon Lowrey who helped out.

PHYS-ED CLASSES

A terrific effort has been made by the children to remember runners, water bottles and hats on the days of their Phys. Ed. classes. Thanks everyone. Keep it up!

Monday - Grades 6G, 6H, 2D & 2H

Tuesday -

Grades 4R, 4/5J, Preps K & S, 1D & 1M

Thursday - Sport for Grades 3, 4, 5 & 6.

Friday -

Grades 3S, 3C, 1B, Prep M & 5GW.

Keep on keeping on,
Kathie Toft

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

The OSHC Café continues to be as busy as ever.....

Our numbers continue to increase. It is now recommended that families **book in** where possible as we are often close to our maximum.

Last week we had a visit from the Childrens' Librarian from Hastings. It was an enjoyable afternoon of stories and activities.

On Friday, 29th February we had a visit from the NCAC (National Childcare Accreditation Council Inc) validator. We expect to receive confirmation of our accreditation early next term.

We continue to share our Hall space with the Active After School groups on Mondays and Wednesdays.

We've had a number of birthdays to celebrate already this month.

THANK YOU

We wish to thank Baker's Delight, Somerville for their continued support of our program.

ACCOUNTS

We require a zero balance at the end of this term. Accounts are sent out fortnightly and prompt payment is expected.

*Deidre, Marlene,
Jeannie and Sharron*

CAMP WOORABINDA
Bunk Room Inspections
By Kirsty 6H

Every morning, after breakfast, Tony would come around to all of the bunk rooms for inspections. He would give your room a score out of 10 according to how tidy and organised it was.

No one out of all of the bunk rooms got 10/10, but everyone was very close.

Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings were normal room inspections, but on Friday morning everything was different.

The boys had to have their bunk rooms cleaner than ever before and the girls had to act like nurses and very sick patients because the dormitories used to be a hospital.

TYABB PRIMARY SONG

(to the tune of Advance Australia Fair)

We come from Tyabb Primary
School
We always do our best
With Sport and Math and English
too
We pass on every test
We try the 'You can do it' rule
And never think defeat
To be a part of this great school
An example to all we meet
We're the kids from Tyabb P.S
And Tyabb is the best!!!!

By Emma D. and her Mum

OPEN NIGHT/COLLEGE TOURS

Mornington Secondary College
1051 Nepean Hwy, Mornington

You are invited to attend an Open Night on
Wednesday 12 March from
5.30 pm -7.30 pm. Tours, student displays
and exhibits, view facilities and classrooms
and talk to teachers about curriculum and
programs and pathways to VCE/VET and
VCAL.

Tours are conducted every Friday at
10.15 am. To make a booking or enquiry
please telephone 5970 0200 during office
hours.

Open Day
Bayside Christian
College

120-128 Robinsons Rd,
Langwarrin South 3911

Tuesday, March 4th
9.30am to 2.30pm

Enrolling now for
Year 7, 2009

Contact Julie Rebbeck on
5971 2978 or
j.rebbeck@bcc.vic.edu.au

CHRYSALIS
CLUB


**A PROGRAM FOR PRIMARY-
AGED CHILDREN WHO ARE
EXPERIENCING GRIEF AND
LOSS IN THEIR LIVES, EITHER
THROUGH THE DEATH OF A
LOVED ONE OR FAMILY
SEPARATION**

Information Night will be held
on Thursday, 10th April at
7.00 pm.

For Further Information and
enrolment contact:
Gayle Daff on 5971 9444

LIONS CLUB OF FRANKSTON
CELTIC FESTIVAL

Featuring Australian Welsh Male Choir,
Frankston RSL Pipes and Drums Band,
Celtic Feet Dance Troupe, Braemar Scottish
& Irish Folk Duo. **SUNDAY, 9TH MARCH**
from 2.30 pm till 5 pm at Frankston Arts
Centre. \$25 adult/\$20 conc. To book phone
9784 1060. For more details phone Phil Cook
on 9775 2123. All proceeds support
Peninsula Hospice Service Client Volunteer
Program.



Western Port
Secondary College
"Excellence in Education and Opportunity for All"
High St, Hastings
Open Night 2008

- *Wednesday 12th March*
- *Information tours beginning: 4:15, 5:00, 5:30 & 6:15pm in the Arts Centre*
- *BBQ food and refreshments available to purchase.*
- *Please contact Tanya Blanch on 5979 1577 for more information.*

A Close Call

By Madi B. - 6H

On Thursday 28th of February, at about 7:00 a.m, Marlene was walking outside, innocently unlocking doors when all of a sudden she saw an unknown identity stealing 6H and 6G's electrical needs!

Marlene reported:
"Nothing really happened; I was just walking to unlock the basketball court when I saw him!
He was tall, had dark hair and he was dressed in dark colours! When I saw him my heart pounded and my adrenalin was going like crazy!

Luckily, he dropped all of the items and ran to the back of the school!
I rang Greg Lacey and got some advice: call the police, which is exactly what I did!

The police asked me many questions, but I couldn't really answer much...all I could tell them was his description and what I saw. I told them that I couldn't hear a car drive off, so I'm guessing he was running!

Soon after, the police and sniffer dogs came and got his scent and searched in the Oliver's Creek Bushland Reserve...just in case he was hiding in there.

The Grade 6's were taken to the hall to hear Marlene's report first hand and a quick game, while the area was closed off for the police. The police are still on the case and collecting every bit of evidence they can!

NEXT NEWSLETTER –
Wednesday, 19th March.

THE BREAK IN

By Jack G - 6H

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On the 28th of February Marlene the Out of School Hours care teacher was doing her daily job of innocently opening the tennis door lock when out of the corner of her eye she saw a person.

He was dressed in dark clothes with black hair and in his late twenties to early thirties. He was holding a crate of stuff from the grade six classrooms. Some of the stuff was bought the day before. When he saw her he dropped the crate and ran off.

She waited in the same position for about two minutes and listened for a car but there was nothing so she crept into the classroom and looked around. She saw stuff in crates on a table near the door where he obviously was going to return.

She called our Principal Mr Lacey and asked his permission to call the police, he said "Of course you can!", so she did.

The police came and interviewed Marlene. She told them what she saw. Later on the sniffer dog came and checked out the school and the creek just to make sure he was gone.

The police left and then about two hours later came back to check the fingerprints.

And that's what happened when the break-in occurred.

OPEN LETTER TO PARENTS WEDNESDAY, 9 APRIL 2008.

Recently, I received a letter in regard to our cycling to school policy. The letter was countersigned by a small number of parents. However, no contact details were given and most of the names were unreadable so I have decided to respond in an open letter to the community. The letter requested a change to our policy which advises against children below Year 4 riding to school.

The letter was tabled and discussed at School Council. I should say up front that the result of the discussion was to reaffirm our commitment to the current policy. There are many issues on which we