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NEWSLETTER

REMINDERS	FEBRUARY 2013
Friday, 8th	Canteen Lunch order back today. Lunch Day will be <u>Friday</u> 15th February due to the proposed Teacher Strike. Your calendar shows Thursday, 14th.
Tuesday, 12th	Breakfast Club School Council 7pm House Assembly
Wednesday, 13th	No PREPS today NATIONAL APOLOGY DAY
Friday, 15th	Canteen Lunch Day
Tuesday, 19th	Breakfast Club Lunch order form out School Assembly
Wednesday, 20th	No PREPs today. Family Tea Night 5:30—7pm
Friday, 22nd	5/6 Sport 1:30 CLPS vs Miners Rest Lunch Orders Back today.
Tuesday, 26th	Breakfast Club HOUSE Assembly
Wednesday, 27th	No PREPS today
Thursday, 28th	Canteen Lunch Day Life Ed Van

National Apology Day: Anniversary of the formal apology made on 13th February, 2008 by the government and the Parliament of Australia to Australia's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander

PLEASE NOTE WHOLE SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES ARE NOW HELD FORTNIGHTLY ON TUESDAYS AT 2:45 on the even week unless notified.



Please note;

CANTEEN LUNCH DAY will be Friday, 15th due to the proposed Teacher Strike Day. There will be more information re this, if it goes ahead, on a separate note that will be sent home.

Education Maintenance Allowance

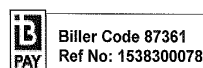
The EMA forms are available for you fill in. Please come in, fill in the form and we will photocopy your Health Care or Pension Card. If you are unsure if you are eligible, come and see Pauline or Jan. The School Council set the charges for the year, this includes all excursions and costs associated with the school for 2013.

This year the cost is \$265 and for those on the above cards, if you sign your allowance to the school, your costs are covered. You have until the Friday, 22nd February to complete your form. A very big thank you to the parents that completed them on interview days.

Essential Items Costs and Excursions charges for 2013 can be paid by BPay:

**ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL STARTS
MONDAY 11th February -
Activities inside.**

EMA



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From the Principal's Desk

Week Ending - 8th February, 2013

WELCOME TO THE 2013 SCHOOL YEAR

Welcome back to everyone and we hope your family enjoyed some of the warm weather and had a nice break. A special welcome to all those who are new to the school, including those with their first prep child starting.

We had 153 students start with us on Monday, our students have settled in very nicely and in particular our Prep students. I have included the school timetable in this newsletter so that you are aware of what the students are doing on a day to day basis

During the holidays we had the Reading Recovery Room (Room 10) transformed into our Language room, Room 1 (one) had a new coat of paint and the Canteen a clean.

Facilities wise, we have increased our technology equipment and purchased 18 ipads for the school. These ipads will be used in Chinese language and 5/6 H will be trialling the use of ipads in the classroom. The Prep -2 Discovery area continues to improve and engage the students. More details are added in the newsletter.

On Tuesday, I spoke to the students at assembly about opportunities for leadership in the school. We have over 20 positions to fill and were encouraged last year with the interest in our school captain positions. We have encouraged the students in Grade 5-6 to apply and will go through a selection process. At our next assembly we will present students leaders with their leadership badges.

On the following page I have added the range of opportunities available at our school on a weekly basis. I think this highlights that we have a lot to look forward to this year and encourage parents to look for and take advantage of opportunities to get involved with the school and your child's education.

As always, if you have any concerns or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Scott or Darlene.

CONGRATULATIONS MR HARRIS

Congratulations to Nathan and Fiona on the safe arrival of their baby girl, Evelyn Grace Harris who arrived 2 days after Christmas.

and also

CONGRATULATIONS Ms Coleman

Congratulations to Sarah and Ben on their engagement, which occurred while in Rome on holidays.

Looking forward to a great year for everyone.

Scott Phillips
Principal

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

	MON	TUES	WEDS	THURS	FRI
LITEC/ LIBRARY	OPEN LUNCHTIMES Mrs Cameron		OPEN LUNCHTIMES Mr. Phillips	OPEN LUNCHTIMES Mrs. Cameron	
GREEN PATCH	OPEN LUNCHTIMES Ms Barnes and Mrs. Sullivan				
JUMP ROPE/ GYM					OPEN LUNCHTIMES Miss Mugavin
MUSIC/BAND			OPEN MORNING PLAY Mr. Bell		
GUM LOONG/ CHINESE	OPEN MORNING PLAY Mrs. Dent				
JSC MEETINGS			OPEN Miss. Walker		
ENERGY BREAK- THROUGH TRAINING	See Steiny				
HOUSE CRICKET COMPETITION	OPEN MORNING PLAY Allan Fisher	OPEN LUNCH Allan Fisher			

ACTIVE AFTER- SCHOOLS	MON SOCCER	TUES MULTI- SKILLS	WEDS SOFTBALL		
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<u>5/6 FRIDAY SPORT</u>			
22/02 8/03 22/03	T-BALL	CRICKET	BAT TENNIS



BACK TO SCHOOL CHECKLIST FOR PARENTS & CARERS

Welcome to another school year. With term one approaching it is time to get your children ready for their return to school or attendance at a children's service. While their asthma is just one of the many things to get ready, this checklist will hopefully make the process easier.

Throughout the year there are significant increases, or 'spikes', in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments¹. Approximately 1 in 10 children and adolescents in Australia have asthma, and for children and adolescents with asthma these 'spikes' usually occur towards the end of holiday periods as they return to school or preschool¹. A significant 'spike' in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital, of children and adolescents experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occurs throughout the first few weeks of February¹. For this reason, we have compiled a quick checklist for parents and carers to go through to prepare their child for the school year.

Is your child ready for new school year?

- My child has had an annual asthma management review with their doctor and has had their Asthma Action Plan reviewed
- My child has up to date ambulance membership
- My child knows how to recognise early symptoms of asthma and knows when to seek help from staff if they experience asthma symptoms
- My child understands the importance of taking reliever medication when necessary and knows how to use their puffer and spacer, either independently or with assistance
- An updated Asthma Action Plan has been provided to my child's school/children's service. Even if their Asthma Action Plan has not changed from last year it is important that a letter is provided to the school/children's service informing staff of this. It is vital that staff know what to do for your child in an asthma emergency
- A reliever puffer and spacer (and mask for children under 5 years old) has been provided to the school/children's service for my child. With the change in infection control guidelines, spacers can no longer be shared between children and it is vital that each child has their own equipment
- I have read and understood the school/children's services asthma policy

For more information, resources or assistance completing this checklist please contact The Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 ASTHMA (278 462) or visit www.asthma.org.au

¹ Australian Centre for Asthma Monitoring (2011), "Asthma in Australia: with a focus chapter on chronic obstructive pulmonary disease", Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, Canberra 2011.

Week	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	JANUARY		29 Pupil Free Day	30 Student testing	31 Student testing	FEBRUARY 1 Student testing	2
2	3 Whole School Assembly this week	4 Students start school today.	5 Breakfast Club School Assembly Canteen Order out today FINANCE COMMITTEE	6 PREP FREE	7 Newsletter	8 Canteen Order back today	9
3	10	11	12 Breakfast Club School Council 7pm CONCERT COMMITTEE HOUSE Assembly	13 PREP FREE <i>National Apology Day</i>	14 Newsletter Canteen Lunch Day	15	16
4	17 Whole School Assembly this week	18	19 Breakfast Club Canteen Order out today School Assembly GROUNDS COMMITTEE	20 PREP FREE Family Tea Night 5.30pm - 7.00pm Gum Loong Practice 2.00pm – 3.00pm	21 Newsletter CANTEEN COMMITTEE 9am	22 Specialist Sport 5/6 V Miners Rest 1.30pm Canteen Order back today	23
5	24	25	26 Breakfast Club ENERGY BREAK-THROUGH COMMITTEE HOUSE Assembly	27 PREP FREE Life Ed Van Gum Loong Practice 3.30pm – 4.30pm	28 Newsletter Life Ed Van Canteen Lunch Day	MARCH 1 Life Ed Van	2
6	3	4	5 CURRICULUM Day Australian History STUDENT FREE	6 PREP FREE P-2 PLANNING Gum Loong Practice 3.30pm – 4.30pm	7 Newsletter	8 Specialist Sport 5/6 V Caledonian 1.30pm	9
7	10	11 Labour Day Public Holiday Begonia Parade 11am	12 Breakfast Club Parent Association 2.30pm REWARD HOUR Finance Committee	13	14 Newsletter	15 Pink Stumps Day 5/6	16
8	17 Whole School Assembly this week	18	19 Breakfast Club Annual General Meeting 6.30pm School Council 7pm School Assembly	20 HOUSE SPORTS Llanberris	21 Newsletter <i>Harmony Day</i>	22 Specialist Sport 5/6 V Dana St 1.30pm	23
9	24 Canadian Lead PS Golf Day	25 <i>National Close the Gap Day</i>	26	27 Newsletter GROUNDS COMMITTEE 3.30pm CONCERT COMMITTEE 3.30pm	28 Parent Teacher Interviews start 9.00am School finishes END Term 1.30pm	29 GOOD FRIDAY	30

NEWS FROM OUR COMMUNITY

TABLE TENNIS BALLARAT FREE COME AND TRY NIGHT

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8th From 6pm

LIKE TO MAKE NEW FRIENDS AND HAVE FUN?

New Season starts February 15th.

Entry Forms Available at WWW.BTTA.COM.AU

e-mail: batabten@ncable.net.au or by ringing the Stadium on 5339 2680 Dowling Street, Wendouree



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General News:

I would like to start lessons back in the schools the week of the 4th of February, so if people could confirm enrolments asap it would be greatly appreciated. If forms could be returned to schools or myself by the 1st of Feb I will get the schedule done over the weekend and make an immediate start. Even an email or text message with name, school, classroom, contact details and private/group lessons will suffice.

Please note that the lesson fees have slightly increased this year, and that this is the first increase since I started in 2007. School group lessons will be \$12 per student and private will be \$20. Eastwood lessons will remain at \$15 per student for group or family lessons and \$20 for a private lesson.

Students need their own guitars. If you need any assistance with purchasing a suitable instrument please contact me for who to see in town. Alternatively, you can purchase one through me – see the attached order form.

There won't be any lessons in the last week of the school year except for make up lessons. Lessons will continue in the weeks after the annual concert (which should be around the 24th of November).

Term fees for 2013

Term 1 = 8 lessons = \$96 group/\$160 private, due 22/2/

Term 2 = 11 lessons = \$132 group/\$220 private, due 3/5/2013

Term 3 = 10 lessons = \$120 group/\$200 private, due 2/8/2013

Term 4 = 10 lessons = \$120 group/\$200 private, due 25/10/2013

New students will need to purchase the RSG songbook for \$25.

Policies:

Term payments are due by the end of the 3rd week of the term. Please contact me if you feel this will be a problem and we can make alternative arrangements.

Lessons missed due to excursion, school activity, teacher/student illness or public holiday will be made up as soon as practical. Due to the full schedule, private make up lessons are not usually possible and all make up lessons will happen in the group format.

Lessons missed due to student illness, family holidays or similar will be charged at the standard rates unless I am notified prior to the lesson or otherwise organized.

I reserve the right to organize make-up lessons as necessary in terms of schedule and group format/composition.

If in doubt, call me!

To enrol, please detach, and **return the following** either to the school or to me via email – bakka@ncable.net.au

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(Please print clearly)

Student Name: _____

School: _____ Classroom: _____ Room Number: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Private (\$20 per lesson) or **Group** lessons (\$12 per lesson) - Please circle which.

Until next time,

Willy. Price List for Guitars and amp packs from RockStarGuitar are available at the office.



Thanks to all the families and friends that collect Woolworths reward stickers. The Junior team were able to purchase a new oven, sink, fridge, dishwasher, washing machine and light box with the proceeds. Well done.



The kids love it!



We will be part of the program this year and we will keep you informed through the newsletter as to what is happening. I am sure you will see it on TV.

REMINDER

Don't forget to bring your art smock to school for Art. Something with long sleeves works the best at keeping uniforms nice and clean. A big, old shirt works just as well as a smock.

CLASS ART DAY

Prep Campbell - Friday
 1/2 Mugavin - Wednesday
 2/3 Walker - Tuesday
 4 Barnes - Tuesday
 5/6 Harris - Thursday
 5/6 Keith - Monday
 5/6 Steinman - Monday

Thank you..... Miss Walker



Would \$500 help you pay for school uniforms, books or a laptop?

Match your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, through Saver Plus.

You may be eligible if you have:

- a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- a child at school or starting next year
- some regular income from work (you or your partner).

Contact Sue Ogilvie, your local Saver Plus Worker:
 03 5333 1707 / 0401 144 089 or
sue@bgt.org.au

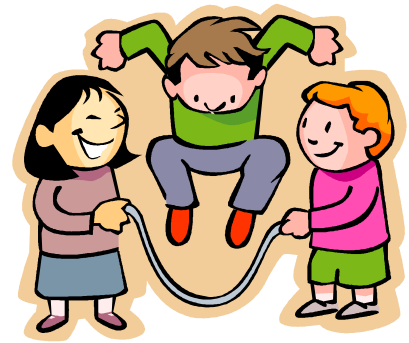
Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in Ballarat and Surrounding Districts by Ballarat Group Training. Saver Plus is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government.

Family Tea Night... Wednesday, 20th February. 5:30pm

Come along to the school "Salad & Sausage Sizzle". There will be activities to be involved in, met your child's teacher and get to know your school community. Please bring a chair and non alcoholic drinks. All food will provided.



More information next week but keep this date free!



Learning Chinese in our redecorated Language Room with Mrs. Dent.
(Room 10)

