MARCH 7th

March
11th Labour Day
12th Parent/Teacher Interviews 2-4.30pm
13th PFA meeting
9.30am in staffroom
18th School Photos School Council
20th Twilight Sports 3-4.30pm
27th fair meeting 9.30

April
19th District Aths

COUNTRY FAIR – SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER

TERM DATES FOR 2013

TERM 1
31st January — 28th March

TERM 2
15th April — 28th June

TERM 3
15th July — 20th September

TERM 4
7th October — 20th December

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

A WONDERFUL DELIVERY – ‘EARN & LEARN’ REWARDS
Thankyou to all families and local residents who enthusiastically collected their weekly shopping vouchers and placed them in the box at school! As a result we were one of the top ‘Earn & Learn’ schools in our area. Lisa MacLean received boxes and boxes of amazing resources for all our students which she has distributed across the school. Lisa ordered construction materials, many games, sets of maths equipment, books and measurement resources. A sincere thankyou to Lisa and her students for organising this amazing fundraising event!

KNOX SCHOOLS EXPO
A reminder to parents that the Knox Council’s special Schools Expo – ‘Choosing a Secondary School for Your Child’ which is being held next week on Thursday 14th March from 6:45 to 8:45pm at the Knox Council Civic Centre – Burwood Highway, Wantirna South. Several of our parents have attended this Expo in the past and have reported that it was very informative.

CONCERT TICKET SURVEY
Thankyou to all the families who have returned the Concert Ticket Survey! We are hoping not to limit tickets but to be certain and not disappoint any families we need to hear from all families. Currently there are 80 of 220 families who have not responded to this survey.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
This afternoon and next Tuesday afternoon our teachers are conducting interviews with parents. This is an opportunity for parents of Year 1 to 6 to meet their child’s classroom teacher. Valuable information can be shared and this home school partnership ensures the very best outcomes for your child. We are here to support the academic, social and emotional development of our students to be resilient to the challenges of a rapidly changing society. Parents are able to request meetings with teachers throughout the year and these can occur before and after school at a mutual time.
CHESS CLUB

Recently I have investigated the idea of forming a CHESS Club at school as I know we have some keen players. NORTHERN STAR CHESS operates chess clubs in many schools. These coaching sessions occur during lunchtimes or after school on the basis of one session per week. Each session lasts an hour and usually involves a lesson, some activities to build chess skills and a tournament game. The level of the lesson and the type of activities are adjusted according to the age and readiness of the students. They are a well organised group who have the services of a World Chess Federation (FIDE) qualified trainer to assist in developing our programs. The preferred class size is 12-20 students with the cost per student being approximately $7.00 per session. Amy Hillier has offered to coordinate this program and we will send home an expression of interest letter tomorrow. If we receive enough interest a program can commence next term.

NEW SCHOOL MOTTO

Following great work by Kristen MacDonald’s Grade 4 class last year who researched mottos and conducted a series of surveys it is with pleasure that I announce our new school motto which was ratified at School Council.

DREAM, BELIEVE and ACHIEVE will be our new motto moving into the future. DREAM - It all starts with a dream. Every one of us dreams, especially when we are young. Are you challenging yourself every day to follow your dreams? BELIEVE - We need to believe in ourselves to have the confidence, determination, resilience and courage to go after our dreams. ACHIEVE - Achieving success is a combination of keeping strong, being confident, humble and never giving up!

TWILIGHT SPORTS

Our Annual Twilight Sports is scheduled for Wednesday 20th March with the backup date being Wednesday 27th March. Due to the current ongoing AEU workplace bans the Twilight Sports will now be held between 3:00 – 4:30pm. We all want a quick end to this long ongoing dispute and we appreciate the support of our parents.

KNOX FESTIVAL

Congratulations to our choir who performed on the Community Stage at the Knox Festival last Saturday. Mr Ossie was thrilled with their performance and he informed us that everyone had fun. Thank you to all the parents who attended and helped make up a wonderful audience for our choir. I know the children are looking forward to their next public performance at the Basin Music Festival.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – LABOUR DAY

A reminder to parents that the school will be closed next Monday for Labour Day.

Graeme Russell
If your child did not receive their photo form this week, or you require a sibling photo form, please contact the office to arrange for one. If you have 3 or more children at the school, you are eligible for a discount, please see the office for further details.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

SCHOOLPIX will be visiting us on Monday 18th March

PHOTO DAY TIPS:

Dress: Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines
Hair: Neat and swept off face
Orders: Complete your order form and return to school prior to photography day (or as directed by school staff)
Pre-orders: To preorder online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to www.schoolpix.com.au

PO Box 8222, Hallam VIC 3803
Ph: 1300 766 065
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

NATIONAL “RIDE 2 SCHOOL” DAY

Our school has registered to be a part of National “Ride2 School” Day. This event will take place on Friday 22nd March. Students are encouraged to ride/scoot/skate or walk to school on this day and be a part of the fun.

PREMIERS ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE

Our school has also registered to be a part of the Premiers Active Families Challenge. This event challenges families to engage in 30 minutes of physical activity for 30 days between 4th March and 14th April. If your family is keen to take on the challenge all you need to do is register at www.betterhealth.vic.gov/challenge or by calling 1300 463 684.

Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport
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| PB    | Rogen Mitchell - for great writing about his weekend news.  
|       | Millie Pollock - for working hard to finish every classroom task. |
| PK    |                                                       |
| PW    | Hayley Andrew - For her great effort in using letters and sounds in her diary writing. 
|       | Tarj Nicholls - For his fantastic work on the number 6. Great job Tarj! |
| 1D    | Lillian Cochrane - for reading in a fluent manner.  
|       | Jacob Compton - for being a wonderful role model to his classmates. |
| 1M    | Abigail Jeffree - For always putting in 100% effort  
|       | Tylah Crystal - working hard to complete all set tasks |
| 1/2D  | Eloise Holden - for fabulous improvement with her handwriting. Keep it up Eloise!  
|       | Chris Visolit - for thinking of new words to add to our 'fr' list. Great thinking Chris! |
| 2H    |                                                       |
| 2W    | Sam Ayliffe - for his great map reading and identifying coordinate locations.  
|       | Imogen Ralton - for working consistently on all her work tasks. Keep it up! |
| 3H    | Michaela Lewis-Lutwyche - for listening and following instructions clearly.  
|       | James Eldridge - for his positive and enthusiastic attitude towards all class tasks. |
| 3/4B  | Zac Couch - for the fantastic effort he put into his diary writing this week! Great work Zac!  
|       | Hayden Smith - for the excellent effort he puts into all class tasks. Keep up the great work Hayden! |
| 4C    |                                                       |
| 4S    | Cadell Brown - for always trying hard to complete tasks to a high standard.  
|       | Ethy Parrigg - for his mature approach to learning. |
| 5/6H  | Stella Evans - for her excellent thinking during reading. Keep it up. |
| 5/6M  | Tom Lach - for his excellent expanding vocabulary work. |
| 5/6R  | Chantelle Nicholls - for her positive attitude towards her learning. Great work Chantelle!  
|       | Clinton Cross - for his excellent manners and listening skills. Well done! |
Making time for your children

Last week I mentioned 3 articles I read in the free parenting publication titled ‘AUSSIE kids’. Last week I touched on Internet Safety and today is from the article ‘Making time for your children’.

Developing positive memories in the lives of our children is so important. Life is busy and there are all kinds of demands on our time so ‘it may seem daunting, but with a little planning and determination, you can be there for your children and give them the attention and beautiful memories they deserve.’

Here are a few of the ideas to making time for those memories to happen:
1. Commit and prioritise: We always have time for the things we put first.
2. Plan ahead: Put it on the schedule and work around it, rather than the other way around.
3. Have a “dad/mum night”: Once a month take a child out for a ‘Daddy/Mummy and me only’ night.
4. Play games together: Games provide many wonderful and fun memories.
5. Read through a novel together: Designate a specific night to ensure it happens.
6. Have a weekly “big bash”: Even if you’ve been busy, you can still make it up by doing something special at least once a week. Remember, it doesn’t have to be huge to be special.

Richard
School Chaplain
Division Swimming Sports

Last Friday Tom Lach, Jack Watt and Alyssa Watt took part in the division swimming carnival at Knox pool. To qualify for this level of competition these students had won their respective events while representing our school at our recent District carnival. Tom, Jack and Alyssa all performed magnificently. Alyssa came 3rd in her freestyle and 3rd in backstroke. Tom and Jack each finished 3rd in their breaststroke events.

Dale Goldsmith
Physical Education and Sport
The Country Fair

Saturday 26th October 2013 10am-3pm

33 weeks to go! Trivia: The traveling carnival began in America in the late 1800’s as a result of improved transportation and technology.

Helpers will be needed
On the day of our Fair
For an hour or two
Or the whole day if you’re spare
You don’t need to attend
The meetings for our Fair
Just contact those listed
So we’ll know you can be there.

For further information please contact
Marquita Telford : 0407561492 or Jacqui Nicholls : 0417145971 or email us at thebasinscountryfair@gmail.com
Next meeting on Wednesday 27th March at 9:30 in the staff room.

Big Thank You To

Big Green Thumb - $100 Gardening Voucher
The Real Thing Craft Centre – Vuly Trampoline Bundle Valued at $550
Seasol – 2 hampers of products and brochures and free samples to hand out
Jacksons hardware – gardening pack
Frost Promotions – heaps of cooler bags, tool bags, photo frames, picnic set, fishing chair
Conni – a single bed waterproof bed sheet
Mars (Masterfoods) – a food hamper
The Cuckoo – a dining voucher for 2 people
Mad About Pets – a small dog bed

To add yours/your company’s donation to this list, please contact Ally Airs on 0405159461 or email at stix_brix@bigpond.com
Activities
This week we have been involved in lots of Science. Monday we challenged the children to make Playdough float. It can be done and competition was strong to see whose playdough stayed afloat the longest. Tuesday we made Lave in a Cup. Thank you Lachlan for assisting with this activity. Wednesday we made crystals. Thursday we did Amazing Milk Fireworks and Friday we will be making Quacking Ducks.

We have been making underwater scenes, rainbow fish, sharks, pirate masks, boats, jelly fish to fit in with our Sea Theme. We have been leaning some new games and a favourite is Sit Down Stand up.

Next Week
Our Theme for next week will be animals. This will include Australian Animals and Jungle animals. There will be more Science, more craft, more games, some cooking and lots of fun.

Cleaning our Teeth
Following a suggestion from parents, if children wish they may bring a toothbrush and toothpaste to clean their teeth after breakfast. If these are in a container we can store them in the kitchen.

We are Collecting
Does anyone have any Barbie Dolls that are no longer being used that could be donated to OSHClub. We are also looking for dress up items, ie dresses, coats etc Please ensure that these are clean and in good condition.

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Staff. Jessica
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Website: www.oshclub.com.au
Interested in playing soccer?
Boronia Junior Soccer Club are welcoming new players.

REGISTRATION DAY
SUNDAY MARCH 10
Come and visit us at HV Jones Reserve
from 10am to noon

We are looking for players in the 2013 season in the following teams:

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If you would like further information or are unable to attend registration please contact us:
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Email: boronia.jsc@gmail.com

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