PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

YEAR 3 CAMP
This week the Year 3’s have been enjoying their camp at Camp Marysville. The aims of the camp are to have fun whilst building their team-work, getting-along, confidence and organisational skills. To achieve these goals the children have enjoyed a variety of activities including canoeing, climbing, initiative activities, low ropes course, cooking from the kitchen garden, bush walks and bush skills as well as lots of games and fun times. I’m sure the children will come home tired, a little more independent, a little more confident and certainly with many happy memories of their first school camp away from home. Thank you to all the staff who have been ‘on duty’ at camp to support and ensure the camp is a success and that the children are safe and happy. Annie Rountree, Sharon Egan, Kelly Barnett, Hayley Cook, Jemima Gange, Malcolm Rosendale, Thelma Bomford, Kate Troschke, John VanderVelde (School Chaplain), Tracey Price-O’Reilly (teacher aide), Helen Thompson (teacher aide), Kiah Allen (pre-service teacher) and Adam Baker (pre-service teacher). Thank you also to the parents who got their children here earlier than usual on Wednesday morning with a big shout-out to the parents who helped to load the luggage onto the bus. Keep an eye on future newsletters for some reports and more photos.

SPRING CHALLENGE AEROBICS
A busy and tiring time for 5 of our Year 3 girls (& Mrs Bomford) who are currently at school camp in Marysville and then on Saturday morning are going to Geelong for the Victorian Schools Aerobics Spring Challenge competition. A huge thank you to Mrs Bomford, Mrs Gray and Mrs Gardner who have prepared these children so well with lots of training and practise at recesses and lunchtimes. Thanks also to the parents who have supported and encouraged the children as they deal with the nervous excitement that goes with Aerobics competitions and will have the challenge of getting them out of bed on Saturday morning! We wish them all the very best and will include a report in next week’s Blaze.
**2017 FOUNDATION STUDENTS**
A reminder for next year’s Foundation (Prep) children and their families that we will be having a BBQ here at the school next Thursday evening October 20th from 5:30 to 7:00pm. This is an opportunity for children and their families to come along to further explore their new school and become more comfortable and familiar with our school.

**‘FREE RANGE KIDS’ ACTIVE TRAVEL PROJECT**
There has been lots of children walking to school this week and many smiles as children and families have walked together. Check out the lovely photos included in today’s Blaze. There’s already lots of feet coloured in on the chicken feet charts in the classrooms. Children do not have to walk on one of the designated ‘Free Range Kids’ walking routes to earn points. They will earn a point provided that they walk from further than the corner of Orrong Road and Hayrick Lane (the corner past the Milk Bar) or the corner of Bimbadeen Drive and Hayrick Lane (the corner where the round-about is.) Children who get dropped off in front of the school in Hayrick Lane will not earn points.

We would love to share some of the success stories of walking to school that families may have. If your family are ‘free range’ and walk to school we would love to share your story. Please get in touch with myself, the school office staff or the project coordinator, Jacinda Erich at the Yarra Ranges Council, J.Erich@yarraranges.vic.gov.au

**PARKING ACROSS DRIVEWAYS – BE GOOD NEIGHBOURS**
We all know that parking and traffic management is a challenge in the streets immediately around our school. (Which is why we encourage active travel and support the ‘Free Range Kids’ project!) If you have to park in the streets around our school please remember to be respectful of those who live around our school and ensure that you do not block driveways or leave litter on nature-strips. We are a large part of this community and we strive to always be good neighbours.
**PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR (Repeated from last week’s ‘Blaze’)**

I would like to devote a few paragraphs on the topic of 2017 class structures, teacher placements and allocating children to classes. It is a complex and exhaustive process that we diligently work through so that we have a school structure that best meets the needs of all children. To do this we consider a number of factors that impact on each child’s success at school.

The people who know your child best in the school environment are the teachers. It is also these people who will be working with the children in the school environment next year so they are given the main responsibility of developing the class lists. They will be striving to create classes that are balanced in terms of gender, academics, behaviour, special needs and friendships.

Nobody knows your child emotionally better than you do and we are most interested in your insights as to what you think will help your children achieve their best next year. To this end parents are invited to write to me outlining what you think are important factors that we need to take into consideration when placing your child in a class for next year. I will be accepting these requests until Friday, October 28th. (You may also email me at johansen.leigh.lb@edumail.vic.gov.au )

Requests received after this date may not be able to be considered as the process will be too advanced and late changes have a ‘domino effect’ that can impact on other children’s class placement. Do not wait until the class structure is published before you send me your considerations.

I encourage you to write to me even if you have spoken to your child’s teacher earlier in the year or have put your requests to the school in past years. Do not assume that ‘the school will know’. It is worth considering however that issues that may have been a concern at an earlier time in a child’s schooling may not always continue to be so as the children grow up and mature. If it is important to you, make sure you put it in writing to me so we can be certain we are considering your input.

Please note that it is not appropriate to include requests relating to particular teachers. Your requests will be shared with the teachers to assist them to develop the class lists. If you do have particular, confidential, concerns that you do not wish to be shared with the teachers, please make an appointment to speak to either myself, or assistant principals,’ Garry Fowler or Jo-Anne Lang.

You will understand that with so many factors to consider and the complexities of the process, it is impossible to accommodate every parent request. Multiple requests and multi-layered requests are almost impossible to accommodate. For example; ‘Could my child be separated from this child, this child and this child and be placed with this child, this child and this child’. Be assured however that each and every factor in our decision making for next year, including your insights and requests, are given our utmost attention.

One part of this process is that children are given an opportunity to identify up to five children who they would like to be with next year. It is explained to them that the teachers will work hard to ensure that every child has at least one of these children in their class next year. We go to great lengths to explain to children to think very carefully about the names that they write down so they don’t just write the names of the person they played with that day or just the name of the person who invited them to their birthday party. Sometimes children write down the name or names of children they would like to be in class with even though they may not play with them. This can be because they consider this child would be a good influence or someone they would like to get to know. This is not a bad thing and can be a sign of maturity and growing independence as they may be trying to be less reliant on one or two particular children. (One of the most common complaints we get is that a child is separated from all their friends. I can assure you that this is extremely rare and if it does happen we consult with the parents to ensure we are making the best placement for their child.) I encourage you to speak to your children about this process to reinforce the importance of the names of the children they write down.

This term teachers will spend a lot of time preparing children for the transition to the next level of schooling and will talk to them about this to reassure and help them understand the process. For example, teachers explain that having all of their friends in class together is not as important as they may think, and is sometimes even detrimental to their learning success and what they may have heard about a particular teacher from an older brother or sister may not be the case for them. Teachers also remind them of past successful transitions and how they will be able to manage this next transition just as successfully despite how they may be feeling now.

It is anticipated that the final school structure will be in place and published by the end of November, with children having the opportunity of meeting their teacher for next year before the end of the school year. Thank you in anticipation of working with us and for your understanding as we set our school up for more high quality teaching and learning next year.

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*Final-Leigh:*

“It does not matter how slowly you go as long as you do not stop.” (Confucius)

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“Reaching for the Heights”
Division athletics was held on Thursday last week with 17 students qualifying for the competition which is a fantastic achievement. A special mention to Cooper G who finished first in his shot put event and competed in the regional meet this week.

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Senior Running Club (Grade 3 to 6) will happen every Friday morning from 8.30am (before school). Meet Miss Schie and Mrs Gange on the running track for a great way to start the day!

Junior Running Club (Foundation to Grade 2) will be trialed this term. Stay tuned to hear which weeks and day these will be held.

Our Grade 6 All Stars Boys team played in the Hoop Time regional finals on Wednesday. The team won their first two games and were beaten by strong oppositions in their third and fourth matches. It is an amazing effort to get through to the regional competition so all players should be very proud!

On Friday last week, the Year 3/4 Future Stars team, the Bimbadeen Breakers, competed in their Hoop Time regional finals. The team worked really hard throughout the day and every game was extremely close, with often only one point the difference for a win or a loss. We made it through to the qualifying finals and have been offered a wildcard into the Junior Future Stars State Grand Final day in November. Well done!

Thank you to our coaches Rowan Crossley, Max and Billy Batten.

Kate Schie
Physical Education Coordinator
Thank you to all of the students who participated in the International Competitions & Assessments in Schools (ICAS) – Spelling, Writing, English and Mathematics tests. The following results were achieved by our students.

**SPELLING**
Participation;
Thomas C, Amy O, Elizabeth R (Year 5), Dylan L (Year 6)

Merit;
Leyanna B (Year 3)

Credit;
Michael P (Year 3), Dylan N, Alistair R (Year 4), Benjamin M, Ciara D (Year 5), Eve M (Year 6)

Distinction;
Congratulations to this student who received a distinction. This means that they performed in the top 10% of all children in their year level.
Harley J (Year 4)

**WRITING**
Participation;
Niamh D, Michael P (Year 3), Hayley R, Shiloh A (Year 4), Elizabeth R (Year 5)

Merit;
Zali F (Year 3), Zahra M, Dylan N, Alistair R (Year 4), Olivia M (Year 5)

Credit;
Liam C (Year 5), Eve M (Year 6)

Distinction;
Ciara D (Year 5), Hannah L, Abby L (Year 6)

High Distinction;
The following student received a high distinction. This means that they performed in the top 1% of all children in their year level. A fantastic effort.
Jade P (Year 5)

**ENGLISH**
Participation;
Cassie M (Year 2), Harry W, Will S (Year 4), Elizabeth R, Amy O, Sarah S (Year 5)

Merit;
Laura S (Year 3), Charlie B (Year 4), Marcus G (Year 5)

Credit;
Ty T, Lucinda M, Ella M, Cooper K, Mitch J (Year 2), Niamh D (Year 3), Alistair R (Year 4), Jade P, Cooper G, Ciara D, Thomas C (Year 5), Hannah L (Year 6)

Distinction;
Sam L, Michael P, Nyah F, (Year 3), Tara B (Year 5), Eve M, Abby L (Year 6)

High Distinction;
Dylan N, Harley J (Year 4)

**MATHEMATICS**
Participation;

Merit;
Mitch J (Year 2), Corey W (Year 3), Dylan N (Year 4), Bailey A (Year 6)

Credit;
It’s on again...

Chirnside Park Shopping Centres School Rewards Competition
1st September – 19th October

This is a great opportunity for our school to earn some extra money towards our future projects. The School Rewards is a competition that is run in conjunction with 21 local primary schools for their chance to win a share of $10,000 in school community grants. The concept is simple – collect points for your local school by shopping at Chirnside Park Shopping Centre.

There are weekly prizes for shoppers to win ($100 Chirnside Park Gift Card) and also a grand prize of a $2,000 Chirnside Park Gift card for the shopper who accumulates the most points at the conclusion of the competition. By shopping in centre and submitting receipts, you not only support our school for their chance to win a share of $10,000, but go into the draw to win prizes for yourself!

To make participation even easier this year they have introduced an option for shoppers to register and load their own receipts ONLINE (at your own convenience) instead of visiting the customer service desk as per last year.

You can also return any receipts to the office and we can enter them for you.

Get shopping!
Thanks,
Haley Rusch

Congratulations to the following children who won ‘You Can Do It’ awards this week:

- Tayla B (5MF) - For being organised with her reading diary.
- Emily D (2SB) - For writing an information report at home and sharing it with the class.

The grade six students will be selling icy poles every Monday at lunch time this term.

The money raised will help contribute towards their graduation. They will cost $1 each and be available to collect from the BER building.

Perfect for a sunny Monday!

First Aid Sheet Roster

Term 4

Friday 14th October- Paul Meilak
Friday 21st October – Nicky Cameron
Friday 28th October – Sherian Genever
Friday 4th November – Jodie Griffin
Friday 11th November – Shelley Canning
Friday 18th November – Emma Woolhouse
Friday 25th November – Nancy Reeves
Friday 2nd December – Katrina Angus
Friday 9th December – Verity Sanders
Friday 16th December – Susan Delaney
Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to OSH Club for another week. As part of the school running the 'Free Range Children' program, we are giving our students the opportunity to earn themselves chicken feet by doing 15 minutes of walking as a group each morning which has been great with the beautiful weather!

**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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Please ensure you are booking in online 24 hours prior to the day.
If you're having trouble with booking in online, please get in touch with us and we can get your account all fixed up :)

After spending some time at other OSHClub Services, I am proud to say that Bimbadeen is leading the way in providing the children with the healthiest food choices and also the

**REMINDERS:**

**PLEASE CONTACT US BY TEXT MESSAGE - 0417 622 878**
- 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**
- **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 enroll, book or make your own cancellations

"Reaching for the Heights"
FRIDAY AFTERNOONS @
TERM 4, 2016

KIDZ ROAR
For Kids in Grades 1 & 2
Friday afternoons, 4:30-5:45pm
In the Oxley Stadium
Contact: Laura Harris
0421 274 621

ROAR ENERGY
For Kids in Grades 3-6
Friday afternoons, 4-6pm
In the Oxley Stadium
Contact: Peter Harris
0409 002 543 or 9726 8111

UPROAR
For Grade 6 only
Every 2nd Friday night,
7-9pm In the Oxley Stadium
Contact: Peter Harris
0409 002 543 or 9726 8111

COMING UP:
For more details and to
download the full calendar,
check our website:
www.lmc.org.au

2017
We start Kidz Roar & Roar Energy
again on 10th February 2017.
Check out the website from the beginning of February for
more information.

If you would like any further information regarding these programs, contact Peter Harris on 0409 002 843, or 9726 8111 or
peter@lmc.org.au
Organised and run by LMC. Children's Ministries ABN 67 160 872 688

"Reaching for the Heights"
Indian Banquet
Tuesday October 25th

Place your order by Tuesday October 18th
Online at flexschool.com.au or return your order form

Get your plate of India’s favourites:
Vegetable Samosa
Butter Chicken
Rice
Naan Bread
Gulabjamun

For just $6.50

Community Notice Board

Remixing Imagination
VCE Studio Art 2016 - Year 12
Final Artworks & Folios

Wednesday 12th Oct - Friday 28th Oct
@ The Ex Dick Smith Shop
Chirnside Park Shopping Centre

Students:
Jaz Allen/Rachael Booth/Josh Cowman/
Devlin Cunningham/Rebekah Elliot/Laie Fakatava/
Shannon Isbel/Olivia Marin/Rhiley Unternahirer/
Abigail Walsh/Azaelea Zainor

Opening Night: Wednesday 12th October
Time: 6:30-7:30PM
Place: @ The ‘Old Dick Smith’ Store
Chirnside Park Shopping Centre

Mooroolbark Junior Football Club
Registration Day 2017

Registrations accepted for players in
Under 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17’s
* A player must turn 8 during 2017 to play

We are also looking for players for Girls Teams in Under 12’s and Under 13’s

Date: Sunday 19th November 2017
Time: 10.00am – 1.00pm
Venue: MPC-Height Reserve
Longfellow Avenue, Mooroolbark

All registration information is available on our website:
www.mooroolbarkfc.com.au

If you have any queries regarding registration for 2017 please contact:
Mick Kost (President): 0409 460 499
Tina Daniels (Registrar): tina.daniels@gmail.com

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