Fete News - Only two more sleeps!!!
(see separate fete newsletter)

Calling all those who haven't volunteered yet! We have a number of vacancies still available. The majority of these spaces are from 3.30 p.m. onwards. Please feel free to put your name down on the roster or contact Martin on 0417 160 009. I'm sure we can help you or a family member fill a spot!

BBQ - Calling for volunteers for the BBQ stall. We need 4 volunteers for the 12.00 to 2.00 p.m. timeslot and a further 4 volunteers for the 2.00 to 4.00 p.m. timeslot. Roles can either be cooking, assembly or front of house. Please contact Duncan McKenzie 0419 404 880 or email duncanmck@gmail.com

**BBQ**
- As above
- Salads 3.30 to 5.30
- Poffertjes 3.30 to 5.30
- Craft 3.30 to 5.30
- Clothes 3.30 to 5.30
- Luck Dip 3.30 to 5.30
- Hamper Auction 1.30 to 3.30 or 3.30 to 5.30
- Wash Up 3.30 to 5.30
- Bar 11.30 to 1.30 or 1.30 to 3.30 or 3.30 to 5.30
Greetings from Kerrie!

Swimmers representing our school
A group of 5 of our students reached the Regional Metropolitan Swimming finals and competed on Wednesday. Congratulations to all students who put themselves forward to participate, we are very proud of their efforts. The results were:

Relay Team: Hayden, Matteo, Mitchell P & Lachlan G 9th in the heat
Individual: Hayden – Backstroke 2nd place
Hayden – Butterfly 4th place
Matteo – Freestyle 7th place
Xara – Freestyle 8th place

Special mention to Hayden, year 6, who was pipped at the finish post by only 0.5 seconds! Well done all swimmers!

The Toolangi Foresters
Last week our year 5/6’s headed up the hills to the beautiful Toolangi State Forest for their 3 day adventure camp. The camp began with a ‘trek and talk’ through various parts of the Toolangi Forest with Guild League guides educating us all about the Messmate and majestic Mountain Ash trees in the forest, their growth history and what they needed to survive into the future so that we could all continue to enjoy beautiful forests for generations to come. The children learnt about the history of bushfires in the area, the effect of fires on the spreading of the tree seeds, the forest eco system and the beautiful clear and clean water from the forest streams.
We trekked to a cleared logging area to experience the effect on the forest landscape. The students learnt about the steps in the clearing process, the conditions under which the logging must take place, the process of logging and replanting and the effect on the plants and animals in that process.

The students also trekked gently (on a boardwalk) through a rare piece of Victorian rainforest that has survived the bushfires over the years and got to drink from the rainforest stream – ‘delicious, beautiful’ were their responses.

The Guild League staff complimented our students on their behaviour, interest, questions and knowledge they had about the environment. Back at the campsite, students were actively involved in a range of high adventure activities that had them going from morning till night time. Thank you to Margaret (Year 5/6 team leader for co-ordinating the camp), Steven, Claire, Ross, Krissy and Karen (Staff) and to parents Sharon (Magnus’ mum), Melissa (Katie’s mum), Jackie (Caleb’s mum), Ian (Hayden’s dad), and Patrick (Finian’s dad), for helping to make it a great camp!

**The Northcote Primary Annual Fete is … nearly here!**
The weather forecast is predicting a beautiful autumn day of 29 degrees (only a few isolated rain spots) for our fete day on Saturday, 15th March. Come along and join us all!

Be there and of course insist all your friends and family come along too. We have so many exciting things for our community to sample, try and buy on the day, so make sure you come along and support your child’s school, work alongside other parents and staff, get to know our community and of course enjoy an expertly made coffee, drink, delicious food and tune into some great music!

**Have you signed up to help yet?**
If you haven’t volunteered some of your time already, it’s not too late as many hands do make light work as the saying goes! We still have some gaps in the fete roster that need your help so don’t hesitate, sign up and be part of the great day. It is our school’s major fundraising activity for the year so please contribute your bit as part of our school community. See the separate Fete notice attached to the newsletter for more information.

**Reminder - Supervision and safety of children at the Fete**
School Council would like to remind parents that all children need to be supervised by parents on the day. It will be a busy day for you if you are working on stalls, or fete tasks, so please make arrangements to ensure the care and supervision of your children are covered. Please keep your eye on your child/children and a general community eye on other children, throughout the day to make sure we all have a safe and enjoyable time. Remember though, the responsibility remains with you.

**First Aid assistance at the fete**
There will be a St John’s ambulance first aid van, operating throughout the day with qualified staff available to administer and assist with first aid if required. The van will be located by the Hawthorn Road entrance.

**Entrance to the fete**
There will only be one set of gates open for the fete and this will be the double gates at the Hawthorn Road entry. This helps us manage people and vehicle traffic so that it is safe for all.

**School Buildings**
There will be no fete activity or stalls held inside school buildings. The buildings will be locked for security reasons. Please do not enter the school buildings on the day. A number of School Councillors
and Staff will be checking buildings throughout the day to ensure security and safety of school property.

It’s going to be a great day on Saturday and I look forward to seeing you all at our fete!

Warm regards,
Kerrie

Secondary School Information

Thornbury High School Information Evening
Thursday March 13th 2014 – 7pm
238 Collins Street, Thornbury 3071
Hear from School Captains, student & parent speakers and School Principal Peter Egeberg.
See the school and view student presentations.
To register for the evening and/or to book a school tour phone 9480 4066 [extension 6]

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City of Darebin – Primary School Holiday Program – Brochures available outside the school office.

Australian Youth Choir & Australian Youth Dance Theatre – Brochures available outside the school office.

Zac Power Author at Darebin Libraries! - Wednesday 12 March, 4 – 5pm at Northcote Library
Who is the mysterious H.I. Larry, author of the popular Zac Power series?
Come along to this tell-all session! Hilary Badger (aka H.I. Larry) will talk about how she became a writer, what it takes to be a good writer and will reveal the secrets of building a story, including plot and character.
A must for Zac Power fans!
Book purchases will be available through Fairfield Books at the event, and Hilary will be doing book signings.
Recommended age 5 – 12 years.
Book online at www.darebinlibraries.vic.gov.au or call 1300 655 355

CERES Harvest Festival 2014 - 15 years of supporting local farmers
Saturday 22nd March 2014 marks the 15th year of the CERES Harvest Festival. This free annual event is expected to attract around two thousand locals with activities for kids, free workshops, practical demonstrations, live music and opportunities to connect with local food growers and artisans. From seeds, seedlings, food plants, fresh produce and laying chooks, to bake-offs, barbecues and a twilight dinner – all aspects of food and eating will be celebrated.
One of the highlights will be the annual community cake bake-off judged by the ladies from the Country Womens’ Association. All types of cakes are eligible and contestants are invited to get creative and bake to impress. This “country fair in the city” would not be complete without local musicians, artisan stalls, face painting and fun with farm animals. The cherry on top of the day will be the Twilight Dinner hosted by local celebrity Chef Matt Wilkinson of Pope Joan fame. Bookings are essential for this part of the day. Come and give thanks to the good earth, our farmers and the cycle of the seasons: Saturday 22nd March from 10am-6pm, dinner from 6:30pm at CERES, Corner Roberts and Stewart Streets, Brunswick East.
For more information or to make a booking for the Twilight Dinner visit: www.ceres.org.au/coming-events/autumn-harvest-festival.
PRESTON BLOOD SERVICE VISIT
Darebin Arts & Entertainment Centre
Corner of St George’s Rd & Bell St, Preston.

Monday 7th April
1:30pm – 7:30pm

To book your appointment please call 13 14 95

Roll up your sleeve and give blood together.
Call 13 14 95 or visit donateblood.com.au/clubred

Australian Red Cross BLOOD SERVICE
Positive Parenting Seminars

Raising children and adolescents is perhaps one of the most important, yet difficult jobs in the world. Becoming an effective parent does not come automatically, yet we all want to give our children the best start to life. Positive parenting seminars enable parents to be more prepared and able to effectively support their children to thrive through the course of development, and navigate experiences of adversity.

Seminar one in the series is for parents who want to learn important tools to improve their parenting and raise children who are able to thrive and meet their full potential. Topics to be covered:

- Key facets of effective parenting
- Positive communication strategies to foster healthy relationships
- Encouraging positive behaviour and coping strategies in your children
- Dual positive and consistency with problem behaviour
- Promoting adaptability and resilience in both parents and children

This 45 minute seminar will be presented by Dr Gemma Russell a Clinical Psychologist from Clever Minds Psychology who specialises in child and adolescent development and mental health. The seminar will be followed by a 15 minute Q & A session. Parents and carers are invited to stay for dinner and网络 to the opportunity to meet other parents, and speak with our presenters, Dr Gemma Russell, or our mediation and collaborative law experts from Farrar Geanhi Dunn.

Boys & literacy

Registrations
pre April 4
$190pp or
$170pp over 3
Registrations
post April 4
$210pp

Carlton    July 29
Bendigo    July 30

9.00am - 3.00pm

School
Program

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Stop Motion Animation Workshop
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School holiday workshops - 3 day course
Princes Hill Community Centre
Grades 4-6 April 4th-6th, $240
after school workshops - 8 week course
Princes Hill community centre
Grades 4-6 April 7th, $210
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Early bird and group discounts
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