PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

2017 STUDENT SUPPLIES DELIVERED
Next Wednesday, December 7, the book bags for all children from Year 1 – 6 next year will be delivered. (All stationery for our Foundation students is purchased in bulk and kept in their classrooms, rather than being sent home.) The children of all families who have paid by yesterday, (December 1), will be given their bag of stationery on Wednesday. We suggest that parents make arrangements to meet their child at school on this day to help them with carrying the bag home. If you haven’t yet paid, the supplies will be here at the school and can be paid for and collected any time before the end of the year. Parents who pay next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday will be given their supplies on Thursday.

2017 CLASSES
Next week the children will meet their 2017 teacher and new classmates. All teachers have spent many, many hours developing the class lists taking into consideration a multitude of factors to ensure we have balanced classes. Teachers have ensured that every child has at least one of their identified friends in their class next year. They have also taken into consideration the many parent requests that were sent in early in the term and have managed to accommodate the vast majority of these requests.

It is not unusual for some children to be anxious or even upset about the forthcoming change to a new class, teacher and classmates. We of course support the children through this transition time and ask for your support in this. If your child does come home concerned or upset please reassure them as you do with every challenge they encounter as they grow up. Remind them that they may have felt this way about other changes in their lives and that these worries don’t last. If you feel that they need some additional support from their current teacher please let them know about your child’s concerns and certainly let next year’s teacher know early in the 2017 school year.

Please be aware that it is not possible to make changes to these classes now without upsetting the balance that teachers have worked so hard to achieve.

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.
It is never as simple as swapping to another class as changes have a domino effect that upsets the class balance in some other way for example it may leave another child without a nominated friend or can jeopardize another parents request for their child.

I am confident that we have put together the best possible classes to give every child the opportunity to have a successful year of schooling next year.

**END-YEAR REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS**

Next Friday children will receive their December written report and their 2016 Assessment Portfolio. Please take the time to read through these documents carefully, celebrating your child’s achievements this year. The teachers have put many hours into these reports and portfolios to ensure they accurately reflect each child and their achievements this year. Either one of the assistant principals or myself have read every report and have been impressed with the high quality of these once again this year. We expect that you should not be surprised with anything in these reports because we believe that if your child has had some learning issues you will have been talking with the teacher about this and working together to help your child achieve to their best. If however you have questions or do not fully understand any aspect of your child’s report or assessment portfolio please ensure that you contact your child’s teacher or the school office ASAP so that they can make some time to talk with you before the end of term.

**FUND-RAISING**

Fund-raising is one of the ongoing challenges for our school and we are always on the lookout for ideas that serve a dual purpose. One recent example of this was the walk-a-thon that coincided with the launch of the Free Range Kids Project that was encouraging children to be more active and walk to school just as the walk-a-thon promotes an active lifestyle. It was a very successful activity with around $3,000 raised for the school.

The Family Fun Night on Wednesday evening this week also served a dual purpose of bringing our school community together in a relaxed and enjoyable way whilst also selling food, refreshments and raffle tickets. The Family Fun Night this week raised a terrific amount of over $1,800.

One of the best sort of fund-raisers we like to promote are those where our parents don’t have to dip into their own pockets because of the loyalty programs that we have at various stores in our area such as Bakers Delight. One of the big ones that has resulted in a great pay-off for our school this year has come from Regina Atkinson, a parent and sales consultant at the Mooroolbark Branch of the Professionals Real Estate company. She has offered the school $500 from any sale that comes from our school community through her. This year Regina has had two sales from within our school family resulting in a total donation of $1,000 to Bimbadeen Heights PS! Thank you very much Regina and Mooroolbark Professionals.

All of this money is being added to our Fund-raising ‘bucket’ that we are saving for the extra things that will be needed when we get our new school in the next year or so.

Thank you to everyone who supports our schools fund-raising programs. It is an investment in the children’s future.

**‘FREE RANGE KIDS’ SURVEY**

Our school has recently participated in the Free Range Kids program. An essential and necessary part of the project is to evaluate the program in an effort to find out what impact the program had on our school community. Yarra Ranges Council would like you to complete this on line survey by Monday 12th December. Completed surveys will go into the draw to win one of three family Zoo passes for unlimited access to all of Melbourne’s three premier Zoo’s for a whole year!

Please click on the link to complete the Free Range Kids survey [hit](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Free-range-kids)

We greatly appreciate your participation in the survey. If you have any questions please contact Jacinda Erich at the Yarra Ranges Council on 1300 368 333.

**PARKING AROUND OUR SCHOOL**

I have been contacted by the Yarra Ranges Council ‘Investigations Engineer’ who has asked me to include the following information in our newsletter;

Yarra Ranges Council has received concerns about parents parking illegally along Orrong Road, Mooroolbark, during peak school times, where a 30metre line centre line exists along this road, east of the Hayrick Lane intersection. Under the Victorian Road Rules, parking adjacent to a continuous centre line or double line is only permissible if there is a minimum...
clearance of 3.0 metres between the vehicle and the centre line. As this can not be achieved along Orrong Road, parents and other motorists are therefore parking in an illegal manner if they park adjacent to this centre line.

Yarra Ranges’ Investigations and Approvals team have sent a request to our Local Laws team to patrol Orrong Road, and we are requesting that parents be notified in your newsletter to park legally along Orrong Road and the other streets surrounding the school.

We are a school that unashamedly promotes active travel and encourage families to park well away from the school and walk to school. We have had great success with the ‘Free Range Kids’ project that has seen a dramatic increase in the number of children walking and a matching decrease in the number of cars trying to drop children off in front of the school. Please remember that if you are parking in streets away from our school you must still park legally and be considerate of neighbours driveways otherwise you will risk fines from the council Local Laws team.

**Final-Leigh:**
"The secret to living well and longer is: eat half, walk double, laugh triple and love without measure."
(Tibetan Proverb)

**YEAR 6 GRADUATION FUNDRAISER ICY POLES FOR SALE**

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!

**SCHOOL BANKING**

Tuesday 6th December will be the last school banking day for 2016 and the last day to redeem tokens for the 2016 rewards.

**“You Can Do It”**

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

- Matilda D (2JD) - Organisation - For packing up quickly to start a new activity
- Mitchell R (1LN) - Getting Along - For being a good friend
- Amelia P (2JD) - Persistence - For reading quietly during silent reading
- Ella H (1LN) - Organisation - For trying to be much more organised with her belongings

**CANTEEN**

**CANTEEN ROSTER TERM 4**

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

“Reaching for the Heights”
If you are going to sell your home please consider selling your house through Regina Atkinson at the Professionals ph 0417 565 624. She will donate $500 to Bimbadeen Heights PS from every house sold through her from our Bimbadeen Community. We have already received $1000. Thankyou Regina.
SURFING
2016

“Reaching for the Heights”
On Tuesday the 29th of November most of the year 6’s went surfing at Phillip Island, Smiths Beach. We learnt how to surf and how rips work. It was an exciting and fun experience. We all had a great day in the water and all caught a wave. Our coaches were really helpful and made it easier. We all enjoyed ourselves and would recommend this excursion for future year 6’s.
Coming up
Term 1, 2017

ELECTRONICS
Bimbadeen Heights Primary School

Learn how electricity flows as a current and how a circuit is completed. Spend time learning how to read a wiring sequence and connect a circuit correctly. Discover which objects are "conductors" and what is static electricity. Can you make a lie detector and test it on your partner? Find out about security, lightning and atoms. This is a fun unit for both girls and boys.

WiseOnes Application for 1st Term 2017
This program is available for all Grade 1 - Grade 4 children who have qualified for WiseOnes. The unit for first term commences week beginning Monday, 6th February 2017. The unit will run for 8 weeks commencing: 6th Feb, 13th Feb, 20th Feb, 27th Feb, 6th March, 13th March, 20th March and 27th March.
WiseOnes Teacher Noel Blacker: mobile 0409 435 396.

I wish to enrol my child in the unit "Electronics" starting week beginning Monday, 6th February, 2017. I give permission for a copy of this slip to be handed to the WiseOnes teacher.

Child’s Name _____________________________ School: Bimbadeen Heights Primary School

Date of Birth ____________________________ Class (2017) __________

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 $243.00 by Thursday, 2nd February, 2017.
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 Bimbadeen Heights Primary School.
For further information, please contact Pat Truscott Mobile: 0407 313 657.

NB: Due to the Government increase of teachers’ wages, please note the new cost of the program.
CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT

Thursday 8th December 6-8pm

Bring the family along for a great night of fun
- Santa’s little helper workshops
- Gift wrapping service
- Meet Santa in store
- Light refreshments will be provided

Bookings recommended. For more information or to book ask one of our team in-store or visit www.bunnings.com.au

BUNNINGS WAREHOUSE

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CHRISTMAS FUN - INSTORE AT CROYDON

Christmas Family Night – Thursday 8th December – 6 pm to 8 pm

Christmas Craft, Jumping Castle, Balloonist, Face Painting and a visit from Santa and Elves
Booking essential for catering purposes

Roving Elves in store – Saturday 17th December – 11 am to 1 pm

SANTA’S ELVES
Games and Entertainment for the Kids

17th December – Lilydale SES
Holding a Bunnings BBQ and bringing along an Emergency Rescue Vehicle and their Mascot to visit the kids.

Adele the Balloonist and Jolly Jingles
Appearing in store – Saturday 24th December
11 am to 1 pm

Christmas trees for sale at the Timer Yard Gate
From the 1st Croydon Scout Group
Saturday 3rd, Sunday 4th, Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th December
To see Bunnings’ amazing range of barbecues go to www.bunnings.com.au/barbecue

Bunnings Group Ltd is giving you the chance to win a $50 gift card or $50 worth of products in our Christmas colouring competition. There will be 3 winners at each store.

All you have to do is colour in the Christmas scene & deliver it to your local warehouse by dates Saturday 17th Dec 2016. The winners will be chosen in-store on Sunday 18th Dec 2016.

Name: ________________________________  Age: ________________________________  Telephone: ________________________________  Local Store: ________________________________

- Competitors 16 years or older to enter.
- 1 entry per person.
- The judge’s decision is final & no correspondence will be entered into.
- Bunnings Group Pty Ltd, its employees, suppliers & their families are ineligible to enter.
- Personal information will only be used to contact the winners.

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Scout Christmas Trees4schools

Enjoy the fresh smell of pine and support 2 great causes this Christmas

$5 to your school

1st Croydon Hills Scout Group Trees4Schools fundraiser is back!

Come along and buy a tree - name your school and we'll donate $5

Available from 2 locations (9am - 4pm)

Bunnings
268-288 Maroondah Highway, Chirnside (near the wood shed)

Croydon Scout Hall Hughes Park
Maroondah Highway, North Croydon (entrance opposite Officeworks)

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All trees are pruned and average 6 foot; range 5-7 foot as available

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