**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**

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**PRINCIPAL’S REPORT**

**PARKING AND TRAFFIC FLOW**

A reminder about parking in front of the yellow fence in Hayrick Lane. This is a drop-off or pick-up zone only. The traffic flows much more efficiently if cars keep moving through this area and people do not leave their car to come into the school. Even though the sign says ‘5 Minutes Parking’, a car left in that area in front of the yellow fence for 5 minutes any time between 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm will cause significant congestion and hazards for other users who have to negotiate their way around it. PLEASE be considerate of the other road users and do your best to keep traffic moving, not adding to the congestion.

It is sometimes suggested that we could have staff or volunteer parents to go out the front to direct traffic. Whilst this may seem like a good idea, it is the Yarra Ranges Council’s responsibility to manage the parking regulations and traffic flow on the roads around our school. There may be willing volunteers to wear a flouro vest and direct traffic however without the appropriate authority or training in traffic management, if an accident were to happen these volunteers could be held liable. We encourage parents to contact the council on 1300 368 333 if they have questions or concerns about traffic management around our school.

On a similar note, please do not use the Staff Car park unless you have a disabled permit as it greatly adds to the risks for children walking home in that direction. We have had some ‘near misses’ there.

**BACK TO SCHOOL KIT**

If you have not yet returned the permission forms and notices included in the Back To School Kit sent home a couple of weeks back could you please do so as soon as possible. These are important to ensure that our school records are accurate and right up to date.

**FOUNDATION STUDENTS - FULL TIME ATTENDANCE**

Our ‘Founders’ are now well and truly settled into school routines and are mostly very confident and part of our school with little sign of nervousness or anxiety.
Thank you to the wonderful Foundation team of Malcolm Rosendale, Beth Dean and Emily Russell, who have done a great job supporting and nurturing the children through the important transition from Pre-School. Thanks also to the parents who have supported and encouraged the children as they have started school.

Up until this week the ‘Founders’ have been attending school four days a week and the teachers have been meeting individually with each child to do assessments on Wednesdays. As from next week they will all be attending full time every day.

SISTER-SCHOOL VISIT

From March 17, for 9 days, I will be accompanying six of our Year 6 students and our LOTE teacher, Miss Becky Liu, to China to visit our Sister School in Shengze, near Suzhou, in Jiangsu province. One of our goals at Bimbadeen is to create global citizens who are ‘Asia Aware’ and who have high levels of understanding of Mandarin. Strengthening our partnership with our Sister-School is really helping us to achieve this. It is a wonderful opportunity that we offer for our Year 6 students as they get to experience first-hand the lifestyle and culture of children at our Sister-School in China. Shengze Experimental Primary School comprises families similar to ours helping us to focus on our similarities and yet appreciate and celebrate the many differences highlighted by this intercultural experience. The sister-school visit has benefits for our whole school as classmates and others follow the visit via the blog and Skype sessions and then hear from the children personally on their return. This is then further reinforced when children from our Sister-School visit Bimbadeen later in the year, further reinforcing the intercultural understanding that we want for our children.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

The annual district athletic sports will be held over the next couple of weeks. The Year 5/6’s will be running, throwing and jumping at the Croydon athletics track next Thursday the 10th and the Year 3/4’s will be doing the same the following Thursday, the 17th. Thank you to Miss Kate Schie, our PE teacher who has organised our involvement, along with the class teachers who have helped prepare the children and teams for these sports. Many thanks to the parents and others who have volunteered to help out with marshalling and supervising groups of children throughout the day. If you are passing by in Croydon please drop in to show your support.

CHILDREN & DIGITAL GAMES SURVEY

Researchers from the University of Melbourne have contacted me to invite parents to participate in a research project about children and digital games. They are interested in hearing from parents of children aged 3 to 12 including children who play digital games like Minecraft and those who do not. There is current public and academic interest in children’s use of digital games and the internet. This falls within broader debates about ‘screen-time’ in general. Minecraft is an open-world game played by millions of people, including many children. The game Minecraft is receiving attention from researchers interested in how digital technology might influence children.

This survey aims to:

- Capture an up-to-date snapshot of the ‘screen-diet' habits of Melbourne children.
- Establish a clearer picture of what role Minecraft really plays in children’s screen media diets.
- Provide data that account for digital games and YouTube as significant media forms for children aged 3-12 in 2015/16.
- Get an idea of population level parental concern and optimism about children’s use of digital games and Minecraft.

Parents who agree to participate will be asked to answer questions in a secure, online survey. I am assured that this should take no more than 10 minutes to complete.

The link to the survey is: [http://j.mp/1GJlAKT](http://j.mp/1GJlAKT)

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**Final-Leigh:**

‘Education is the most powerful weapon we can use to change the world.’

(Nelson Mandela)

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**FIRST AID SHEET ROSTER**

**Term 1**

Friday 11th March - Carla Campbell
Friday 18th March - Helen Pike
Thursday 24th March - Karen Witchell

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**Bayswater Bucks**

Total 2016 = $30
ENGLISH, MATHEMATICS, SCIENCE, COMPUTER SKILLS, SPELLING and WRITING

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 $8.00 each. The Writing test cost is $17.00 and Spelling test is $11.00. 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

**BIMBADEEN HEIGHTS PS - 2016 ICAS TESTS**

(Attention: Jacqui Duncan)

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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**EASTER RAFFLE**

Can you believe that Easter is just around the corner? Term 1 is just flying by and it’s already time to get organised for the Bimbadeen Easter Raffle.

If you and your family or business would like to make a donation to this year’s raffle, we are starting our collection right outside Mr Jo’s office! The more Easter eggs, buns, bunnies, baskets and other goodies that we collect, the more amazing hampers we can create.

Keep your eye out for your raffle tickets as they will be going home to families in the next week or so!

Thank you
2016 Junior School Council

**“You Can Do It”**

Congratulations to the following children who have received a ‘You Can Do It’ award this week:

- **Getting Along** - Brock B (1CB) for working well with other children
- **Persistence** - Cooper K (2JD) for reading quietly during silent reading
- **Getting Along** - Hayley W (2SB) for listening to others
- **Persistence** - Jake K (2JD) for reading quietly during silent reading

**MUSIC**

The Percussion Ensemble will be rehearsing on Tuesdays after school from 3:30 until 4:00pm, beginning next week on March 8th. Parents and younger siblings are very welcome to attend and the hope is that Year 7 students who were members of the group last year will be able to continue. If you know anyone in this category, please remind them. I’m happy to answer any queries, so please do ask if you have questions.

Lynne Burt
Canteen Roster

Week ending 11th March 2016

Monday 27/03 CLOSED
Tuesday 08/03 Verity Sanders
Jodie Griffin
Wednesday 09/03 Anne Evans
Rebecca Nicholls
Belinda Tabone
Thursday 10/03 Sally Jackson
Kellie Vasilicou
Heather Reynolds
Sarah Lee
Friday 11/03 Cindi Palmer
Wendy Halkyard
Kerri Riches
Caitlin Wyss
Kerry Jennings

If you are unable to attend your rostered shifts, could you please make arrangements for a replacement or ring Vicki Taylor on 9726-8170.

Greek Fest

22 March

Spanakopita
Spinach + Feta Pie $6.50 Per Plate

Soulaki
Lamb or Chicken + Choice of Fillings

Biscota
Shortbread Biscuit

To order your lunch, visit BIMBADEENHEIGHTSGS.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.

Want to contribute to screen time research?

Parent or caregiver of child aged 3 to 12?

Screen time is the biggest child health concern in Australia. To provide appropriate guidelines we first need more information on what kids actually DO NOW with their screen time. Please help researchers map Melbourne kids’ screen use by taking this quick (2-5 minute) survey.
To take part please go to this website:

HTTP://J.MP/1GJLAKT

“Reaching for the Heights”
Would you like to help in the classroom?

The Classroom Helpers Program provides an opportunity for parents or grandparents to share in the educational development of students with the support and direction of teachers. We are offering the Classroom Helpers Program this term.

The program will be held on Wednesday evening, the 9th of March from 7:00 – 9:00pm.

The efforts of classroom helpers are a highly valued resource for students, as opportunities for learning are nurtured by the participation of understanding adults. The program consists of an interactive session and is linked to the classroom literacy/numeracy program.

The course will:

- develop an increased understanding of the development of literacy/numeracy skills
- demonstrate various learning situations to helpers so they can act as role models for students in the classroom
- train helpers in how to give support for small groups of students
- emphasize the importance of confidentiality as a classroom helper

We would like to thank all participants who have previously completed the session and would appreciate their input to new parents/grandparents who are thinking of doing the program.

We must remind parents who want to help in the classroom, that all helpers must have completed the Classroom Helpers Program and also have a Working with Children Check.

If you are interested in participating in the program please fill in and return the form below by Monday 7th March.

Liz Nicholson and Michelle Franks

Literacy and Numeracy Coordinators

Classroom Helpers Session

NAME: __________________________ Contact Phone No: __________________________

☐ I would like to attend the Classroom Helpers Program on Wednesday 9th March from
7:00 – 9:00pm

CHILD’S NAME & GRADE: __________________________
Community Notice Board

**TALENT QUEST**

Call for Contestants
Apply by March 4 - Entry is free

Friday March 18, 2016 at 7.30pm
Mooroolbark Community Centre

E. talentquest@celebratemooroolbark.com
M. 0417 556 848
W. celebratemooroolbark.com/competitions

This is an all ages drug and alcohol free event
Proudly supported by Lion Club Mooroolbark, Mooroolbark Scouts, Mooroolbark Girl Guides, St Francis in the Field, Mooroolbark Christian Fellowship and Yarra Ranges Council

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**CELEBRATE MOOROOLBARK MOVIE MAYHEM**

FROM THE PRODUCERS OF CELEBRATE MOOROOLBARK 2015

2016 TALES QUEST
10am - 4pm SAT 19 MAR 2016 PARADE & FESTIVAL
RED EARTH PARK & MOOROOLBARK COMMUNITY CENTRE

CELEBRATEMOOROOLBARK.COM

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**YOUTH ZONE**

FRAME FRASER DODDS LIEZEL & ARIEL JOEY CIRILLO
LUKE AND LOZ SPARKS THE BURDS THE DEVOURS

11am to 4pm

Sponsored by local MP’s Tony Smith, David Hodgetts and Christine Fyffe

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**SLAMS**

**THE LITTLE MERMAID**

March 11th - 19th 2016

The Alan Ross Centre (Nillumbik College) 197-199 Cardigan Rd, Mooroolbark

Adult $35, Concession $30, Child $20, Groups 10+: $30

To book call 9720 3205 or book online at: http://www.trybooking.com/JVRV

“Reaching for the Heights”
INFORMATION NIGHT
THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2016
MOOROOLBARK CAMPUS
(16 Reay Road, Mooroolbark, 3138)
Melway Ref: 51 G1

Come and join us for a night of fun and information.

Campus tours are currently available on Mondays at 2.00pm and Fridays 9.15am.
Please call 9839 6800 to arrange an appointment.

We look forward to meeting you.

KYLIE MORRISSEY
TUTORING
morriseyky@gmail.com
0417 348 808
Early literacy and Numeracy support
Qualified primary school teacher with
over 7 years teaching experience

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, 15 March
Wednesday, 16 March
Monday, 21 March
Tuesday, 12 April
Tuesday, 13 April
Tuesday, 10 April
Wednesday, 20 April
Tuesday, 26 April
Wednesday, 27 April
Tuesday, 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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Confidence
Control
Co-ordination
Fun

“Reaching for the Heights”
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Thank you for all the wonderful support and feedback so far this term! Please ensure we have booked in online and avoid “walk ups” so we can prepare the right amount of educators to cater for your children :)

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

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

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Already into March, can you believe it? Time flies when you’re having fun and that’s exactly what we have been up to in OSHClub. With the Lego Building contests a highlight, with some incredible designs along with some creations made from Recycled cardboard! Can’t wait for next week!

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 522 578
- 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

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.

“Reaching for the Heights”