Dear Parents,

28th March 2013

As Term 1 draws to a close we are very busy tying up all those loose ends and finishing those things that must be fitted into a term despite it being 2 weeks shorter than most.

Parent teacher meetings were held on Tuesday and it was just wonderful to see so many families in the school chatting with teachers about their child’s education. This is a very important part of the partnership between school and family and gives us all a chance to review and set goals to enhance the student’s experience in the classroom. It is a chance for parents to discuss frankly their concerns if any and for teachers to share those little successes that as a whole add up to a productive educational experience for your child. We welcome your input.

Every school undergoes a review every four years and it is our turn this year. In the pack of information sent out today you will find some information about the review and the timeline. We will be seeking interested parents to be on focus groups to discuss the school’s direction for the next four years. Please notify the office if you are interested in joining a focus group. There will be many groups and every member of the community is involved. Your child will be a part of a student focus group as well.

School resumes on Monday 15th April and we look forward to another productive term. As the weather turns colder we expect more colds and flu which leads to absence of course. As this is a known and frequent occurrence we would ask that if your child is well please send them to school. So much time is lost due to illness that we really need students to avoid having periodic absences for birthdays, family visits, shopping and other pursuits that could be done at weekends. The curriculum moves on when your child is absent and it is very difficult to catch up with missed work and opportunities.

One of the best things about my job is interacting with students and I have had some fantastic chats with students from the primary grades about their reading. They are diligently completing their reading diaries and I have already had many who have completed 25 consecutive nights of reading and there are some who have actually reached 50 nights. This is a wonderful achievement and as an avid reader all my life I am gratified to see a new generation of book lovers. I read a lot on my Kindle but still love to sit with a book and while away a few hours. Reading is such an important skill for a child’s educational development.

Thank you to all those parents and staff who came to the Working Bee on Friday 22nd March. We got a lot done and the paddocks are looking much tidier and we have some large piles of weeds and branches to be burned when we are permitted. We really appreciate the time people put in on a voluntary basis and enjoy working with you in a different endeavour. Thank you again for your time and effort.
The money we receive from school fees and contributions is a very important part of our budget and is a big part of the way we plan at the start of the year. We need those funds to purchase the materials necessary to effectively deliver the curriculum. A very big thank you to those parents who have already paid their fees for this term. If you have been unable to come up and take care of it please ring Dot in the office and she will help you with a payment plan or EFT.

Please refer to the website for upcoming dates. We have some more working bees planned, as well as some fundraising activities. We will be having a Rolfe’s Pie Drive again this year. One of my favourites and I take the opportunity to stock my freezer. Another Car Boot Sale or something similar is also planned.

Take care over the holidays. Enjoy your break and have a relaxing Easter.

We will see you again on Monday 15th April.

Anne

We would ask that all visitors to the school please observe the 5km/hr speed limit to ensure the safety of all staff and students. Thank you all also for waiting on exiting the driveway to allow cars to drive in.

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**Your School Council**

The new School Council is now up and running and will be very involved in the School Review process. Your School Councilors are:

Tony Brooks (President, Fundraising, parent member)
Ben Harris (Vice-president, parent member)
Paula Woodward (Secretary, community member)
Nicci Roussouw (Grounds Committee, parent member)
Ziggy Griffiths (Finance, parent member)
Tamara Desiatov (Communications, parent member)
Michael Wiltshire (parent member)
Kirsten Leah (community member)
Rose Major (community member)
Rod Morrison (community member)

Many of our community members are also parents with children at the school, so we would encourage you to approach any of us if there is something you would like to discuss. You can also email Tony on wedgetaillogistics@optusnet.com.au

We look forward to working with you all over the next year.
New Teacher Bio - Aldo

Hi my name is Aldo. My journey as a Food and Technology teacher has only just begun. I graduated from La Trobe University last year (2012) and my role here at Sherbrooke is my first posting as a graduate teacher.

Thinking I knew everything…I left school in year 10 and started my working career in 1983 as an Apprentice Chef. Not to be bogged down in the same place for too long and wanting to gain as much experience as possible I changed jobs 4 times during my apprenticeship, and then 4 times, once I was qualified. I worked in: a la carte restaurants, a bistro hall and function centre, 2 local pubs, a hotel and a private hospital in regional Western Australia and Perth metropolitan area. I even worked at a camp ground in Venice (Italy) whilst travelling through Europe.

I left the industry in the early 90's and moved into retail specialising in wine. In 2007 I gave up paid work to be a stay at home dad (hardest job I've ever had!). After 18 months I decided that, based on the long and late hours of work, liquor retail was no job for a family life.

I decided that another career change was in order and that I needed to go to university to make that change happen. So I chose teaching and here I am. I look forward to meeting everyone, drop in a say hi. My door is always open.

Community Notices

Belgrave Auskick began on Fri March 22 5.30 - 7 at Belgrave Recreation Reserve for it's 2013 season.

The club invites all children aged 5 and above who are interested in learning the basic skills of AFL to come and join us for a kick.

Enquiries to Maxine 0417 391 283.

Monbulk (and Surrounding area) AUSKICK

Registration Day : Wednesday 27th March from 5:30

Monbulk Reserve, Moores Rd. Monbulk

Ages : 5 to 12 years

"It's all about FUN"
Please find below great programs during the Easter School Holidays for young enthusiasts with an interest in conservation and wildlife

**Werribee Open Range Zoo’s Keeper for a Day program**
Are you thinking of a career in working with animals? Come and join us for a day and participate in a range of hands on experiences designed to provide you with an insight into the role of a zoo keeper. This is a great opportunity to find out first hand from keepers the skills and experience recommended to gain a position as a Zoo keeper amongst a competitive field of applicants.

**Ages:** 13-18 years.
**Cost:** $103.00 (includes morning tea); $92.70 zoo members

**Bookings:** 9285 9406 [www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/werribee/whats-on/keeper-for-a-day)

**Healesville Sanctuary’s Vet for a Day program**
Come and work alongside our vets on real life cases involving Healesville Sanctuary’s animals, including endangered species and injured wildlife. Find out the pathways you can take to become a vet.

**Ages:** 15-18 years. (years 9-12).
**Cost:** $125 (includes morning tea); $112.50 zoo members

**Bookings:** 9285 9406 [www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day](http://www.zoo.org.au/healesville/whats-on/healesville-sanctuary-vet-for-a-day)

**Healesville Sanctuary’s Keeper for a Day program**
Go behind the scenes with some of our most precious and endangered Australian animals. Come alongside our threatened species keepers at Healesville Sanctuary and learn how you can help fi

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