FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

We have some exciting news. On Wednesday 5th June a film crew from the TV show ‘Vasili’s Garden’ which is on SBS will come to our school and film a segment with the presenter Vasili. Permission forms will be given to children who will feature in the segments. If you do not wish your child to be on TV, please advise the office.

CURRICULUM DAY
Tomorrow is a Curriculum Day. Teachers will be working with our Literacy expert Stephen Graham on the teaching of Comprehension when reading. We believe this is a really important aspect for our children to work on – to comprehend and understand what they are reading.

WORKING BEE – SATURDAY MAY 25TH 9AM – 12PM
To get our school gardens looking at their best we are having a working bee on Saturday May 25th from 9am – 12pm. We really need your assistance.

JOBS
Front Garden – Clean, prune & weed
Science Garden – Tidying garden
Back Gardens – Spreading mulch in Drop Off Garden and Car Park
General Gardens – Weeding & cleaning

Please come along to help.

WALKATHON
On June 14th we are holding a Walkathon to raise funds for a school class set of iPads. Forms will be coming home soon.

3 WAY INTERVIEWS JUNE 27TH - ONLINE BOOKING DATE DEFERRED
This year we are trialing a new booking system for making appointments for 3 Way Interviews. You will be able to book your preferred interview time online. As soon as the Online Booking system is set up, parents will be notified. More information will be available before this date.
BMPS ANZAC PROJECT
We would like to publish a book by our students in Prep to Year 6. The book will be about our Avenue of Honour in Bacchus Marsh. Children’s stories and pictures will be printed to be part of the book.

PROJECT
Children to write about the Avenue of Honour (their story, history of a relative, feeling about the Avenue of Honor, Poem, whatever they wish to write about. An illustration, painting, photograph, collage, 3D is also needed.

TASK
Picture and story on A4 page
Picture and story children’s choice

Works will be selected to be published in a colour book.

TIME FRAME
Start April 22nd – Final work to be submitted by 20th May.
Please ensure names are on work.

We look forward to seeing a huge range of stories, research about the Avenue of Honour.
Please see your teacher if you need assistance.

AWARENESS DAY
August 10th this year is the date for a community event to mark the beginning of the Commemorations of WW1 Centenary. It is called ‘Awareness Day”. Schools will be involved in this community event. This is the start of events over the next few years in Bacchus Marsh to mark 100 years of WW1. It’s great that our community and schools are working together on such an important anniversary.

CYBER SAFETY www.cybersmart.gov.au
Thanks to the parents who attended our Cybersafety night. If you missed this very important night please access the above website. It is essential to understand how to keep our children safe online, protect them from potential risks and to use technology in a safe learning environment. We wouldn’t let children play on the road because of the obvious danger so therefore should not let children out on the Internet without knowing the safety rules first.

Do you know what your children are accessing and what they can access? Do you know who they are talking to: (by blog, online, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Tumblr, Kik)?

PARENT INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR THIS TERM
• ICT – June 3 9am (after assembly)
• Head Lice – June 24 9am (after assembly)

NATIONAL WALK TO SCHOOL DAY
National Walk To School day is on Friday 24th of May. The day is designed to encourage as many students as possible walk to school safely. National Walk To School day also encourages children to be healthy, active and improve the quality of our environment by walking to school.

There is a website www.walk.com.au or an app available from the app store with further information.
Let’s see if everyone can walk to school.
BALI STUDENT SPONSORSHIP PROGRAM
Our school sponsors 32 children at the school. If you would like to assist sponsoring one of the students please let the office know. It costs $100 a year to sponsor a student and this money enables them to attend school and continue an education. One of our sponsor children has recently graduated and is starting tourism school which will enable her to gain employment.

NAPLAN
Children in Year 3 & 5 completed NAPLAN this week. NAPLAN testing is just one form of assessment that is used in schools. Much has been said in the media about NAPLAN and its value. Unfortunately results do not come back to school for months, so the value to assist children at point of need has been lost. We do not measure our school by NAPLAN testing and believe there are more important assessment tools and indicators that we use to give a whole picture of our children. We teach a broad and wide curriculum and do not want to narrow curriculum to focus on NAPLAN testing only.

THE LONG WALK - JOURNEY TO RECOGNITION
BE PART OF HISTORY IN THE MAKING.
The Indigenous Residents of Bacchus Marsh and Reconciliation Victoria invite students and staff from BMPS to take in Australia’s ‘Journey to Recognition’ – an epic relay across our country as momentum builds to recognize Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in our Constitution.
On Monday 27 May, the first day of National Reconciliation Week, the Journey comes to Bacchus Marsh! Schools, the Council and the wider community are warmly invited to be part of the Journey. This could include joining the walk as it enters town from 2.00pm down the Avenue of Honour, or meeting at the Shire Hall at 2.30pm. Walkers will be welcomed with a traditional smoking ceremony and barbecue.
The Journey, commencing from Federation Square on Sunday 26 May, aims to raise awareness of and support for Constitutional Recognition. Supporters will walk from Melbourne to Adelaide then cycle, drive and paddle their way to the Garma Festival in Nhulunbuy, Northern Territory, in early August.
The school's Student Leadership Team and School Captains will join the walk with Ian and 2 staff members.

PANDA PORTRAITS HOME PROJECT
We are looking for great portraits of Panda. Over the next four weeks at home we would love children to draw and colour a portrait for an art display. The best Panda Portrait winner will win a date with Panda for morning tea.

Ian, Pam & Leanne
02 May 2013

Dear Parent / Guardian of Children Attending Swimming Lessons or Swim Clubs

An outbreak of cryptosporidium infection (also referred to as 'crypto') is affecting Melbourne and many parts of regional Victoria. The Department of Health is requesting that parents and guardians of all children who attend swimming lessons or swim clubs in Victoria be provided with information on how to protect themselves and others when swimming. This letter does not indicate a problem with the facility your child attends - it is being provided across the state and contains advice that is important all year round.

Crypto is a parasitic infection that causes gastroenteritis, with the most common symptoms being diarrhoea, stomach cramps and nausea. Symptoms may last for weeks and have serious consequences for people who have weakened immune systems. During swimming, people can become infected by swallowing water which has become contaminated by human faeces, usually from tiny amounts that cannot be seen. Crypto can also be spread from person to person, especially in settings such as childcare facilities and in households where there are cases.

All swimming pool patrons are able to become infected if the pool is contaminated with crypto because crypto parasites are not killed by the normal levels of chlorine used in swimming pools. Without realising, people with crypto infection can contaminate pool water up to 14 days after their diarrhoea has stopped. Pool operators have taken steps including decontamination of water appropriate as a protective measure, but this cannot break the cycle of crypto infection without the help of patrons.

To prevent the spread of disease, parents / guardians should ensure they and their children take the following actions to protect themselves and others:

- Do not swim if you have diarrhoea or if you have had diarrhoea in the past two weeks;
- Shower and wash thoroughly with soap before entering the pool;
- Wash your hands with soap after going to the toilet or changing a nappy;
- Avoid swallowing pool water.

For more general information on avoiding Crypto and other infectious diseases while swimming, please go to: http://health.vic.gov.au/water/recreational/cryptosporidium.htm
SCIENCE
A sound sculpture is being created for children in the playground. A big thank you to the Marshall family for making the metal frame.
We now require:
- Old saucepans and lids
- Old nuts, bolts and screws
  - Old hubcaps
  - Tin plates & cups
  - Old knives and forks
  - Old metal watering cans
  - Bottle tops
  etc....

The sound sculpture will be completed at the Working Bee on Saturday (May 25th). The Science room would also love to recycle old wooden painting easels and an old metal laundry trough.
Thank you, Jane McWhinney

PAYMENTS
Payments for Excursions, Incursions, Booklists, Camps etc can be made by BPAY, please contact our office for your BPAY details.

ART
As a lot of art work this term involves paint, your child will need a smock for all lessons. This can be a smock, old shirt, apron or an old T Shirt. I would be grateful for some newspapers if you have any you don’t want.
Thanking you, Wendy Sartori

HAVE FUN WITH BUDDIE AND LEARN ABOUT CYBERSAFETY

WORLD 4 KIDS
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE
An enrolment form must be completed fully before your child/children attends Before School Care and After School Care in 2013.

Payment of attendances can only be paid by direct debit or direct credit and this is now debited from your bank account in advance.

NOTE...The Before School and After School Programs have a new phone number.
0405 640 148
For all enquiries or information please contact Di Jones on the above phone number.
Thank you, Di, Gill and Niki.

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### Important Dates

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GARAGE SALE / FUNDRAISER

WE ARE HOLDING A GARAGE SALE TO RAISE MONEY FOR THE GREENDALE WILDLIFE SHELTER

WHEN: SATURDAY 25TH MAY

WHERE: 2 BACCHUS STREET, MADDINGLEY

TIME: 8AM

WE HAVE A LOT OF ITEMS FOR SALE, AND WE ALSO HAVE A RAFFLE WITH TICKETS SOLD ON THE DAY

ALL MONEY RAISED ON THE DAY WILL BE USED TO HELP THIS NON FUNDED, NOT FOR PROFIT ORGANISATION.

ALSO IF YOU WISH TO DONATE GOODS FOR EITHER THE GARAGE SALE OR RAFFLE PLEASE CONTACT

DONNA ARANDT: 0408 443 003
Occasional Childcare

Darley Neighbourhood House currently has vacancies for term 2 in our occasional childcare program. We offer quality and professional care on Thursday and Fridays at an affordable price.

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