7th August

PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

WAKAKIRRI
Our amazing Wakakirri team spent the whole day at the Frankston Arts Centre departing school at 8:00am. A rehearsal in the morning was followed by a matinee show in the afternoon and then the big evening performance which concluded at 9:45pm. Seven schools performed their dance story and now we wait until all heats are concluded before eight schools are selected for the final - fingers crossed! I thought our Wakakirri story line about the Eureka Stockade was fantastic and the best on the night - but I am biased! This story line was chosen as an extension to the Grade 5&6 ‘Events That Changed the Nation’ theme studied in term 1.

Mr Hartley and Mrs MacLean spent hours formulating the story and choreographing the dance with the students rehearsing over many hours. They were just students were just AMAZING! All the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters and staff members who attended were extremely proud of our Wakakirri team. I would like to acknowledge our amazing dance team of students, Colin Hartley, Lisa Maclean and their incredible band of parent and staff helpers. A real team effort!

HOOPTIME
Our senior Hooptime students had a great time at the Kilsyth Basketball Stadium last Friday and what an exciting finish with our Boys winning their final. At the end of that final we witnessed another exciting boys final where the game went into extra time and then to a shoot out to decide the winner. The stadium was alive and loud - an exciting experience for all. Thankyou to the staff and all parents who gave up time to coach and support all our teams!

100 PREP DAYS
On Tuesday 29th July our Prep children reached a milestone of their first 100 Days at School. This is quite an achievement and the teachers and children enjoyed a day of fun activities. They engaged in many activities based on the number ‘100’ which helped them to focus and understand what they have achieved. We are so proud of our Preps and the way they have settled into life at The Basin PS and for the wonderful learning and development they have achieved. Thanks to our team of Prep teachers - Elyce, Emma, Jill and Liana for the great job they have done over these first 100 days.

TERM DATES FOR 2014

TERM 3
14th July - 19th September

TERM 4
6th October - 19th December

AUGUST
13th 3/4 MCG excursion
27th Prep excursion to Chesterfield Farm
Thank you to all the families who have participated in this fundraising drive. If you can help sell the remaining few boxes please drop by the office. Could all money from the chocolate sales please be returned to school as soon as possible?

Prep enrolments continue to roll in and I am still conducting tours. Just a reminder that if you have a younger sibling ready to start school next year now is the time to drop the enrolment information into the office as preparations are being confirmed for the term 4 transition sessions.

Currently we have only received responses from 62 of our 265 families. If you would like to share your thoughts about SRI please drop in or send an email. Can all families who have not returned the form please do so by this Friday so SRI classes can commence next week?

For those families who have received a survey and not yet returned it, can we please ask that this be completed and returned ASAP? We have not had all surveys returned to date. It is important that all surveys are returned so data gathered can be as accurate as possible.

Graeme Russell
The apple man is back!!! Friday 15th August is the next delivery. $10.00 per bag for Royal Gala, Golden Delicious, Granny Smith and Pink Ladies. If you wish to place an order please send your order and money to the office by 9.30 on the Friday morning.

August
4th  Ryan Mayfield
     Matthew Mayfield
5th  Ella McCallum
     Courtney Hardinge
6th  Shelby Gardiner
     Ewan Massie
     Max Morrison
7th  Jacqueline Gribble
     Dylan Dinter
8th  Alyssa D’Alanno
9th  Monika Ratcliffe.
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Class</th>
<th>Pupil</th>
<th>Recognition</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>PB</td>
<td>Charlotte O’Neill</td>
<td>for the care and attention you placed in planting our class seeds. Well done!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PE</td>
<td>Baden Yeoman</td>
<td>for his great team work when playing our “subtraction bump” game. Keep up the great work Baden!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PH</td>
<td>Nicholas Chettle</td>
<td>for listening carefully and sharing information about caring for his pets. Good boy Nicky!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>PW</td>
<td>Charlie Redfern</td>
<td>for his wonderful efforts with his writing. You are working so hard Charlie, keep it up!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1D</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1M</td>
<td>Jordy Wayland</td>
<td>Showing great interest in our topic &quot;The Commonwealth Games&quot;.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>1/2D</td>
<td>Charlotte Dobson</td>
<td>for her generous sportsmanship in the &quot;Potato Games&quot;. Go Shining Charlotte!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2S</td>
<td>Charli Ellicott</td>
<td>for her wonderful participation in the opening ceremony of the potato games.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>2W</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3H</td>
<td>Jack Linder</td>
<td>for his improved and terrific effort in class tasks. You are working so well, keep it up Jack.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3L</td>
<td>Emily Fox</td>
<td>for her focused attention into developing a clear structure when writing her report on a friend. Terrific effort Emily!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>3/4B</td>
<td>Caitlin Zinnow</td>
<td>for the fantastic effort she has put into creating and describing a mascot for the 2018 Commonwealth Games. Top effort Caitlin!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>4B</td>
<td>Thomas Ciccone</td>
<td>for demonstrating a fabulous understanding of making predictions in reading. You have been using some very clever thinking. Awesome work Thomas!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5C</td>
<td>Max Morrison</td>
<td>for working quietly and cooperatively to complete his Commonwealth Games tasks.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5M</td>
<td>Koby Ferriggi</td>
<td>for finishing off all Commonwealth Games tasks to a superb standard. Great Work!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6H</td>
<td>Brad Mayfield</td>
<td>for his excellent work ethic, striving to complete all tasks on time and to the best of his ability. Keep up the great work!</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5/6R</td>
<td>Jade Driscoll</td>
<td>for her excellent fact finding and research skills when learning about countries in the Commonwealth Games.</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
The Basin Primary School

Bounce Back Award!

Prep:
Shelby Gardiner – for going out of her way to make a friend smile when they were feeling upset. Well done Shelby!

Grade 1:

Grade 2:

Grade 3:
Ella McCallum – for showing confidence to work with different students in the grade and for making a good effort to get to know students she doesn’t know well better! Top effort Ella!

Matt Smith – for his enthusiastic approach to developing and extending his friendship circle. He is understanding the requirements to being a good friend and listening to others with interest.

Grade 4:
Jake Dummett – for displaying a confident attitude when working in a group situation. Keep it up Jake!

Grade 5:

Grade 6:
HOOPTIME BASKETBALL
“ALL STAR BOYS…. District Champions”

Last Friday we had 32 of our Grade 5/6 students participate in the district Hooptime basketball tournament at Kilsyth Basketball Stadium. It was a great day thoroughly enjoyed by all students. All students are to be congratulated for not only their performances on the court, but for their outstanding behaviour and sportsmanship. Without doubt the highlight of the day was the performances of our “All Star Boys” team. The boys only lost one game for the day and went on to win the Grand Final comfortably. As a result they will now have the opportunity to play in the regional finals later in the year. The day would not have been possible if it wasn’t for the fantastic support we received from our parents and staff. We are extremely grateful to Lisa Maclean, Mel Richardson, Carolyn Thorne and Liz Dowler who all did a fantastic job in coaching a team. We also had a host of other parents who assisted with transport and/or scoring..... Rachel Klepac, Kirsty Ferriggi, Kim Swindell, Claire Keltie, Liz Dowler, Christine Martin, Cheryl Smit and Kelly Dunne. The results for each team were as follows:

“Future Stars #2”- W 7-2, W14-2, L 9-10, W 18-0, Draw, Semi Final L 4-7
“Future Stars #3” – L 2-32, L 5-6, L7-12, L7-21, L 0-14, W 14-4
“Rookie”– W 10-1, W 12-0, W6-2, L 4-6, W 24-0

Dale Goldsmith
Phys-Ed and Sport
Monday night was the night for the 5/6 students to shine and they did that. After a massive day that included a stage rehearsal, hair and makeup, lunch at La Porchetta, a beachside walk and a matinée performance. The students were the 6th school to perform in the night session, delivering a clear story with superb costuming and set. We are so proud of what the students did on the night and we congratulate them on their fantastic work over the last few months.

We now sit back and wait until the 23rd August to hear the results of our heat. We would like to thank all those that were involved in the process and everyone who contributed to this year Wakakirri Journey. A special presentation will be made at assembly on the 23rd when we announce the results.
DISTRICT BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Last Wednesday our school took part in the Wantirna District Basketball tournament played at Kent Park Primary School. It was an excellent day thoroughly enjoyed by all. The boy’s team played excellent team basketball all day and won their way through to the semi-finals where they were defeated by the eventual winners, Kent Park. The girl’s team were an inexperienced group who showed great improvement throughout the day. Although they didn’t manage to win a game the highlight for them was their second game in which they finished strongly to go down 17-18. We would like to thank Rachel Klepac and Kirsty Ferriggi for their help with transport and scoring.
WEEK 3 AWARD WINNERS
Chess Club

At Chess Club on Fridays, we love learning to extend our skills. Phil teaches us about x-rays, CRAB, hug check mates, moving the Queen and we have just learnt about discovered attacks through checks. He encourages us to think before moving as there is usually a better move available. The tournaments are fun and we enjoy the challenge of playing against our friends.

Come and join in the fun!
I was in EB Games last week looking for some games for my children as we’ve just upgraded from our PS2 to a PS3. I’ve not shopped for games for some time so was surprised to see so many high rating violent games available and was even more shocked by the people buying them. I was in line to buy a pre-owned game and in front of me was a boy no older than 12 years of age who wanted to buy a game. He was not able to buy it without parent consent so he called his mother over and the shop assistant asked if she knew the content of the game. The assistant explained it had very strong violence and sexual content in it, and then asked her if she still wanted it. You could tell the mother was initially shocked but after looking down at her son she said yes. It made me realise that sometimes we parents are unaware of what’s actually in a game and the potential effects of that game. It was a reminder to me that as a parent it was my responsibility to be aware of what content are in the games my children are playing.

I have read many articles on the effects of violent video games. It is interesting to note that there has been a variety of research done and a variety of expert opinions out there. The majority of experts believe playing violent games regularly can have an impact in the following ways:
* Higher degree of aggressive behaviour
* Nightmares

“The number one negative effect is they tend to inappropriately resolve anxiety by externalizing it. So when kids have anxiety, which they do, instead of soothing themselves, calming themselves, talking about it, expressing it to someone, or even expressing it emotionally by crying, they tend to externalize it. They can attack something, they can kick a wall, they can be mean to a dog or a pet.” Additionally, there’s an increased frequency of violent responses from children who play these kinds of video games. DR PHIL.

See whole article here: [http://www.drphil.com/articles/article/297](http://www.drphil.com/articles/article/297)

Tips for parents in managing the negative impact violent games can have on their children:
- Know the rating of the video games your child plays.
- Do not install video game equipment in your child's bedroom.
- Set limits on how often and how long your child is allowed to play video games.
- Discuss with your child the games they are playing.

Take a look at your child’s games. Have they got age appropriate games? What are they rated? How many are rated with high violence? Popular games such as Call of Duty are rated in Australia MA15+ but higher in some other countries.

Believe it or not there are a lot of positives to playing video games. Don’t stop your children from playing them; instead take the opportunity to engage with them.

Richard

School Chaplain
Program Update

At OSHClub we have decided to take part in the RSPCA Cupcake Day that will be held on Monday 18th August. The RSPCA is a place that means quite a lot to our children here at OSHClub. Throughout the next week we will be preparing for our Cupcake Day by decorating some posters and starting to make some of the cupcakes. The money that we will raise from the cupcakes the children will make will be going towards helping to finance Animal Cruelty.

We would like to say a big THANK YOU to Erika, Linda and Ross for their generous donation of dolls. The children will definitely love them.

Can You Help?

We are collecting the following items
- Small Off Cuts Of Wood
- Boxes
- Dolls That Are No Longer Being Used
- Old Clothes Suitable For Dress Ups
- Milk Bottles

Next Week’s Activities

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Before School Care</th>
<th>After School Care</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Monday: Cool Cats Masks and Jungle Animals Run</td>
<td>Monday: Giants Treasure, Crows and Cranes, Cool Cat Masks and Weird Creatures</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday: Girl and Dog Magnets and Animal Hide &amp; Seek</td>
<td>Tuesday: Captain’s Game Of Choice, Playground Obstacle Course, Paper Bag Mouse Puppet &amp; Bubble Game</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday: Paper Bag Rabbits and Aussie Bulldog Game</td>
<td>Wednesday: Four Square, Forty Forty, Creatures of The Night and RSPCA Colouring Posters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday: RSPCA Poster Colouring and Catchtail Throw</td>
<td>Thursday: Sit Down Stand UP, Sand Castle Making, Playdough Creatures and RSPCA Colouring Posters</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Friday: Paper Bird Puppet and Coin Toss</td>
<td>Friday: Paper Plane Competition, Skipping Contest, Rice Bubble Creatures and RSPCA Colouring Posters</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0428 162 718
Coordinator: Leah Halls
Assistants: Pam Lecky & Brittany Morton

OSHC Club Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account. For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.
MT EVELYN FNC AUCTION
YORK ON LILYDALE
SATURDAY 16th AUGUST 7PM
SHAUN BLACK PLAYING 7-7.45PM
MICK NEVEN COMEDIAN 9.15-9.45PM
FREE ENTRY
175 LOTS TO SELL & NO RESERVES!
ALSO A HUGE 50" LED TV TO RAFFLE OFF

The Basin Preschool
385 Forest Road, The Basin 3154 Ph 9762 1854
Hands on Education
ABN 613 503 2264 2

The Basin Preschool is currently accepting
4 year old kindergarten enrolments for 2015

Our program operates on Tuesdays and Thursdays
9:15am - 2:15pm and on Fridays 8:30am -1:30pm

Please contact Kareen (Preschool Teacher)
on 9762 1854 for more information