CHANGE OF DETAILS
Please inform the office of any changes to addresses, phone numbers etc., so your contact details are kept up to date.

TERM 1 DATES
Remember your sun smart hat for Term 1

- **Monday 29th February**
  - Assembly: 3:00pm
- **Monday 29th February - Wednesday 2nd March**
  - Foundation ‘I Can Dance’ Incursion
- **Monday February 29th**
  - Year 5 Camp
- **Tuesday March 1st**
  - Year 6 Eastern Regional Library Incursion
- **Wednesday March 2nd**
  - National Young Leaders Day
- **Friday March 4th**
  - Schools’ Clean Up Day
- **Monday March 7th**
  - Assembly
- **Wednesday March 9th**
  - Parent Helpers Course 7:00pm
- **Thursday March 10th**
  - Year 5/6 Athletics
- **Monday 14th March**
  - Labour Day

**SCHOOL CANTEEN**
Open Tuesday-Friday
Online orders – www.bimbadeenheightsps.vic.edu.au

**UNIFORM SHOP**
Open Fridays from 9:00am to 9:30am

**BEFORE SCHOOL CARE**
Monday to Friday 7:00-8:45am

**AFTER SCHOOL CARE**
Monday to Friday 3.30-6.00pm

Bimbadeen Blaze
“Reaching for the Heights”

**VOLUME 04/16**
**26th FEBRUARY, 2016**

**Vision:** To instil in children a life-long love of learning
**Mission:** To provide each child with the opportunity to develop their full potential for intellectual, social and personal growth

**RESPECT**
**FAIRNESS**
**COMPASSION**
**UNDERSTANDING**
**Honesty**

**PARENT COMMUNICATION**
Teachers appreciated meeting with many parents who came up for the information night programs last Monday evening. If you were unable to make it along please see our website in the Documents & Forms tab under Year Level Notices, and you can download a copy of this year’s information booklet for your child’s year level.

If there are specific issues or information that you want to make sure that the teacher is aware of, please contact the office to make an appointment or email the teacher directly from the Contact Us tab on our website.

Good schooling and a successful year for your child will be greatly influenced by a positive relationship that parents can have with their child’s teacher and good, open, communication with them. If you have not yet met your child’s teacher please make every effort to do so in the next few weeks.

**CAMPS & EXCURSIONS & BUSES IN HAYRICK LAKE**
It is a shorter than normal first term this year and we need to fit a lot of activities in. We have had the Year 6 camp to Phillip Island a couple of weeks ago with the Year 5’s going next week. The year 6’s have already had an excursion to the city to see the special ‘Spirit of Anzac’ exhibition and this week the Year 3/4’s have had their excursion to Ricketts Point on Thursday and Friday. This has meant lots of buses in Hayrick Lane impacting on traffic flow. Thank you for your patience with this.

Where possible we try to get our buses to be here not around drop-off or pick-up time but this is sometimes not possible. Parking a block or so away from our school and walking with your children or getting them to walk with friends, alleviates the congestion directly in front of the school as well as gives them some valuable fresh air and exercise before school.

Thank you to all parents and residents whose patience and care helps to keep it safe for the children.

To access our Facebook page, log in to your Facebook account and copy the following link into the address bar at the top of your page:

https://www.facebook.com/bimbadeenheights Click on our school’s page to read the latest updates and information and press the thumbs up ‘Like’ button to receive the latest posts/updates.
SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

As I have written about in the past couple of newsletters, the government has changed the way that SRI is to be delivered in Victorian Government schools. To help determine if and how we would offer SRI at Bimbadeen Heights PS, I have taken into account the circumstances of our school and importantly the views of the school community via a survey sent home in the newsletter. This survey indicated that 14 families wanted their children (19 in total) to participate if it was offered outside of regular school hours at Bimbadeen. On this basis we will offer SRI from the commencement of Term 2 as an extracurricular program here with lessons delivered at lunchtime on Tuesdays from 1:10 to 1:40am by accredited instructors who are approved by the Minister for Education. It will be a Christian SRI program and will be delivered to multi-age children (Foundation – Year 6) in the school library and be supervised by a Bimbadeen Heights teacher or principal. There will be a cost of $10 per child for this program. I will provide permission and payment forms to all the parents who have indicated that they would like their child to participate in SRI lessons.

I would also like to let parents know that all children will learn about global cultures, ethics, traditions and faiths and to build strong and respectful relationships as part of the Victorian Curriculum. These topics are included in the Civics and Citizenship, Ethical Understanding, Intercultural Understanding and Personal and Social Capability curriculum areas that is taught by the classroom teachers. The government believes that these are part of the rich, contemporary education that Victorians can expect from our government schools. They reflect the importance of religion and ethics in our society and ensure that all school students, regardless of their background or faith, can learn about the ideas and values that define a modern, multicultural Victoria. Students may also be taught about, and acknowledge, common religious celebration or festivals as part of the general religious education curriculum provided by government school teachers. This may include for example:

- providing an overview of the history and different cultural traditions of a particular religion
- making Christmas decorations
- dressing up for the Diwali festival
- bringing sweets to share as part of Eid celebrations.

All programs and teaching in government schools will be delivered in a manner that supports and promotes the principles and practices of Australian democracy, including a commitment to freedom of religion, speech and association.

SCHOOL MASTER PLANNING

A Master Planning Executive committee has been formed and will meet with the architects next Thursday in the first of a couple of meetings as they come up with some concept designs for our consideration and approval.

The members of this committee are as follows:

Leigh Johansen (Principal), Garry Fowler (Assistant Principal), Jo-Anne Lang (Assistant Principal), Sam Wahrenberger (School Council rep.), Malcolm Rosendale (Foundation teacher rep.), Jacqui Duncan (Year 1/2 teacher rep.), Sharon Egan (Year 3/4 teacher rep.), Melinda Ruscitti (Year 5/6 teacher rep.), Lynne Burt (Specialist teacher rep.), Nic Lymn (Parent rep.), Luke Carlson (Parent rep.), Kerry Jennings (Parent rep.) and Haley Douglas (Parent rep.)

Final-Leigh:

It takes a big heart to help shape little minds.

FIRST AID SHEET ROSTER

Term 1

Friday 26th February - Suzanne Goodall
Friday 4th March - Paula Grinbergs
Friday 11th March - Carla Campbell
Friday 18th March - Helen Pike
Thursday 24th March - Karen Witchell

Bayswater Bucks
Total 2016 = $30
Many of our talented students have already been invited to participate in these tests which are conducted by the University of New South Wales. However, if your child is in Years 3 to 6, has not been invited and you would like him/her to participate, here is your chance. ICAS are also offering Mathematics, English and Science tests to Year 2 students.

The cost of the English, Mathematics, Science and Digital Technologies tests are $8.80 each. The Writing test cost is $18.70 and Spelling test is $12.10. Please complete the reply slip below and return it to your child’s teacher, with the money in a named envelope marked ‘ICAS TESTS’ by Monday 21st March. No late replies or replies without money will be accepted. Thank You.

Jacqui Duncan
BHPS Gifted and Talented Co-ordinator

I wish my child ________________________________
of Year__________to participate in the following test/s:

☐ Digital Technologies (Computer Skills) test $8.00
   Tuesday 17th May

☐ Science test $8.00
   Tuesday 31st May

☐ Writing test $17.00
   Monday 13th – Friday 17th June (during this period)

☐ Spelling $11.00
   Wednesday 15th June

☐ English test $8.00
   Tuesday 2nd August.

☐ Mathematics test $8.00
   Tuesday 16th August.

☐ I enclose $______________________________

☐ I have paid by direct deposit

My reference number is: ________________________

Direct Deposit Details: Bendigo Bank Mooroolbark
BSB: 633 000  Account Number: 151 885 282

Signed:_____________________________________

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The new ‘All-In-One’ Scholastic Book Club Brochures for Issue 2 have been sent home with our students this week. Payments can be made via Credit Card (Online or Phone), Cash or Cheque/Credit Voucher (with cheques made payable to Scholastic Pty Ltd). The order form and payment facility is a loose leaf sheet in the centre of the brochure (pages 16 & 17).

As this term is such a short term, orders are due back by this Tuesday 2nd March so that we have time to process, order and deliver by the end of term.

HELP NEEDED!
Bunnings BBQ
Saturday 19th March 2016

On Saturday 19th March our school will be holding a BBQ at Croydon Bunnings. This day was a HUGE success last year and we are hoping for the same this year. For this to happen we need as many helpers as possible. If you are able to volunteer some time (an hour or two would be fantastic!) please return the following slip to school or email Haley Rusch;
rusch.haley.h@edumail.vic.gov.au

Thank you,
Haley Rusch
Fundraising Committee Coordinator

Bunnings BBQ Helpers

Child’s Name:____________________
Child’s Grade:____________________
Your Name:____________________
Phone Number:____________________

Please circle the time/s you are able to help:
7.00am – 9:00am  9:00am – 11:00am
11:00am – 1:00pm  1:00pm – 3:00pm
3:00pm - pack up
GREEK FEST
TUES 22 MARCH

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SPINACH + FETA PIE

SOUVLAKI
LAMB OR CHICKEN + CHOICE OF FILLINGS

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$6.50 Per Plate

To order your lunch, visit BIMBADEENHEIGHTSPS.VIC.EDU.AU or return this form to the office.
ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 4PM
FRIDAY 11 MARCH

NAME ___________________________ GRADE _______

☐ I HAVE ENCLOSED CASH.

If you order your Greek Fest online, you are not required to hand in an order form as a label issued.

PLEASE NOTE: We require one form per child as students will be served in grade levels

“Reaching for the Heights”
**Community Notice Board**

**Come and play Basketball with Fosters Phantoms Basketball Club**

We are looking for players for the Winter 2016 season, starting 1st week of Term 2.
Girls Miniball, U9 & U10 teams play on Tuesday nights.
**FIRST SEASON OF MINIBALL IS FREE!**
Girls U11 to U17 teams play on Wednesday nights.
All Boys teams play on Saturdays.
All games are played at Lilythyl, Osley & Lilydale Basketball stadiums.
*All skill levels welcome*
*Experienced Coaches*
*Family-oriented club*
To find out more, send an email to teams.fosters@gmail.com
or call Rob on Mobile 0411 559 245

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**Twilight Festival**

Friday 11th March
5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

[Event details and images]

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**Mooroolbark Auskick Open Day**

Friday 18th March 2016
5.00pm - 7.00pm

Kiloran Reserve, Hawthorn Rd, Mooroolbark
(behind the indoor pool & miniature train)

to receive some season information and your child’s season jumper!

Register your child online beforehand to receive your AFL pack
www.aflauskick.com.au
(You MUST register online this season.)

All clinics Saturday’s 9.00am-10.30am
Boys and Girls 5-12 years
1st clinic 16th April 2016

Contact Ali: 0430438886 or Jess: 0499511006
or go to our website www.mooroolbarkauskick.org.au
or “like” us on Facebook for further details.
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MINIBALL TO U10 - FIRST SEASON FREE
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FOR MORE DETAILS
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NORWOOD SECONDARY COLLEGE
2016 TOUR DATES
Tours of Norwood Secondary College have been organised for the following dates in 2016. Bookings are necessary for tours and interested persons should telephone 9871-0400 to organise a suitable date. Tours commence at 9am from the General Office and are of approximately one hour duration.

Tuesday, 23 February
Wednesday, 2 March
Tuesday, 8 March
Tuesday, 15 March
Wednesday, 16 March
Monday, 21 March
Tuesday, 12 April
Wednesday, 13 April
Tuesday, 19 April
Wednesday, 20 April
Tuesday 26, April
Wednesday, 27 April
Monday, 3 May
Tuesday, 10 May
Wednesday, 11 May

Open Night will be held on
Wednesday, 4 May 2016 commencing at 7pm

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MOOROOLBARK FOOTBALL CLUB
2016 JUNIOR REGISTRATION
Registrations accepted for players in
Under 8, 9, 11, 12, and plenty of spots for 14’s
* a player must turn 8 during 2016 to play
All registration forms and information is available on our website
www.mooroolbarkfo.com.au
If you have any queries regarding registration for 2016 please contact
Mick Kist (President) 0409 480 499 or Tina Dannisch (Registrar)
tina.dannisch@gmail.com

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“Reaching for the Heights”
Dear Parents/Guardians,
HUGE thank you to everyone for the warm welcome to the year. It has been great to get to know a lot of you and your children! We are trying to reduce time using electronic devices (ipads etc) so please discourage your child from bringing these to OSHClub.

Operating Hours
BSC: 7:00am - 8:45am
ASC: 3:30pm - 6:00pm
Mask Making!
Late Pick ups will incur extra costs

What's on next week @ Before & After School Care.......

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<td>More fun games including cricket and dodgeball!</td>
<td>Fun Mexican foods being created!</td>
<td>Create some fantastic masks</td>
<td>Bring your dancing shoes because we'll be dancing away to your favourite songs!</td>
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Another week down in Term one and another awesome week in OSH!
We are continuing to take advantage of the fantastic summer weather by playing a wide variety of games outside as well as creating some fantastic pieces of art work inside.
Keep an eye out for our holiday program calendar, it is sure to filled with lots of fun activities!

REMINDERS:

PLEASE CONTACT US BY TEXT MESSAGE - 0417 822 878

- Remember to leave a first name and last name of child/ren, the date and the session before or after School.

FREE TO ENROL YOUR CHILD/REN

- Visit us at www.oshclub.com.au and click on 'Join Us'.

CANCELLATIONS

- Made either online OR via SMS to Head Office 0421 268 989 (24 hours notice to avoid fees).
  (You need to include the following details, child's name, service - Bimbadeen Heights session
  before or after school and the date you wish to cancel.)

If you don't have access to a computer or the internet you can always use the OSHClub computer
(outside our busy times) to enrol, book or make your own cancellations