Buildings and Grounds 2016

2016 is going to be a big year for the Buildings and Grounds Sub Committee of School Council. Since the end of last year lots has happened in the grounds and plenty more is planned.

Yarra Road will be showcased on TV when Channel 10 weatherman, Mike Larkin, and his crew visit on Monday 21st of March and broadcast that night’s weather report from our school. Look out for further details coming soon. A working bee has been scheduled the day before to ensure we look our best for our TV debut.

Our major project this year is the redevelopment of the playground area at the front of the school, as per the concept plan unveiled late last year. All we need now is the money and man power! Here’s how you can help:

The Buildings and Grounds Team has scheduled Working Bees on the following dates throughout the remainder of 2016:

- Sunday 20th March – (In readiness for the school’s starring role on Channel 10 weather)
- Sunday 5th June
- Sunday 21st August
- Sunday 6th November

Please add the dates to your calendar and join us in making Yarra Road the best possible environment for all of our children by attending at least one Working Bee this year.

Closer to each Working Bee, information will be sent home with full details, outlining the specific tasks planned. No special skills are necessary, however if you have particular expertise please let us know by filling in and returning the following slip. This information will help us in forward planning.

The Buildings and Grounds Team are also keen for parents to put forward ideas for improvements to the school environment indoors and out. If you have any suggestions please forward them to us on reply slip below.

Cheers!
Meriden

For the Buildings and Grounds Team
**PARENT SKILLS & SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT IDEAS RETURN SLIP**

Parent’s Name: __________________________ Contact Number: ________________

Eldest Child’s Name: __________________________

Grade: __________________________

Expertise / Trade: _______________________________________________

Ideas for school improvements:______________________________________

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**Interschool Sport Friday 26th February – Venue Changes**

This Friday we play Sacred Heart Primary School in Round 4 of Summer Interschool Sport.

Please be aware that there have been a number of changes to where teams will play this week, from the draw previously circulated, as follows:

**Basketball Open, Basketball Girls and Volleystars** will now play at Sacred Heart Primary School in Croydon.

**Hot Shots Tennis** will play at Yarra Road, on the newly painted courts.

The remaining teams will play as previously indicated on the Draw.

A special thank you to following parents and pre-service teachers for assisting with Summer Interschool Sport Teams: Jenelle Seregin and Terry Hawking - Boy’s Rounders Team, Shanae Stevens - Girl’s T-Ball Team and Molly Marshall - Girl’s Rounders Team.

**YRPS INFORMATION**

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### STARS OF THE WEEK

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<td>Sadie S</td>
<td>For showing excellence when drawing a map of our school</td>
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<td>Ava M</td>
<td>For showing responsibility by taking her time to complete her work</td>
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<td>Ella S</td>
<td>For her confident and enthusiastic demonstration of her writing</td>
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<td>Reese T</td>
<td>For confidently sounding words out when reading</td>
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<td>Kiara R</td>
<td>For settling into Yarra Road so beautifully</td>
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<td>Hunter W</td>
<td>For showing enthusiasm in all areas of his schooling</td>
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<td>Amelia R</td>
<td>For creating her own spelling book to use at home to learn her spelling words</td>
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<td>Amelia F</td>
<td>For settling into school so well even though she was away at the start of term</td>
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<td>Ashleigh P</td>
<td>For confidently completing her work and then assisting her shoulder partner</td>
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<td>3\4 JQ</td>
<td>Jadah K</td>
<td>For all round excellence in everything she does!</td>
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<td>Josh D</td>
<td>For being a responsible class monitor</td>
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<td>Alyssa W</td>
<td>For making such a positive start to the year</td>
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<td>Jack C</td>
<td>For always being prepared to learn and doing his best work</td>
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<td>Kane B</td>
<td>For persisting with his debating arguments and presentation</td>
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<td>Liam M</td>
<td>For showing excellence and responsibility in his attitude to class work</td>
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<td>Brooke G</td>
<td>For responsibly completing the researching and writing of her debate topic at home and for excellent delivery</td>
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**App of the week!**

**School Mate**

**Price:** Free

**Age:** Prep – Grade 6

**Genre:** Education

**Description:** Want to find out more about what your child is learning at school in each subject at each year level? Need practical tips about what you can do at home to help support your child’s education? Schoolmate is an essential App for parents of school-aged children in Victoria, Australia. Produced by Victoria’s Department of Education and Training, Schoolmate will provide parents with a roadmap to help aid their child’s learning at home and at school. All in all, we think that Schoolmate is a great app for children and parents.

By Jackson Nunziante and Ethan Bates
District Swimming Results

Congratulations to our team of swimmers who competed in the District Swimming Carnival at Tintern on Monday.

Ashlynn R was successful in winning the 10 year old breast stroke event and came third in the freestyle.

Keely P placed third in the 10 year old breast stroke and further in the freestyle.

Chantelle L won the 11 year old breast stroke and recorded the second fastest time in the 50m freestyle!

Chelsea M swam well in her breast stroke and freestyle races also.

The girls teamed up to place 4th in the 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

Ashlynn and Chantelle will now progress to the division competition which will be conducted at Aquanation on Monday.

Good luck girls!!

Thank you to all those people who have signed up to do the World's Greatest Shave.
Just a reminder that those students who wish to participate from grades 3 and 4, that only the top five raisers from that level will be able to participate in the schools event. Students from these levels can still shave and colour their hair, they just won't have it done in front of the school. This is due to the large scale of students involved in the event and the amount of time it takes. Thanks for all of your support and Good luck team!

Miss E
Although it may not look or feel like it, sun protection is still needed even in this grey, cold weather. At this time of year, UV is still at high levels. Perhaps you could ask your website administrator to add the new SunSmart widget to your website so everyone can check when they need to use sun protection each day. Please make sure sun protection is encouraged beyond term one until the end of April. All UV exposure adds up over time and damages unprotected skin. Check out our current ad campaign, UV. It all adds up at http://www.sunsmart.com.au/tools/videos/current-tv-campaigns/uv-it-all-adds-up.html

If you can see skin, UV can reach it. For all skin not covered with clothing, please remind everyone to apply SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum sunscreen during the daily sun protection times. Please see some sunscreen tips below. Don’t forget a sun protective hat that shades the face, neck and ears and make sure there are shady places for children to play.


SUNSCREEN TIPS

Teachers at school are not expected to apply sunscreen to students but SunSmart does ask that schools have strategies in place to help remind children to apply sunscreen before they go outside. Regular use of sunscreen has been shown to reduce the incidence of melanoma and squamous cell carcinoma, both in the short and long term.

Choose SPF 30 or higher broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen. Make sure it is within its use-by date and is stored below 30 degrees. If you can see skin, UV can reach it. It is best to apply a generous amount of sunscreen to any exposed skin around 20 minutes before going outdoors. Sunscreen should be reapplied every two hours even if the stated level of water resistance is 4 hours.

Store sunscreen with lunchboxes and/ or hats so when children grab their lunch or hat before going outdoors, they will also be reminded to apply sunscreen. If sunscreen is kept in the cooler section of the lunchbox, it will be cold when applying - especially nice on a hot, summer’s day.

Download the free SunSmart app - set the sunscreen reminder and use the sunscreen calculator tool