FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

School Structure and Staffing for 2013
I am now anticipating over 550 students next year and the school structure will consist of 23 classes grouped into 5 Professional Learning Teams (PLT’s). There will be four straight Prep classes, seven 1/2 Year level classes, six 3/4 year level classes and six 5/6 year level classes (see table below). Staffing is yet to be finalised as there are a number of staff taking leave next year and I am currently in the process of interviewing and appointing staff for next year. I am very hopeful that information about school staffing will be completed by the 18th December although as I have indicated in newsletters staffing may not be completed until after the end of this school year.

School Structure for 20123

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Specialists Programs
Visual Art, Music / Performing Arts, Physical Education, LOTE Greek, Italian & Mandarin and ICT

Student End of Year Reports
Parents have been informed in recent Newsletters that due to industrial action many students End of Year Reports will not include teacher comments but only VELS progression points. These reports will only contain the A-E marks for each subject area, 12 month progression marks and an effort/behaviour scale. If your child’s teacher has chosen to follow union bans a note will also be included with your child’s report.

However, the teaching staff in years Prep-Year 4 will be providing a student portfolio viewing opportunity, in classrooms before the Bushwhazee evening on the 10th December, as these are comprehensive document that show what individual students have achieved over the course of the year. Year levels 5/6 will be sending student portfolios home with Reports as these students are not expected to attend the Bushwhaheev event (they will not be involved during the day and are leaving for camp the next day).

Parent Helpers Morning Tea
The staff and I would like invite all of the many parent school helpers to a special morning tea on Monday 17th December at 10.40am in the school hall. We really do appreciate all the work and support that we receive from the school community and therefore I would like as many people as possible to attend.

To help with catering if you are able to attend please contact the school office by Friday 14th December.
School Staffing & Class Allocation Information
Student End of Year Reports and student class allocations will be finalized by Tuesday 18th December. There is an immense amount of though goes into the creation of class groupings, and the subsequent teacher matching to try and maximise student engagement and wellbeing in every classroom (23 next year). We do appreciate that every parent will want the best individual situation for their child/ren, however, sometimes this is not possible because of the need to balance all of the various parent and student interests and needs. If individual parents and students requests are not met it’s not because these have been disregarded but in the balancing act not all requests can be met.

What I can promise is that regardless of which class students are placed, the teaching staff plan very closely together in their Professional Learning Teams (PLT)s to ensure that they provide a consistent program that reflects the best thinking and planning of the team. Although there will be individual differences between teaching staff members all students will be receiving the same quality program. I think it is also important to note there are over 100 minutes a day where students can socialize outside of class time to continue to maintain existing friendships and in the 5/6 year level with interschool sport and a similar choice of LOTE program there are up to another 200 minutes available.

Student Transfers for 2012
Apart from Year 6 students, could parents/guardians who currently have students attending Wales Street and are planning to transfer at the end of this year please notify the school office as soon as possible. It is vital that we have accurate information as it greatly influences planning of class numbers and staffing for next year. Class Formation, Staffing and School Structures will be organised over the next month in preparation for 2012.

Last Day of the School Year for Students 2012
This year as Friday 21st December will be a Pupil Free Curriculum Day the last day of the term for students will be celebrated on Thursday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at 3.30pm as usual with a Farewell Assembly at the Flag Pole commencing at 3.15pm.

The school will recommence for students in Year Levels 1-6 on Wednesday 30th January 2013. School begins for Preps the following day on Thursday 31st January, there will be a Prep Parents Welcome Morning Tea at 9.15am in the Hall.

Christopher Sexton
Principal

Support the Grade 3/4’s
Monday 10th December 2012

Parents, Guardians, Staff and Students;

During this term, the Grade 3/4 students have been learning about ‘Sharing the Planet’ – ‘Wealth affects access to opportunity’. Students have been focusing on poverty; What is it? How does it affect people? What can we do to help?... The more we delve into the inquiry, the more students have become engaged and eager to raise some money for a worthy cause.

On Monday 10th December, 2012, the Grade 3/4 students will be having a mini fete during recess and lunch time. There will be drinks, icy-poles, second hand books, face painting, lots of different games, busking, performances and more. All money raised will be donated to our chosen charities.

Keep your eyes and ears open for more information during the coming weeks.

The Grade 3/4 students will also be continuing their fundraising efforts during the Bushwahzee Night. We will be selling soft drinks and icy-poles from 5.00pm onwards. This is a great opportunity to mingle and grab refreshment before the Bushwahzee performances.

Come and support a great cause.

Thanks – the Grade 3/4 team

ABC MUSIC STUDENTS Instrumental Performance

Please join us on
Tuesday 4th December In the School Hall @ 5.30pm
For our Annual Concert

Tel. 9427 8049 www.abcmusicgroup.com.au
3/4’S Clean Up for Poverty

Cleaning up in more ways than one, poverty was the big winner when Grades 3/4 Geoff & Derek made the long trek to the Merri Creek litter-trap and CERES on October 13.

On a perfect day for walking, both grades covered an estimated 12km on their sponsored quest to raise money for organisations assisting third world countries and animal rights. The walk also enabled students to develop greater appreciation of their local environment.

The excursion’s focus on physical fitness, environmental awareness and sustainability was enhanced thanks to the efforts of one of our dedicated parents Nick Curmi. Seventeen years ago Nick acquired a grant to build the sculptured litter trap, he is also in charge of maintenance at CERES so 3/4FD were given an exclusive tour of the Brunswick icon.

To complete the unit all students involved counted their spoils last Friday in a math session focusing on tallies, addition, averages and percentages. In total an amount of $1555 was raised and after a preferential vote it was decided the money be distributed in the following way.

Because CARE Australia and Engineers Without Borders devoted their time to visit Wales Street as part of our INQUIRY into Poverty, they would receive $400 each and the rest evenly divided between: Oxfam, World Vision, Animals Australasia, World Wildlife Fund and a school in Kenya.

A big thank you to Nick, and also special thanks to Chris and all the mums in Anne, Vanessa, Mary, Mira and Angela who participated in the excursion.

Geoff & Derek

Chris emptying the ‘Litter Trap’ while Nick explains its inner secrets.
LAST DAY OF TERM IS THURSDAY 20th December
Before and After School Care will operate as normal
If families have a permanent booking for Thursdays and do not require care for
the last day of term will need to let staff know of the cancellation or a non-
cancellation fee will be charged.

Friday 21st December is Pupil Free Day
We are seeking interest from families who will require care on Friday 21 DECEMBER
Bookings for Pupil Free Day must be made by Thursday 13th December. No bookings will be taken after this day.
Booking can be made by phone, in person or email oshc.wales.street.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au.
Due to pupil free day occurring on the last day of this year, families will need to pay $35.00 for the day (less if you receive Child Care Benefit/Rebate) in advance when making a booking.
Only families who have paid in advance will be registered to use the Pupil Free Day
If there are insufficient bookings, families who have made a booking for Pupil free day will be notified by email on Friday 14th December if the programs WILL NOT proceed due to insufficient enrolments.

If the service cannot provide care due to lack of demand, families will not be charged and will be in credit for 2013.
Cancellations after Friday 14th December (5 days before Pupil Free Day) will incur full fee if the program is scheduled to operate.

- Children will need to bring morning & afternoon snack, lunch and a drink bottle.
- Children cannot turn up on pupil free day without a prior booking; there are staffing and ratios to consider.

All accounts must be settled in FULL by TUESDAY 18th DECEMBER.
I have charged all families to Thursday 20th December, to allow families time to settle their account.
Please Note this statement does not include the Pupil Free Day booking.
Families who settle their account to the end of the year and have made a cancellation by 2.30, then the cancellation will be credited to next year’s account. If you also make extra bookings then it will be added on to your account and this statement will be adjusted and will need to be settled by the end of the year.
Please note: Exclusion from the program will apply, if your account is not settled IN FULL by the end of Term 4 (as per our Fee Policy)

FUNDRAISING
Friday the 30th of November and the week after (we are not sure what days) – Katie, Alexandra and Jamison are selling Zooper Dooper Icy Poles for 50 cents, outside the aftercare building, to raise money for the Children’s Hospital.
When kids get picked up they can get any icy pole if their mum or dad let them. The icy poles are only for the kids at aftercare.

Thanks Katie, Alexandra and Jamison
Hello Everyone,

Within this month of November was World Diabetes day, held on November 14th. The aim focuses on improving “an awareness of the effects of diabetes and its complications amongst the general population and professionals in a range of sectors. It is also hoped that the increased awareness will lead to more resources to fight the causes of diabetes and help fund research into improved treatment options.”

This incentive has become a greater necessity as the numbers of newly diagnosed Diabetics grow. “Over 1,050,000 Australians currently know they have diabetes and live with it every day. Hundreds of thousands of Australians have silent, undiagnosed type 2 diabetes. Over 2 million Australians have pre-diabetes and are at high risk of developing type 2 diabetes”

The diabetes Australia website has many resources where we can learn about and seek advice on diabetes. In light of our aim to learn more re diabetes, I felt that information directed toward children is one that most addresses this newsletter and its readers. “High and Low” is a resource specifically designed to be used by children and young people, it is an informative fold out information card which provides the answers to some frequently asked questions and dispels some diabetes myths. This card is for children and adolescents with diabetes to hand out to their friends. I have pulled it apart to present in newsletter format but is easily downloadable as a card.

**“High & Low”**

Type 1 diabetes: the things you need to know. diabetes/daie’bitiz/, n.

Type 1 diabetes (formerly juvenile or insulin-dependent diabetes) occurs when the body’s immune system destroys cells in the pancreas that produce insulin. Insulin helps the body to use glucose (or sugar) in the bloodstream for energy. 10-15% of all people with diabetes have type 1. It often begins in childhood or early adulthood but can occur at any age.

A person with type 1 should eat the same as what all Australians should eat. Everyone should eat lots of vegetables, legumes, wholegrain cereals, rice, pasta, fruits, low fat dairy products and lean meat. Like everyone else I can eat foods like chips, ice-cream, chocolate and biscuits sometimes, but not every day.

People with diabetes can do most of the things that anyone else can do including sports, travel and having children. There are AFL footballers, Olympic swimmers and mountain climbers with type 1 diabetes. I just need to remember to carry my diabetes gear, extra food and jelly beans with me.

There is no cure for type 1 diabetes yet.

But there is lots of research looking at the causes and prevention of type 1 diabetes. One trial in Australia at the moment is testing a possible vaccine for type 1 diabetes.

**Diabetes is a lifelong condition that requires constant attention**

I need daily insulin

A person with type 1 diabetes does not make any of their own insulin. We cannot live without insulin so it must be injected, usually 2-4 times a day with a syringe, insulin pen or an insulin pump.

To manage my diabetes I need to have insulin daily and test my blood glucose four or more times each day. I need to balance insulin injections with what I eat, especially when I exercise and I always need to be prepared for a hypo.

During a hypo the brain is not getting enough glucose to keep working normally. This may cause me to act strangely, confused or grumpy, but it is just temporary. I will return to normal once my blood glucose rises again.

I can look after myself (most of the time).

Having diabetes does not mean that I need any special treatment or care, though if I am having a hypo I might need help getting something to eat, if I can’t manage it myself.

Most older kids and teenagers test their own blood glucose levels and give their own insulin injections.

**Sometimes I have a hypo**

Hypoglycaemia or ‘hypo’ is the term used when the blood glucose level is too low. This may happen if I have exercised more than normal, missed a meal or had too much insulin. When I am hypo I can get shaky, sweaty, hungry, tired, confused, blurred vision and tingling or numb lips and mouth. When this happens I need sugar (e.g. jelly beans or lemonade) straight away to quickly increase my blood glucose level. After that I need a piece of fruit or a sandwich to make sure my blood glucose level does not drop again. If I am unconscious do not give me anything to eat.

**Call an ambulance immediately on 000**

Type 2 diabetes does not turn into type 1 diabetes

Type 1 diabetes is an autoimmune condition where the body’s immune system attacks the insulin producing cells. It can occur at any age - 50% of people are under the age of 18 when they develop type 1 diabetes. People with type 2 diabetes often start to use insulin as their condition progresses. This does not mean they have type 1 diabetes.

**Please don’t ask me**

Do injections hurt? Will your pancreas start working again? Can you eat chocolate? Are you allergic to sugar? Have you still got diabetes? Isn’t diabetes contagious? If I give you sugar will you drop dead? Did you get diabetes because you were fat? Did you get diabetes from eating too many lollies? Will it go away? Should you be eating that? Can you test my blood sugar?
SCHOOL NURSE’S REPORT (Cont.)

I could not have prevented my diabetes
I did not get diabetes because of the foods I’ve eaten, my weight or because I didn’t exercise enough. I got diabetes because I have a certain gene and something in the environment (we don’t know what) caused my immune system to attack its own cells that produce insulin.”

I hope that you and your children found this information of interest. Check out the Diabetes Australia website-it is a goodie. http://www.diabetesvic.org.au Until next week- take care.

Catherine Fisers   School Nurse (R/N)

Products
Hand screen printed t-shirts and some woolly items, natural skincare products, lots of different styles of jewellery including hand crafted, homemade natural soy candles and soap, The Body Shop, linen clothes & accessories, craft and clothes, purses and bags, shortbread, glass tile pendants, rings & brooches, silk scarfs & homewares from Vietnam; ship kites from Bali, Tupperware, handbags, nappy bags, ipad covers and children's clothing, Kids’ reversible belts, magnets, reflective bike cuffs and badges, girls scarves, brooches and dresses, sizes 2-8, pottery, kid's craft kits, cushions, quilts, soft toys, gift items, Christmas cards, paper garlands, clay decorations, earrings, brooches, Japanese paper notepads and pencils, felt Xmas decorations, fabric purses, baby mobiles, hairclips and so much more, knitted scarves and gloves plus little girls vintage fabric skirts.

Stallholders
Itchy Bites             Dear Someone             Partylite             Crafty Kids Corner
Savera Skincare         Candy Rothwell           Sarah Hamilton        Felicity Glennie-Holmes
Global Gypsy Jewelry    Nellie Purses & Bags       Tupperware           The Lovelee Girls
Up the Beanstalk        Shortbread              Fat Mumma's           Frog Goose & Bear
The Body Shop            Eden & Sloane           Al x                 Keeper's Secret
a pois                  Fabulous Pendants       Elsie May Design      Peppercorn Monkey
Fisty Cuffs             Belinda Newick           Lynley Northcott     
THE LOCAL ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP. This notice is for community who have an interest in sharing & solving issues within the education system. As a community we need to meet regularly to address the issues which are affecting Aboriginal learners at all levels. The Northern LAECG wish to invite community to the next meeting! Wed. 28 Nov. 5:30 - 7:30pm. 3KND 48 Mary St Preston. For more info contact the LAECG mobile: 0466464672

Visions of Darebin. Unleash your imagination in shaping the Council Plan 2013-2017. If you were the CEO of Darebin what would you do? Change? Preserve? Come along to this free event with dinner & see your ideas come to life in an interactive theatre workshop with the Melbourne Playback Theatre. Darebin Intercultural Centre, 52A Roseberry Ave, Preston. Thurs 6 Dec. 6-7.30pm. Bookings essential intercultural@darebin.vic.gov.au or call 8470 8440 by Mon 3 Dec.

Victorian Junior Dash for Cash presented by Ballarat Athletic Club & City of Ballarat. Sat. 9 & Sun 10 Feb 2013. 5-15 yrs, handicapped 100m, 400m, 800m. Eureka Stadium, Ballarat. Further Information: Peter Emerson 0407 325 346 or http://www.ballaratgift.com


WSPS Chess 2013. Enrolment forms for 2013 are available from the School Office now.

For Sale. Two three seater leather couches. Structurally sound & very comfy. No rips, scrathes in leather, dark navy blue color. Approx 6yo but almost new. Will separate & price negotiable @$300 each. Call Helen 0422 116 062

Thornbury HS Uniform for sale incl. 1 summer dress (Size 12) (Retail price $60.50), 1 winter dress (14) (RP $60.50), 1 school jumper (14)(RP $75), 1 track top jacket (Sm) (RP83.50), 1 sports shorts (sm) (RP $25), 1 sports polo top (sm) (RP 30) & 1 THS bag (RP $60). Only 18 mths old. Exc. Cond. $200 for lot (negotiable) Ph: Lee 0403 247 057

Possums Little Learners has been providing children & parents with a unique opportunity to foster friendships & nurture development in a warm & welcoming environment for 24 yrs. Our diverse art & craft activities & excellent play equipment, coupled with Miriam’s expertise as a qualified Kindergarten teacher, ensures both a positive & rewarding experience for all. We have vacancies in 2013 for both our Playgroup (0-4yrs) & Little Learners 3yo program sessions (for children who turn 3 by the end of June) Contact: 23 Mary Street, Kew, 3101 - 0417145990 or possumsplaygroup@hotmail.com, www.possumsplaygroup.com.au

Huge Garage Sale. Sun. 9th Dec (weather permitting) ....Retro Furniture, Aboriginal Art work (from central Australia), Garden Furniture, Pictures, Picture Frames, Mirrors, Drapes, Stools etc. 48 Barrow St. Coburg (Near the corner of Barrow St & The Avenue) 9am - 3pm.

Premont (Darebin) Blue Light Disco. 30th Nov. Hip Hop dance group, “Dance with Culture” will be performing. Preston Town Hall. 274 Gower St., Preston. 6.30-9pm (8-14yo). Cost: $6.00. Children need to be picked up by a responsible adult. Canteen with food & drinks. Plenty of prizes & giveaways. Contact: Jo Parissis 0418 144 446. www.bluelight.org.au

HOPE PROJECT CAMBODIA. NIGHTWEAR MARKET. Dec. 8th. 12.30 - 4pm. Station St. Fairfield (Community Room, next to Fairfield Library) Women ($30) & children’s ($20/$10) nightwear made by poor women in rural Cambodia using 100% cotton & made in Fair Trade conditions will be on sale. All money from the sale of nightwear returns to the project. www.hopeprojectcambodia.com

Shop ethically this Christmas

Carols In All Nations 2012. Sat. 15 Dec. 6-9.30pm. All Nations Park, Separation St, Northcote. Bring a picnic & your best singing voice! Why not get the family & some friends together & celebrate Christmas with your community? The event will be hosted by local comedian Nelly Thomas & features our wonderful Carols In All Nations Massed Community Choir, Darebin City Brass, Sausage Sizzle, Pancakes, Christmas Market and more! Contact: 8470 8593 or efuller@darebin.vic.gov.au

For Sale
1 x Breville Juice Fountain - $50, 1 x Breville Ultimate Bakers Oven bread maker - $70. Both in excellent condition. Please contact Vivian on 0402 725 772.

Garage Sale this Saturday 1 December.
Lots of great buys for keen bargain hunters. Furniture, clothes, jewellery, toys and so much more. From 8am at 47 Dundas Street Preston. See you there.