PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Yr 5 Camp – Sovereign Hill
As reported in last week’s Contact, I joined the Yr 5 children on their Camp to Sovereign Hill. This was a great trip for the children and enabled them to experience life in the 1850’s, in a way that brings their Unit of Study on Australian History alive. Camps, excursions and incursions are very important as they provide experiences for the children that would not normally be possible in a school environment. They also help connect their learning to the ‘real world’ and give a context and focus that makes their learning more effective.

There were many highlights on this visit to Sovereign Hill. Some included;

- The chance to stay in accommodation that is ‘onsite’ at Sovereign Hill, thereby adding to the experience.
- Attending the spectacular sound and light show – “Blood on the Southern Cross” which tells the story of the Eureka Rebellion.
- On the other evening, attending the Victoria Theatre for a very entertaining pantomime.
- The Mine Tour that really gave us a feel for the tough life faced by miners in the 1850's.
- The Education Sessions where the children were able to dress up and act out a number of roles from the diggings.
- Watching the gold pour and seeing liquid gold (worth over $100,000) before our eyes.
- Panning in the creek ... and finding our own gold. In fact, some children suffered from a little 'gold fever' and it was difficult to drag them away.
- Perhaps the greatest highlight .... shopping!! The souvenirs and authentic old fashioned lollies proved very enticing and there was some serious shopping taking place in our last hour at Sovereign Hill.

My thanks to the staff who attended and made this experience possible for the children. Thanks to Janet McGinn for her organisation, assisted by Brianna Golworthy and Con Papanicolaou. Also to additional staff who supported the Camp; Alex Douros, Lisa Carne, Kathy Halliday, Gill Davison and Sue Kemp.

**Essex Heights Mother’s Day Breakfast**

It was great to attend the second Mother’s Day Breakfast this morning. We had over four hundred Mums and children come to school for breakfast to celebrate Mother’s Day. There was a great atmosphere in the Hall and the Mums and kids enjoyed the fact that the Dads were organising and serving them for a change.

Again this year, Darren Mattingley (School Councillor) accepted the challenge to coordinate the morning. He was joined by about 17 other Dads who helped him organise and serve the breakfast. Thanks to the sponsors who supported this event for our community. Thanks also to some PFA Mums who also worked behind the scenes and kept an eye on the Dads! 😊

Thanks also to our wonderful PFA who have planned and organised the ‘Mother’s Day Stall’ for tomorrow. The children love being able to shop for their Mums and take great care over their gift selections.

Thanks especially to Stef Wendler-Canning and Andrea Fyfe who have coordinated this event.

We wish all the Mums a very Happy Mother’s Day on Sunday!

**Class Visit – Phys Ed**

Yesterday I joined Ben Wooster and two Yr 6 classes for their weekly Phys Ed Lesson. In the lead up to the Cross Country, Ben has been working with the children on their understanding of the ‘components of fitness’. They began the session with a 1600m run around the school oval, concentrating on maintaining an even pace and encouraging classmates. Following this, the children moved indoors for a rotation of fitness stations that they completed in 1 minute bursts with a 20sec break. The most interesting part for me was the post activity discussion. Ben asked them to chat together, connecting each activity to the listed ‘components of fitness’.
I was impressed with the way the children engaged with this activity and the way they were able to correctly identify the connections. As with all teachers, Ben was clear with the children before the session about what they were working on (learning intentions) and the success criteria to look for. He also offered extension activities for those students who were looking to push themselves.

Thanks to Ben for his great work in developing the skills and knowledge for all the children, and his leadership of sport across the school in events like the Fun Run.

‘Splash of Color’ Dance Concert Tickets
A reminder to parents that the online booking of Dance Concert Tickets through TryBooking is now open. Details are in the recent flyer, and on the school website. Please note that the start time for each concert is 7pm and we anticipate being concluded by 8:30pm.

A detailed notice for parents outlining the drop off arrangements on the night will be sent home shortly, and is currently available on the website.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN begins next week on Tuesday May 12 as children in Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 around the country sit the Writing, Spelling and Grammar tests of the National Assessment Program for Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Reading and Numeracy will follow on Wednesday and Thursday.

For further information regarding NAPLAN please refer to the Parents Information brochure which will be coming home with all Year 3 and 5 students shortly.

***Please Note: No Assembly Next Monday***
We will not be conducting the usual Monday afternoon Assembly next week, May 11th. Instead, the children will be using the time to rehearse the Dance Concert Finale with Georgia.

See you around the school,

Andrew

BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE
Parents, please remember that After Care closes at 6.00 p.m. each night and children must be collected by this time. We can be contacted on 0417 941986 or 9807 2615.

Thank you
Paul Davis, BASC Co-Ordinator
Hi everyone

I hope all the mums who came along to the Mother’s Day breakfast this morning had a lovely time. I know I did! Thanks to Darren (and Sonia) and all the dads who made us feel so cared for.

The Mother’s Day stall is on tomorrow in the Hall from 9 am to 1 pm. Please come along if you can help out, even for an hour or so. It’s quite fun helping the kids choose their special gifts.

The Fun Run is on next Wednesday. Please email Morwenna (griffithshunt@optusnet.com.au) if you can help on the day. Remember, family and friends can donate to your child at trybooking.com/HNZQ.

It’s time for each class to decide what stall they’d like to run for the Carnival. Information has been sent to all the parent reps so they can start the conversation. I so want to attend the dunking stall, but I’m not sure I’ll be so lucky! Winter is a great time to plant some new trees in the garden. The lovely Melita (mum to Joe, 2L, and Michael, PL) has a family connection at Valley Trees Nursery in the beautiful Goulburn Valley. She’s secured us a deal so we can offer bare-rooted fruit and ornamental trees at a cheap price, and every tree sold raises $5 for the school. The trees are gorgeous and delicious-sounding: like Flavourcrest Peach, Sunburst Cherry and Tahitian Lime. Look out for a notice coming home soon.

Thank you to all the parents who helped with the secondhand uniform stall last week. Please keep the donations of clothing coming in!

Wishing all the mums a happy and relaxing Mother’s Day. You deserve it!

Andrea J (Abby S, 4R, and Jake S, 4O).

Berita Bahasa Indonesia!

Sayembara Lisan: State-wide annual Indonesian Oral Competition

We wish our 28 students from Years Prep-6 who are competing in this year’s language competition, the very best of luck for this Friday (May 8th).

We are so very proud of all their efforts over the past few weeks. Preparation for the competition has involved practice at school and at home and we appreciate the support of the families too.

We look forward to hearing about their exciting day!

Indonesian Language Classes for Parents
Classes for parents (grandparents/special friends) will be beginning on Friday May 15th. These sessions will include some introductory language to assist parents in communicating with their very clever kids!

Some interesting reading……
‘Why Learn Indonesian’

Some more of our parents, grandparents and special friends may decide to join us for language classes after reading this article!
CANTEEN

DON’T FORGET – Please report to Front Office to sign the Visitor’s Book and get a Visitor’s Label BEFORE proceeding to the Canteen (in the Stadium).

FRIDAY 8th May 10.00 a.m. Alex Pavlovski-Pascua, Huong Nguyen, Jessica Cheng
MONDAY 11th May 11.00 a.m. Lia Samosir, Suzi Jovanovic
WEDNESDAY 13th May 10.15 a.m. Lauren Beechey, Catherine Lee
FRIDAY 16th May 10.00 a.m. Katy Smith, Natalie Murphy, Xiave Yu

NAPLAN
Test schedule for Years 3 & 5

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**Indonesian Language Classes Term 2**

Name: ___________________________ Parent/friend/relative of (student) ____________________

Class: ______________

Yes! I wish to participate in the Indonesian Language classes.

I would be interested in .......... (please specify)

☐ Beginners lessons ☐ Intermediate lessons

Signature: ____________________________

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MOTHER’S DAY STALL

When: Friday 8\textsuperscript{th} May
Where: School Hall
What to bring: Money & a carry bag

Mother’s Day gifts range from $1 - $6

The PFA are looking for helpers on the day. Any amount of time you can offer would be appreciated. Please register your details and availability at www.SignUpGenius.com/go/10C084AADA829A2FF2-mothers or email Stef sscanning10@gmail.com or Andrea ajfyfe@optusnet.com.au . Morning tea will be provided. Thanks Stef & Andrea
May 7th 2015

Dear Parents,

Our Prep-6 Dance Concert – ‘Splash of Colour’ is fast approaching! There will be a rehearsal during the day on Tuesday May 19th (A-L group) and on Wednesday May 20th (M-Z group). Please note this is not a dress rehearsal.

Time: 8.50am arrival for 9.00am departure (students will travel from school by bus to Ashburton Primary School). Our expected return to school is by lunchtime (approx. 1.30pm).

Transport: Bus (with seatbelts)

Cost: There is no cost to children. Travel costs will be covered by the school.

The children will need to bring:
- Morning tea / snack in a named bag
- A drink bottle (no cans or fizzy drinks)

For everyone’s convenience on the day, we request that snacks of yoghurt or dips be avoided and that students participating in the rehearsal on Wednesday do not have a lunch order on that day.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to your child’s teacher by no later than Friday May 15th.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to ask your child’s teacher.

Yours Sincerely,

Georgia Lombard
Dance Teacher

Alex Douros
Dance Co-ordinator

Andrew Crossett
Principal

‘Splash of Colour’ - Dance Concert

Name of Student: ___________________________  Class: __________

I do / do not give permission for my child to participate in the ‘Splash of Colour’ Dance Concert rehearsal on Tuesday May 19th or Wednesday May 20th 2015.
I authorize the teacher in charge of the excursion to consent, where it is impracticable to communicate with me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be necessary.

Signature of Parent/Guardian: ___________________________  Date: __________

👩 Day: Mother/Guardian ........................................

👨 Day: Father/Guardian ........................................
‘Splash of Colour’
Dance Concert

May 11th, 2015

Dear Parent/s,

We are really looking forward to our up-coming whole school dance concert. The students have been working hard during practices and are very excited to be presenting their dances to families and friends of EHPS.

Date: Tuesday 19th May (A-L group)
       Wednesday 20th May (M-Z group)

Venue: Ashburton Primary School Hall
       Fakenham Rd, Ashburton.

Parking: The left hand side of Fakenham Rd opposite the hall is permit parking. Please check signs carefully when parking. There is parking on the school side and along Carool Rd and Stocks Ave. There is also some parking available nearby at Ashburton Reserve.

Time: 6.30pm arrival for a 7.00pm (sharp) start.

Assembly points:

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Please note that there are a couple of different entrances to the gymnasium/Performing Arts room and there will be staff around the hall to assist you.

At the conclusion of the concert, children will be picked up from their assembly point (either the gymnasium or Performing Arts room). These areas may be busy at this time, so we would appreciate your patience as we exit everyone from the building. Children must be signed in and out at the beginning and end of the evening with their supervising teacher.

Costumes: Children are to come in full costume (any additional items as indicated on the costume notice will be distributed on the evening). Make up is optional but highly recommended (brown eye shadows, blush, black mascara and eyeliner and a red lipstick).

Children are also asked to bring a named drink bottle (with water) and a quiet game/activity to play while they are waiting for their item in the concert.

Photography: We encourage parents to take an abundance of photos before the commencement of the concert, as flash photography during performances can be quite distracting for the children.

Thank you, we look forward to a wonderful evening

Georgia Lombard
Dance Teacher

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