NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL TEAM

MH17 DISASTER

The MH17 plane crash has touched us all in some way. We remember Shaliza as a very happy and friendly lady who brightened up our school canteen and loved working with and serving our children. We have been very lucky to know her and benefited from having her in our lives.

A range of support is available, if needed at any time. The following article may be of help in protecting children and helping them understand this event.

HELPING KIDS MAKE SENSE OF THE MH17 DISASTER

By Michael Grose – Parenting Ideas www.parentingideas.com.au

Reports of the recent shooting down of Flight MH17 over Ukraine air space has saturated newspapers, television and the Internet for the last week. The events were shocking and many of the images shown on our television screens have been quite confronting. Worldwide outrage has been the result.

But what about the impact of the event and the subsequent media coverage on children and young people?

As adults we all want our children to live carefree lives and keep them from the pain and even horror of such tragedies and natural disasters. In reality we can’t do this.

So what is a parent, teacher, or other caring adult to do when such events fill the airwaves and the consciousness of society? Here are some ideas:

1. Reassure children that they are safe. The consistency of the images can be frightening for young children who don’t understand the notion of distance and have difficulty distinguishing between reality and fiction. Let them know that while this event is indeed happening it will not affect them directly.

2. Explain what happened. Sounds obvious but it’s important not to simply assume that children and young people understand what’s happened. Be calm and stick to the facts, using a map to show older children where it happened.

3. Be available. Let kids know that it is okay to talk about the unpleasant events. Listen to what they think and feel. By listening, you can find out if they have misunderstandings, and you can learn more about the support that they need. You do not need to explain more than they are ready to hear, but be willing to answer their questions.
4. Help children process what they see and hear, particularly through television. Children are good observers but can be poor interpreters of events that are out of their level of understanding.

5. Support children’s concerns for others. They may have genuine concerns for the suffering that will occur and they may need an outlet for those concerns. It is heartwarming to see this empathy in children for the concerns of others.

6. Let them explore feelings beyond fear. Many children may feel sad or even angry with these events so let them express the full range of emotions.

7. Avoid keeping the television on all the time. The visual nature of the media means that images are repeated over and over, which can be both distressing to some and desensitizing to others.

8. Be aware of your own actions. Children will take their cues from you and if they see you focusing on it in an unhealthy way then they will focus on it too. Let them know that it is happening but it should not dominate their lives.

Children’s worlds can be affected in ways that we can’t even conceive of, so adults need to be both sensitive to children’s needs and mindful of what they say and how they act in front of children.

In difficult times, it is worth remembering what adults and children need most are each other.

CHINESE STUDENT VISIT
A huge thanks to the families who hosted our Chinese Student visit. 63 students and 8 staff visited Bacchus Marsh last week. The students were from Nanjing in China. The students loved coming to school and living with the families in Australia and enjoying Australian life. Thanks everyone for looking after the students so well.

ONESIE & PJ OUT OF UNIFORM DAY TOMORROW
We are having a ‘Onesie/PJ Out Of Uniform Day’ on August 1st to raise money for the ‘Bacchus Marsh Food Bus’. The Food Bus operates each Tuesday and Thursday night feeding families in need. Please wear a onesie or PJ’s and bring a gold coin donation.

SCIENCE FAIR
Our Annual Science Fair is on again, starting on August 11th. I know children have been working hard on their Science demonstrations, so I can’t wait to see them all.

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School Photos are on Monday 1st and Tuesday September 2nd.

CHOCOLATES FUNDRAISER FOR PREP SHADE SAILS
Our chocolate fundraiser closed last Friday. Please return all unsold chocolates and money raised. A big thank you to everyone for selling chocolates.

Ian, Leanne, Melinda and Pam
PREP SWIMMING TERM FOUR
The Prep Swimming Program will commence in the third week of Term 4. This year we have decided to run an intensive program for five consecutive days. In the past we have attended weekly sessions. Three prep grades will commence their program on the 20th October and the remaining three on the 27th October. Children will be swimming and travelling to the pool with their grade. The cost of the program will be $70.00. More information will be forwarded to you in Term 3.

IF YOU DO NOT WANT YOUR CHILD TO BE INVOLVED IN THE SWIMMING PROGRAM COULD YOU PLEASE LET THEIR TEACHER KNOW ASAP.

If you have any queries please contact Mrs Muller, Program Coordinator

SPORTS REPORT
GRADE FIVE AND SIX GOLF PROGRAM
It is getting close to that time of the year when our Golf Professional Tony Collier comes to our school for our annual Grade Five and Six Golf Program. He has been running this program at our school for over ten years and has recently won the prestigious Victorian Professional Teaching award for his services to Golf.

The program involves two 45 minute golf lessons for Grade Five at school and two 45 minute lessons for Grade Six at school, followed by a Golf Tournament at the West Golf course Bacchus Marsh.

Notices regarding these events will be sent out towards the end of term. To help with your planning, as we know Term Four can be very busy, these are the dates and costs of the program.

Grade Five: $4.00 for two lessons
Grade Six: $15.00 for two lessons, tournament and lunch.

The program commences in the first week of Term Four. Lessons take place at school on the Tuesday 7th, Friday 10th and Thursday 16th OCTOBER. The Golf Tournament for Grade Six will be on Friday 24th OCTOBER.

Your child's grade will be notified of the day their lesson will be, closer to the end of this term.

Thanks
Mrs Muller/Mrs Hurst

KILOMETRE CLUB
Just a reminder that every Tuesday and Friday from 8.30am we run a kilometre club. Students, teachers and parents are invited to walk or run the short course. We meet on the back oval at the gate to Masons Lane. It is a great way to start the day and clear the head. Hope to see you there.
SUPER SCIENCE FAIR
MONDAY 11TH AUGUST

All students have the opportunity to participate in the Super Science Fair on Monday 11th August 2014.

Students are to choose a topic and produce a display and/or demonstration of the scientific principle they have chosen.

The displays are set up around the school gym for other students, teachers and parents to view on the day.

Students will have the opportunity to explain and demonstrate their projects.

Whilst we expect students to do the majority of the work themselves, we encourage families to help out especially with the construction of any experiments or projects.

Please note - no dangerous chemicals or experiments
- no animals

Entries close Monday 4th August.

Jane McWhinney- Science Specialist

Science
Science Fair Entry Form

Name/Names:
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Grade: __________________

Science Project Title:
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Science Project Description:
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Equipment required from school:
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Entries Close: Monday 4th August

Please return to Super Science box at the office.
GRADE 6 PRODUCTION NEEDS

Ms. Curtis is after about 25 large cereal boxes for production. We also need gold and silver spray paint and gold glitter if anyone has any partially used supplies that they no longer need.

Also, just a reminder that Grade 6 students should have their black base costume (black shoes, socks, pants, shirt) organised and at school as soon as possible.

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Yes, the service is voluntary and you can stop or vary the deduction at any time by calling Centrelink directly.

How do I apply for Centrepay?
You can call in to see our Office Manager, or call or visit your nearest Centrelink Office and ask for a Centrepay deductions form (SA325.1102).
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Make school payments with QkR™ your New Year’s Resolution

Welcome to the new school year from all at QkR by MasterCard: the easy-to-use mobile phone app and preferred payment method for your school.

To our returning QkR families, we welcome you back and thank you for your support last year. Follow our simple tips below to update your child’s class and year details for the new school year.

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Scan QR code provided

Or type text label BACCHUSMARSHPS

If within 4 kms of the school, you can select from “Locations Nearby”

Step 3: Find our school

Step 4: Register your children
When first accessing your school menu, you will be prompted to register your child. This allows you to make school orders on their behalf.

Now you’re ready to order and pay for meals and other items...
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Bacchus Marsh Community Bank Update

We have $690,000 worth of shares banked and we need your support now to reach our $815,000 target.


Please contact Paula McMillan if you need further information on 0418 105 980
Imagination Magic is a Moorabool Shire Council program for babies, toddlers and preschool children and their mums, dads and carers. For your free ticket or for more information please contact Customer Service.

**AUGUST**

**DRUMMER GIRL**

August 12
Darley Studio 22, 162 Harvest Way, 10am and 11.15am

August 20
Beau Ream Primary School, Damcan St, 10am

Tickets Available July 23

**SEPTEMBER**

**Drummer Girl**

Dads Special Saturday
September 6
Darley Studio 22, 162 Harvest Way, 10am and 11.15am

Tickets Available August 27

**SEPTEMBER**

Jackie Kerin storyteller

September 9
Darley Studio 22, 162 Harvest Way, 10am and 11.15am

September 16
Ballarat Primary School, Quinn St, 10am

Tickets Available August 27

Tickets are available by contacting Moorabool Shire Council. Customer Service on 5366 7100. Entry is by ticket and gold coin donation.
Tickets available at BMPS office

At just only 5 months of age Mayah Grace was diagnosed with a rare heart condition called Cardiomyopathy. This condition will require her to undergo a heart transplant to cure.

To help raise awareness and donations to support Mayah and her family during this hard time a raffle is being held, any remaining funds will be donated to the Royal Children’s Hospital.

The Maya Grace Night Out

6pm    Saturday 16th August
$35 per adult
BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL
Darley Football Club
2 Course Meal
Drinks at Bar Prices
Raffle Draw
Prizes
Auctions
Live Music

For bookings or further information call Karlea on 0403 232 711