**Assistant Principal’s Report**

**Parent-Teacher Interviews**

This week over 397 parent-teacher interviews have been held and it has been wonderful to see and hear about all the discussions that have been taking place. The school partnership between parents and teachers is such an important link that helps us work together in the best interest of our students. Teachers spent many hours writing each report; preparing the Portfolio with the students and planning the interview ensuring parents understand their child’s progress and plans for future learning.

If you missed a parent-teacher interview with your child’s teacher this week please contact them directly via their email (email addresses are on our website) or call the office to make an appointment.

**Cybersafety**

With the school holidays children will have a lot more time to be using the Internet and social media. With this in mind we have again included information to parents about social media so that we can protect children from any potential harm. Elsewhere in today’s Blaze you will find detailed information and advice for all parents on this important topic.

**Building Program Update**

On Wednesday Leigh and Garry met with K2LD architects and DET officials to seek approval for the schematic design phase of our building works. A working party of teachers and parents have been planning together with the K2LD for weeks and it was most pleasing to hear our schematic design plans were accepted by the Education Department. We will have a fantastic new school. Further detailed costing and planning stages are ahead but the goal is to have our plans out to tender early in November.

**Work Experience Students**

Over the past week we have had a number of Year 10 Secondary students here on work experience. Ben Morgan, Brittany Cubit, Georgia Thomson and Liv Danisch, all past Bimbadeen students, have enjoyed the experience of what it is like to work at a Primary School.
Canteen
A note was sent home from the canteen this week outlining the days it will be operating for Term 3. The first day that the canteen will reopen next term is Wednesday 13th July. Due to the lack of volunteer numbers it will be closed on the following days: Wednesday July 27th, Wednesday August 10th, Thursday August 18th and Tuesday August 30th. Watch for other notices from the canteen during the term letting you know about Pancake Days and A Brazilian Carnival lunch.

School Security over the Holidays
We welcome children and families coming and using the playgrounds during the holidays and on the weekend. If you are at the school and notice anything untoward over the forthcoming holidays please do not hesitate to call the Police on 000 or Department of Education Security on 9589 6266. Have a happy and safe holiday.

Jo-Anne and Garry

Year 5 Australian History Day
By Amy and Ciara 5MF

On the 17th of June the Year 5’s had an Australian history day. Everyone had to dress up like an old character from the history of Australia, even the teachers. We were split into 5 groups and rotated through 5 different activities. The activities included billy carts, indoor/outdoor games, colonial classroom and discovering some historical artefacts. Our favourite activities were outdoor games and the billy carts. The Australian history day was a great opportunity to learn about the past of our country. Everyone had lots of fun and really enjoyed our special day.

Thank you to the teachers and parents for their hard work and support. Special thanks to Mrs Jennens at Railway Bizarre (in East Ringwood) for lending us the historical artefacts for our “What is it?” activity.

Assistant Principal’s Report (continued)

Year 6 Interschool Sport
On Thursday the 9th of June, all year 6’s participated in the interschool sport round robin. We played against Mooroolbark East, SPJ, Birmingham and Billanook.

T-ball
T-ball competed at Mooroolbark East Primary School. We had a boys’ team and a girls’ team and both teams won all of their games and made it through to the next round. The date of the next round is yet to be confirmed. Both teams should be commended for their persistence and good sportsmanship.

Soccer
Soccer was played at Lilydale High School. It was great seeing the player’s enthusiasm and hard work throughout the games with even some of our goals being scored by students from non-soccer background.

Football
The football team competed at Kiloran Park. They were very tough and close games. All of the players played well and showed great leadership and sportsmanship.

Netball
Netball competed at Pinks Reserve in Kilsyth. After a second playoff held last week against SPJ and MEPS, the A team has made it through to the next round and won their division. Our B team played exceptionally well and should be very proud of their efforts.

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- Friday 19th August - Sonia McInnes
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- Friday 2nd September - Paula Grinbergs
- Friday 9th September - Carla Campbell
- Friday 16th September - Helen Pike

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Thursday 14/07 Suzanne Goodall
Heather Reynolds
Sarah Lee
Cheree Tabone

Friday 15/07 Cindi Palmer
Wendy Halkyard
Sarah Huxley
Kylie Lowe
Belinda Banson

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

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Start collecting your rocks now and bring them along to WiseOnes in Term 3.

WiseOnes Application for 3rd Term 2016

This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 4 children who have qualified for WiseOnes.
The unit for third term commences week beginning Monday, 18th July, 2016.
The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: 18th July; 25th July; 1st Aug; 8th Aug; 15th Aug; 22nd Aug;
29th Aug and 5th Sept.
WiseOnes Teacher: Noel Blacker: mobile 0409 435 396.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Morphing Dirt To Diamonds" starting week beginning Monday, 18th July, 2016.

I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child's Name ___________________________ School: Bimbadeen Heights Primary
Date of Birth ___________________________ Class (2016) _______
Parents' Names _________________________
Address __________________________________
Phone: BH ________ AH ___________ Mobile __________________
Email: ____________________________

My child has already qualified for WiseOnes YES/NO
I would like a free test for my child YES/NO.
I would like my child to be tested with a fuller assessment to qualify for WiseOnes (assessment cost $250 inc GST).
Please send this slip and payment of $238.00 on Wednesday, 13th July, 2016. As we are a non-credit business, children will not be accepted into the program for the term unless the fees and enrolment form are returned by the above date. If paying by cheque please make it payable to Bimbadeen Heights Primary School.
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We are all well aware of the growing phenomenon of social networking and the attraction that it has for children and young people. Social networking is here to stay and is very important to young people. We are hearing daily in the media about sites such as Facebook, YouTube and messaging apps for iPhones, iPods and Android devices such as Kik, Instagram and Snapchat.

Young people, including many of our own students, have Instagram, Kik or Facebook accounts and use them regularly. This phenomenon is not going to go away and it is up to us as parents, teachers, mentors and leaders of the next generation, to make sure that children learn to use the technology safely and responsibly.

In light of this, and should you be willing for your child to have an Instagram, Kik or Facebook account, I am providing some information, advice and strategies to parents that, I believe, will help keep our children safe and allow them to become responsible users of technology.

**Information about Social Media Apps**

- It is against the Instagram, Facebook and Kik rules for children under the age of 13 to use these programs. Are you aware that your children may be falsifying their date of birth in order to create their accounts?
- Some children may not understand the issues around privacy and have inadequate privacy settings allowing anyone, anywhere to search the sites for photos or participate in conversations with them potentially exposing themselves to approaches by online predators.
- Children sometimes use inappropriate language in their messages. Children have always experimented with swear words but in the past it has been in the privacy of a conversation with only a few listeners, not a permanent record for hundreds to see.
- Some children are using Instagram and messaging apps to bully or tease others with inappropriate comments or ‘put-downs’. Other children are able to like these inappropriate comments. These children then become part of the problem by supporting the initial harassment. (Under Australian law, inappropriate use of communication technologies can be a ‘criminal offence’ if they are used to “cause offence, bully, harass or embarrass” someone. Any person 10 years of age or older can be charged and convicted.)
- Sometimes children post photos of other children at school or elsewhere that they do not have permission to post. ‘Tagging’ of friends in photos is another area fraught with risk. Once again, depending on the privacy settings, these photos can be accessed by anyone.
- All internet users will have a digital or online reputation. This is the opinion that others hold about the user and as with reputations in the real world, they are easily formed and not so easily changed. Digital reputations are informed by content that is posted online and how people communicate online. People can be judged on how they behaved as a child well into the future. Close monitoring and guiding children’s online behaviour will assist them to maintain a positive reputation.

**Advice for parents**

- Visit the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA) internet safety site ‘Cybersmart’, [http://www.cybersmart.gov.au](http://www.cybersmart.gov.au). This is a great resource for parents and students to better understand how to be cyber smart. It also includes resources for parents on how to discuss cyber safety issues with your child.
- Log in to our Digital Excellence site with your child and work through the silver and gold cyber safety badges together. [http://www.deaausonline.com](http://www.deaausonline.com) It will take approximately 30 minutes and will provide you with common knowledge as well as a great opportunity to discuss something of immense importance to children’s on-line safety.
- As a parent, you should take a rigorous interest in your child’s online activities including Instagram, Kik and Facebook.
As a parent you should be listed as a ‘friend’ or ‘follower’ so that you have access to your child’s page.

Check at least weekly, to see what your child is posting or talking about (or to) ‘on-line’. This needs to be done carefully and thoroughly as there can be ‘conversations’ that are posted in reference to photos and may not be obvious on your child’s ‘wall’.

Monitor their Instagram, Kik and Facebook friends list as well as who they are having conversations with on messaging apps. Who are they accepting as a friend, and do they know the people they are talking to?

**Bullying on-line**

If you find that your child is being harassed on-line please report it and print out a hard-copy or take a ‘screen shot’ of the offending comments. Delete or block the offending ‘friend’ and never ever respond. Report the abuse to the administrator of the site or to the school if you know which school they attend.

When we get a report of cyber-bullying we seek to verify this by getting a copy of the offending comments. We treat incidents of on-line harassment very seriously and follow up with the parents of the children posting the inappropriate comments and report matters to the Police if necessary.

The Digital Users Agreement that Bimbadeen Heights asks every child to sign at the start of each year makes it clear that children will not use the Internet for teasing or bullying. Point 4 of this agreement states that they agree “Not to cyber bully other students at school or at home using the Internet, email or mobile phones.” It is also against the school rules for children to use Instagram, Kik, Facebook or any other social media sites at school and such sites are blocked on the computers that the children have access to here at school.

The Department of Education and Training (DET) also has very clear guidelines on acceptable use of the ICT resources. This policy is available at: [http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/deptpolicies/acceptableuse.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/deptpolicies/acceptableuse.htm)

The Internet is an important part of our day to day communication with others. It provides us with enormous opportunities. It is important that we ensure our children use the Internet responsibly and safely at home and at school.

**We are an E-Smart School**

E-Smart Schools is a world leading, evidence based cybersafety and wellbeing initiative designed to help Australian schools manage and deal with cyberbullying and bullying.

To create an effective E-Smart School, everyone in our community has a role to play: parents, teachers, librarians, police, employers, government and young people. A whole-school approach aims to embrace technology’s benefits and reduce students’ and teachers’ exposure to online risks. At Bimbadeen Heights Primary we have worked hard to become an accredited e-smart school and look forward to continuing to promote positive cybersafety practices.

As an e-smart school our students have been undertaking units of work to build students' knowledge of the cyber world in which they live. In Years Prep, 1 and 2 our students focus on what is real online and what information is safe to share with others. In Year 3/4 our students learn about appropriate online content, signs and symbols and how to communicate positively with others. In Years 5 and 6 our students focus on cybersafety and communicating positively online with others. In addition we have held information sessions for our students in Years 5 and 6 to address cybersafety. These presentations have been made by representatives from ACMA (Australian Communication and Media Authority) and Victoria Police.

Should you want further information on this topic or need advice or assistance please contact our E-Smart teachers, Miss Hayley Cook, Mr Matt Laws or any member of the principal team at the school on 9726 9989. If it is during the school holidays you can email us via the contact tab on our school website.

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