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my school, my friend

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Celebrating 139 Years of Excellence

COMING EVENTS

AUGUST

Wednesday 12th –

- School Council Meeting

Wednesday 26th –

- Bring a Bloke

Friday 28th –

- Father's Day Stall

SEPTEMBER

Thursday 3rd –

- School Production

Sunday 6th –

- Father's Day

Harkaway is a unique school community, providing dynamic learning opportunities where our children are nurtured to develop excellent life-long learning skills and achieve their maximum potential within a caring, accepting and optimistic environment.

This week we've had the dress rehearsal for Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The costumes look so colourful and effective – congratulations to the "Costumes Team" and thank you to all the families who made sure their children had the items they needed. We would also like to thank the parents and community of the Kathy Lea Dance, Drama and Music School, who have generously rallied around to ensure that our tap and jazz dancers really look the part, with the professional tap and jazz shoes they have lent to us.

The tickets for the production will go on sale next week. Families can purchase tickets by calling the Frankston Arts Centre on **9784 1060** or via the website www.thefac.com.au from **Wednesday 12th August**. Tickets have been kept at 2013 prices: Adults \$31.50, Concession card \$26.50 and Students \$21.50. Let's make it a sell-out show! Mrs Harrison is still looking for make-up helpers, so please volunteer your services. On show day, we desperately need the use of a truck or covered van to transport our costumes and props to the theatre. If you have or know of a vehicle and are able to help us out, we will be very grateful. The truck will need to be loaded during the morning of Thursday 3rd September and transported to Frankston. After the show, the truck would then be re-loaded and the props and costumes can be returned to school that night or the next day. Please let me know if you are able to help us out.

We are also asking for donations of chocolates for raffle prizes at the show. Please drop off your donations at the office, to be made into scrum-diddly-umptious hampers.

Participation in the musical production develops a broad range of skills for the children. One trait that flourishes during the lead up to the show is the children's confidence. Confidence is the full trust and belief in oneself, a self-reliance and assurance in one's abilities. An effective way to gauge a child's confidence is by looking at how they approach new challenges. Lack of confidence is one of the greatest barriers to successful learning. Children who lack confidence have yet to learn that:

- Making mistakes is an essential part of learning.
- Important people love us for who we are, not for what we can do.
- We all have many skills that we have not yet discovered.
- Being successful means doing your best, not being better than other people.

Listed below are some ways in which you can help your child to become more confident, and therefore more successful as a learner:

- Be excited and interested in their achievements, no matter how small.
- Build on any special strengths with praise and new opportunities.
- Ensure that your children feel safe and supported in taking risks. Every child needs to learn that it is fine to make mistakes and that trying and not succeeding (straight away) is part of learning.
- Take a child's interests and activities seriously. Let them see that their experiences are valuable.
- Ensure all challenges are realistic. Nothing succeeds like success and the more success children have the more confidence they bring to any new challenges.
- Carefully consider the place of competition in the life of the child. Despite what some people think, an individual's success in life, in the things that matter, does not depend on being faster, stronger or smarter than other people. Success is about doing your best and being proud of yourself.

Wendy O'Brien

"If you think you can or if you think you can't, you're right either way." Henry Ford

Awards

Merit: Natasha R, Kaitlyn H, Mac B, Hamish G, Max L

Getting Along: Lillie D

Confidence: Tess Mc, Taya G

Persistence: Nathan C, Jasper A

Sport: Celeste M, Kiera G

Art: Isobel F, Jade J-G, Natasha R, Jahn M

Birthdays

Birthday wishes to the following students having a birthday coming up!

August

7th Ella B

9th Lucy S & Ethan O

10th Noah C & Joel A

12th Grace R-B

13th Deiana R



WET WEATHER MEANS MUD!!



Please ensure that your child is dressed appropriately for Winter weather and where possible, keep a change of clothes in their school bag.

This includes the Senior kids as we don't have any larger size spare clothes available.

Quite a few students have needed to borrow clothes from sick bay due to falls into water/mud and we have very limited stock and sizes.

If your child has come home in clothes from sick bay, could you please return them ASAP 😊

PRODUCTION NEWS

Can you help??

- We need a truck/covered van on Thursday 3rd September to transport & return costumes and props to the production at Frankston Arts Centre.
- We need side stage lighting.. Lights that are battery powered, can be hand held or attached to dressing room curtains. Ones similar to camping style lanterns/torches.



ORDER YOUR DVD OF HARKAWAY'S SCHOOL PRODUCTION OF CHARLIE AND THE CHOCOLATE FACTORY.

The school production of "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" is rapidly approaching and parents are beginning to talk about taking videos of the performance at the Frankston Arts Centre. Unfortunately, as at all theatre venues, private filming and photos are banned. So, to ensure your family is able to have a keepsake of your child's special night, the school has organised for a professional company to attend and professionally video the event, using quality technologies for sound and filming. The company is Vaughan Wood Production and the cost of the DVD will be \$30 per disk. They also offer Blu-Ray or a USB stick and these will cost \$35 each.

If you want to make an order for your own DVD, USB or Blu-Ray DVD, please fill in the order form at the bottom of the newsletter and return it **with payment** to the school as soon as possible. Don't forget to order one for the proud grandparents, aunties and uncles too.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory DVD Order Form.

Vaughan Wood Productions are offering DVDs, BLU-RAY DVDs and USB STICKS of the Harkaway production of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. Prices are listed below.

I would like to order _____ **DVDs now. Each DVD costs \$30.**

I would like to order _____ **BLU-RAY DVDs now. Each BLU-RAY DVD costs \$35**

I would like to order _____ **USB STICKS now. Each USB STICK costs \$35**

The total cost of my purchases is _____ and I understand that payment must be made in full with this order form.

My full name & contact phone number is _____

It has been an exciting week with our first whole-school rehearsal on Friday and a full-dress rehearsal on Wednesday. The children have loved the opportunities to perform in front of the school and the excitement level rose even further yesterday with the first chance to get into our costumes. We are calling out for 20 or so hands-on helpers to assist us with our production photo shoot day on August 19th. We will need assistance with applying make-up and dressing the students in their costumes.

Our DL inventions topic has continued to engage the Juniors with students exploring different inventors, inventions. Some students have even begun to investigate the way everyday appliances work. If anyone has any old appliance that is no longer needed, we would love to have some more to offer to the children to open up and explore. Any milk bottle lids, or other items we can use for building in DL would also be very much appreciated.

Thank you to the helpers who have come in to assist us with book boxes. As always it is very much appreciated and we would love to see you in for any session, whenever you can make it!

Have a great week,
The Junior team.

MELBOURNE STARS - Middles

This week's big excitement has been the whole school Dress rehearsal of our production, "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory". The children looked terrific, performed well, and it was also an excellent opportunity to see and then be able to fix any glitches in the performance. Everyone is working well as a team, showing patience and listening carefully to instructions to make this our best production ever. Now, we can't wait till photo day. Yay! If you're able to help with make-up application on Photo Shoot Day, Wednesday the 19th of August, and on the night of the production, please read Mrs. Harrison's piece from the Juniors.

Many of our Middles are presenting their science experiments during DL times and we are enjoying the excitement that these bring. We feel like real scientists and are making predictions and trying to reason what causes the effects that we are seeing in the results of the experiments. Your child has been given a date when they've been asked to deliver their own experiment.

In Literacy, we are learning that it is so important to start a Narrative Story with a dynamic beginning, using interesting vocabulary and capturing the attention of the reader immediately. So, we are working on ways of improving this skill.

Finally, thanks to everyone for organising your child's costume for the production. The kids looked terrific!

Regards- Donna and Jennifer

Production: We had our first Full Dress Rehearsal on Wednesday and everybody looked amazing in their outfits. All of our fantastic aides, who have been building props and organizing costumes, are absolute super-stars!! We couldn't do it without their expertise and dedication!

DL: We're well and truly into our Civics and Citizenship topic for DL. It's an interesting topic, full of some new and challenging learning!

Math: We are continuing our focus on fractions and decimals. Our topics include ordering, identifying equivalents and adding fractions.

In Classroom Math, we are still concentrating on conversions, particularly metres to kilometres.

Literacy: Debating. The students are now in their teams of three, they have been given topics to debate against other teams and the students are beginning to form their arguments. We can't wait to see how it all goes!

Homework: A new AUGUST homework sheet went out this week. Students need to do 3 parts of homework every week by Friday.

1. A self-chosen spelling activity.
2. Study Ladder
3. A self-chosen activity on the AUGUST sheet.

SOUP: We will be serving Soup this Friday at first lunch. One will be tomato soup, the other chicken noodle! Please bring your own mug and spoon with your \$3. All proceeds go towards Grade 6 graduation.

Enjoy the weekend everyone!

From Senior United!

KEYBOARD LESSONS

Our wonderful guitar teacher Aram has advised that he is now able to offer keyboard lessons too.

Lessons will be on a Tuesday, if you are interested please contact him directly on # 0417 205 777

Resilience

This term the Kids Matter focus is on two of the strings to success – Resilience and Persistence.

Resilience is the ability to bounce back from challenging situations or adversity. What one child sees as a challenging situation, another child may not be fazed by. Developing resilience is vital for children, as it is a key factor in protecting children's mental health.

At school, as part of Kids Matter, we teach resilience through building a strong sense of belonging within the school community and also developing their sense of self-worth and confidence. We also use Kids Matter sessions to teach the students strategies to draw upon when they are faced with situations that leave them feeling low or stressed.

Some of these include

- Self Confidence – Feeling good about themselves and recognising that they have strengths. Their strengths may be different to others and that's okay.
- The ability to manage their feelings and behaviours in different situations, using a variety of strategies.
- Persistence – so children see the importance of not giving up at the first hurdle.
- The importance of talking to someone they trust when they are feeling low or stressed.

At home you can help to build your child's resilience and persistence by

- Demonstrating a positive attitude to your child. A 'You can do it' attitude sets a good example to your child/ren.
- Encourage your child to talk about how they are feeling when they are faced with situations they are worried about.
- Help your child to develop coping skills for when everything doesn't work out as planned.

From The Student Engagement and Wellbeing team

FROM MRS ESKILDSEN.....

Thank you to all the children who have returned the Sporting Schools Program form. This is such a terrific opportunity to learn new skills and have a lot of fun! We are limited to 20 children in each session but there are still places left, especially in AFL. A note to advise you that your child has been allocated a place will be sent home soon. Sessions are 3.45-4.45pm and will start next week for both sports with AFL running for 5 consecutive Tuesdays and Gymnastics for 4 consecutive Thursdays, but **not** on 3 September due to Production.

The Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge is only running for another FIVE weeks so keep reading and recording your books. No data can be entered after 14th September!

Have a great week!

Susie Eskildsen

BADGE DESIGN WINNERS.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who were selected to have their production designs to be made into badges or the covers of the program or CD.

6 – Mackenzie P

5 – Sam E

4 – Marvin H

3 – Tristian S

2 – Thomas K

1 - Ruby M

P – Sophie R

Program – Bailey Z

CD – Jack M

LIVE OUT LOUD



This I can flip chart is about making it can and taking off the t in the can't and making it can!

Not putting yourself down and saying you can't do it when you can.

TRIVIA NIGHT

SATURDAY 24 OCTOBER 2015

Dear Parents,

As you know, our biggest fundraiser for the year, the Trivia Night, is coming up on Saturday 24 October 2015.

The Parents & Friends Association at Harkaway is currently in the middle of sourcing raffle prizes for the big night and we're asking families with businesses (or who work at a business) that could offer/donate an item or a service as a prize.

We cannot organise and put on an event such as the Trivia Night without your generosity, assistance and support. We deeply appreciate your commitment to ensuring that our Harkaway Kids get to go on excursions and have new iPad's for the classroom, or comfortable seats to sit on, or cooling in the warmer months. The only way we can achieve this is to fundraise our little hearts out. We need your help!

Who would like to win one of the following in a raffle? The items listed are some of the things we would be grateful to receive:

- Hampers with non-perishable items inside
- Wellness vouchers for a massage or a pampering service
- Coles/Myer/Woolies voucher
- A new bike helmet
- Books, music or cinema tickets
- Football jumpers with AFL signatures
- Free printing
- Home-made jams/perserves/pickles
- A case of wine, or a 6-pack of wines
- Plants or a plant vessel
- An iPod, headphones or iTunes voucher
- A lawn-mowing service/voucher
- Art supplies or a new pack of Derwents
- Tea canisters or coffee machine
- DVD/movie
- Local restaurant voucher
- Prints/Artwork to hang on the wall
- A table lamp
- Lego or a Lego bag
- Hairdressing voucher
- Boutique voucher
- Free tax consultation
- ANYTHING!

See it as an opportunity to spruik your business which may be of interest to you and of benefit to your child/ren. Harkaway PS runs best with the support of the community and we're so lucky to have you all.

Even if you don't own/run/attend a business, any donation is appreciated.

Please bring anything you would be willing to donate/offer to the office or arrange delivery by ringing the school on (03) 9707 1475.

Thank you!

The Parents & Friends Association.

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Four Oaks Ward Forum

Councillors Rafal Kaplon and Rosalie Crestani invite Four Oaks Ward residents to a community crime prevention forum.

An initiative of Council and Victoria Police, the forum will be hosted by your local Councillors and Local Area Police Commander Inspector Paul Breen to discuss topics such as crime, family violence, illicit drugs and hoon driving.



Learn how Victoria Police are responding to community safety matters and have your say on safety issues in your neighbourhood.

Date: Wednesday 26 August 2015
Time: 7pm – 9pm
Venue: Hall at Southern Cross Primary School
 1-21 David Collins Drive
 Endeavour Hills Vic 3802

Enquiries: Cr Kaplon on 0401 814 306 and Cr Crestani on 0429 004 301

There will also be an opportunity to speak one-on-one with Councillors about other Council matters.

Four Oaks Ward Councillors represent the suburbs of Lysterfield South, Endeavour Hills, Narre Warren North, Narre Warren (part) and Harkaway.

Contact City of Casey

03 9705 5200

NRS: 133 677 (for the deaf, hearing or speech impaired)

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Cranbourne – Cranbourne Park Shopping Centre

Narre Warren – Magid Drive

Narre Warren South – Amberly Park Shopping Centre



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SEASONS FOR GROWTH

A Group For Adults Who Have Experienced Significant Change
 i.e. death, separation, migration, disability, financial or mental health issues

Explore the range of emotions that accompany loss
 Share the challenges
 Learn strategies to assist you to manage grief

A four week program running on Thursdays

Venue: Connections Narre Warren
 55 Webb Street, Narre Warren 3805

Thursday August 13th — Thursday September 3rd 2015
 12.15 pm — 2.45 pm

Enquiries and enrolment:
 Bronwyn Atkin or Megan Clarke on 03 5990 8400

Gold coin donation
www.connections.org.au

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Who's in Charge?

Does your child hurt, intimidate or abuse you?
 Do you feel you are losing control?
 Want to better handle conflict?

"Dear Andy — How are you? Your mother and I are fine. We both miss you and hope you are doing well. We look forward to seeing you again the next time your computer crashes and you come downstairs for something to eat. Love, Mom and Dad."

The **Who's in Charge?** group is a 7-week program for parents or carers of young people (8 to 18) who are beyond control, violent or defiant.

The group aims to:

- Provide a supportive environment to share experiences and ideas
- Reduce the guilt and shame which most parents feel
- Offer ideas to help you develop individual strategies for managing your child's behaviour
- Explore ways of increasing safety and wellbeing
- Help you feel more in control and less stressed

Starting — Thursday 20th August 2015 @ 10am - 12:30pm
Finishing — Thursday 15th October 2015
 (no group during school holidays 24/9/15 & 1/10/15)

At Outlook Community Centre
 24 Toomuc Valley Rd, Pakenham 3810

Enquiries & Enrolment (essential):
 Contact the Group Workers at Cranbourne on 5990 8400
 Gold Coin Donation
 Further info on violence to parents: www.eddiegallagher.id.au