FROM THE PRINCIPAL:

On Sunday we had over 60 students and a large number of parents and staff join us for the annual Yakkerboo parade. It was fantastic to have such a large turnout and a lot of familiar faces in the crowd supporting our efforts. Once again it highlights the support and involvement of our school community in activities and continues the rich tradition of the school. It is participation and being involved that are important and having a go and all the students that did attend should be very proud of their efforts and the support they gave to their school.

The prep excursion on Friday is yet another example of the work and support that we receive from our school community. Once again Jodie and Liz did a fantastic job in pulling this excursion together and the support they received from parents and friends was incredible and greatly appreciated. A highlight was the visit to the Secondary School where everyone was extremely well looked after and by all accounts had a fantastic time. The KooWeeRup Fire brigade was also very supportive and the use of the fire hose at the end of lunch was another, must do activity. The businesses of KooWeeRup are always supportive and we have nothing but praise for Doug Amos who unlocked a car with the lunches inside – free of charge, receiving nothing but praise from all involved.

Dates to Remember

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IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- PLEASE take care at all times in the Car Park areas. Caution and alertness needs to be uppermost in everyone’s minds when in these areas.
- It is very important that if any parent or friend of the school has any concerns, queries or problems regarding any aspect of the school to bring it to the attention of your child’s teacher or Allan straight away.
- Students are reminded that the bringing of electronic games and other valuable items to school do so at their own risk. If such items are misplaced or damaged then the owners of such items are responsible for any cost incurred.
- Mobile phones and Ipods need to be handed into the office on arrival to school and then collected at the end of the day. Students don’t require these items during the normal school day.
- Deb Beale the School Chaplain is available on a weekly basis to support children, parents or families in a wide variety of areas. Please feel free to contact Deb or the school if you would like to use this service. Deb is in attendance every Thursday of the month this term.

THUMBS UP

- To Eric Stokkell for providing his truck for the Yakkerboo parade and for driving it on the day. Greatly appreciated by the School community.
- To Bec and her band of helpers in putting the float together and ensuring our strong participation in this community event once again.
- To Tanya and Julia for their extra effort with the float and to everyone who assisted on the day. Much appreciated.
- To all the parents, students and staff who joined us for the parade. It was great to have so many people representing our school. (By the way we came 3rd and received a trophy and $100 voucher for our efforts – Well done.)
- To Caitlin Wachal who grew a massive pumpkin to take out First Prize. Her pumpkin weighed in at a massive 83.8 kg – smashing all previous records.
- To Mitchell and Mikaela who are representing our school at the RSL Dawn Service at KooWeeRup tomorrow. A bright and early start for these students.
- To Jodie for all her efforts with transition and taking a group of parents on a tour of the school on Monday – very much appreciated.
- To our House Captains and Students Leaders who received their respective badges on Monday at assembly.
- To Melanie Fischer and Wendy Vine for organising and running the first meeting of Mind Craft on Friday. This group is very popular and stay tuned for further gatherings and activities.
- To everyone who supported the Coles promotion – all of the sports equipment has arrived and boy is there a lot of it!!!
- To Danni for doing such a great job on the Bondi Man, who took pride and place in the parade.

Bike Ed – commences next week.

As was the case last year, Bike Education Program is being split over a number of weeks to ease the congestion of bikes at the school at any given time and to ensure students have the best opportunity to improve their skills and experience in bike riding as a part of a group.

Next week students in Grade 1 will be asked to bring along their bikes, and if possible leave them at the school to access each day. Their bikes will be stored in the Junior Learning Centre and the Garden shed. As well as doing work on road safety in the classroom, students in their PE sessions will learn the various hand signals and how to ride as part of group and develop their skills as a bike rider.

The Grade 1 students then will finish off their Bike Ed week by going to the Cranbourne Race swimming centre to learn about safety in the water and to the Road Traffic School in Cranbourne. This excursion will be on Wednesday the 1st of May. A permission form and information regarding this excursion has been sent home.
ITEMS THAT MIGHT BE OF INTEREST:

- After School Care is available each evening after school until 6.00 pm. The cost is between $4.00 and $8.00 per evening – depending on the rebates available to you. Taya the co-ordinator of the program will be only too happy to explain the program and take you through the enrolment process.

- The Attendance Cup for the last week of Term went to Grade 6 TE. Well done guys and remember to keep up the fantastic attendance.

- Our first working bee is pencilled in for Saturday the 4th of May, commencing at 8.00am. So please mark it in your diaries now so that we can have a big response and achieve a great deal on the day. Soon we will put a list out detailing the various jobs that need to be done and if you can’t make it on the day you might be able to do it at another time.

- Last night four of our council Members attended a meeting at Nossal as part of an introduction to School council and understanding their roles and responsibilities in this very important body for the school. A big thank you to Catherine Manning, Gerard Kennedy, Lisa Riddington and Keryn Eades for giving up their time to be involved in this way.

- Connections are running a Seasons for Growth Program for children in Grades 3 and 4. This was a very successful program last year, with Deb Beales also running a number of sessions for a group of children. A letter was sent home to students in Grades 3 and 4 for their parent’s consideration.

- We have a couple of promotions happening at the moments. We have Pakenham Bucks being conducted by the Good Guys at Pakenham and the Woolworths promotion. If you are able to support these programs it would be greatly appreciated.

Friendly Reminders:

When parking on Cardinia Road – school side please leave space between the fence and your car to allow for a clear walkway for parents and children to walk in safety to the school entrance. Walking along Cardinia Road needs to be avoided as much as possible.

It is important that children arrive punctually at school, 5 – 10 minutes before bell time in the mornings so that their day can commence on time and in a casual manner.

Cardinia Road and the front of the Hall car park are available for parents to park and pick up students or there are limited spaces in the Church Car park, located off Dalmore Road but please don’t park on the Nature Strip or block the driveways in this area.

It is School policy that all students need to be collected by an adult, at the end of the day, to avoid an accident from occurring in these congested areas, which get very hectic at the end of the day for 15- 20 minutes. Your assistance, patience and understanding in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Parents and Friends of students are reminded that smoking and the consumption of alcohol is not permitted on school grounds or when participating in school activities when students are present.

Lollies and sugary drinks (particularly soft drinks) are not to be ordered as part of School Lunches. Please consider the nutritional value and healthy nature of the food items ordered from the shop when placing your orders. Your co-operation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

If you can assist with Meal Deals, please see Karen or the notice board outside the office. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

Please don’t leave small children in the car while you collect children from school, as this can be quite dangerous.
Caitlin Wachal – Tanjil Valley Pumpkin Competition

Caitlin Wachal came first with a massive 83.8kg pumpkin, big enough to build a carriage out of. On Friday grade 4 will have a terrific treat when Caitlin smashes her pumpkin into pieces and makes pumpkin soup for her classmates. Caitlin’s Grandfather has been growing these giants for 6 years and starts growing them around Cup Day. They are then ready for harvest in early April and for the big weigh in.

Junior School Council Fundraising Competition

In the front office we have two uniform dolls that stand there day in and day out modelling our school uniform. We have organised a competition to name our school’s uniform dolls.

For a gold coin donation we would like students to come up with a **name for the boy** and a **name for the girl**. Entries are to be placed inside an envelope and placed in our sponsor child box at the front office.

The competition closes on the 26th of April. There will be prizes for first, second and third. A big thank you goes to Sue Friend, at the front office, who has donated two movie tickets for the first prize. Second place prize is a $20 Smiggle voucher.

We thank you for your support.

Junior School Council

Mrs Esler is currently recovering from knee surgery and we wish her a speedy recovery and trust she will be running up and down the court shortly.
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Ballarto Road can be a very busy and dangerous road, especially during school crossing times. The school crossing is the safest place to cross Ballarto Rd when walking to and from school, and using the crossing models good road safety for your child.

The main rule to remember when using the crossing is to wait behind the yellow line for 2 whistles before proceeding to cross. Bicycles must be walked across and balls must be held onto and not bounced.

I would also like to remind parents that it is illegal to park (or stop to drop off students) beside the telephone box (opposite the shop) while the crossing flags are displayed.

If you have any comments or concerns regarding the crossing, please feel free to speak to me. Alternatively you may contact Nicole, Local Laws at Cardinia Shire Council on 5945 4301.

Thankyou

Grade 3 are making soft toys and Mrs Parker would LOVE any volunteers to help cut out the fabric shapes and sew them together. If you can help please see Emma in the Art room Tuesday or Wednesday.
Interactive Workshop for Parents

“Siblings of Children with Disability”

Presented by
Kate Strohm
Director, Siblings Australia Inc.
& Author of
Siblings: Brothers and Sisters of Children with Special Needs (Wakefield Press)

Date: Tuesday 7th May 2013
Time: 6.30pm—8.30pm
Venue: Brentwood Park Community Centre
21A Bemersyde Drive,
Berwick 3806
Cost: $30pp

The workshop will assist parents to:

* Understand the concerns of siblings
* Identify behaviours that might indicate stress
* Explore factors affecting the adjustment of siblings
* Identify parent role in supporting siblings
* Identify other sources of support for siblings
* Meeting other parents with similar experiences

RSVP: Monday 29th April 2013
Phone 9720 1118
Booking is essential as places are limited
For further enquiries please contact Orla at orlam@irabina.com
Cancellation notice of less than 48 hours prior to the workshop—no refund. Payment for workshop is required prior to attending.
A.B.N. 62 006 245 996

Registration Form/Tax Invoice
ABN: 62 006 245 9996

Irabina Officer

Workshop Title: ________________________________

Workshop Date: ______________________________

Workshop Participation Information

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INVOICE DETAILS:
Name: _______________________________________
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☐ $50 Professional Development
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Please return Registration Form to:
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Irabina Childhood Autism Services.
183 Bayswater Road
Bayswater Vic 3153
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➢ Is your teenager not listening to you?
➢ How can parenting teens be easier and fun?
➢ Where’s the balance between rules and independence?

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When: Tuesdays for 6 weeks
30th April – 4th June 2013
7.00pm – 9.00pm

Where: TurningPoint Family Church
Meeting Room
1785 South Gippsland Hwy
Cranbourne (Melways: 138 E1)

Bookings & Enquiries: Sandra Phillips (nee Kelly) at Parentzone
Ph: 1300 984 011 or 0447 500355
sandra.kelly@anglicarevic.org.au or
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