ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

I would like to welcome everyone back to term 4. This is a busy term, with the staff commencing the process of creating the 2015 class groups. This is a very thorough process with many considerations being taken into account, such as the age of the students, their learning styles as well as social and behavioural needs and academic ability. The teachers and education support staff dedicate a number of meetings to provide the optimal class placement for each student. Parent input is also an important part of this process. If you have any concerns or aspects about your child’s class placement for 2015 you would like considered, please contact Susan Merjan by telephone or email.

During term 4 ‘transitions’ are a key focus for many of our students. In the coming weeks we are looking forward to welcoming to our school the new foundation students and their parents when they attend two transition sessions and the primary school information evening. For the primary students who will be transitioning to the secondary school, there will be opportunities in the coming weeks to explore and familiarise themselves with their new learning environment and surroundings at the Manningham Road campus. There will also be an information evening for the parents of these students. It is an exciting time for the graduating students as they are currently finalising their post school options and looking forward to the very special graduation evening being held later this term, where we formally celebrate their achievements at Bulleen Heights School.

A reminder to all members of our Bulleen Heights School community, the annual school barbeque will be held on the Wednesday 10th December, make sure you put this date in your diaries. This is a great opportunity for all families, staff and students to get together to celebrate their successes over the past year.

Regards
Barbara Smith

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This year we are having our school photos taken by Arthur Reed Photos Pty Ltd.

You would have received an envelope by now to order your photos and these along with your payment are due back to school before the day of the photos.

The Primary campus will have photos taken on Monday 20th October and the Secondary campus will be on Thursday 23rd October.

If you have any questions regarding the photos or you DO NOT want your child in them could you please contact the office of the campus your child attends.

Thank you

M16 BIKE RIDE

In November, 26th-28th, M16 are going on an Alpine bike camp.

In preparation for this, we are making sure we get in plenty of bike riding practice at Birrarung Park.

Here we are at Birrarunng Park making sure we know how to use the gears and brakes.
The parents’ room has been undergoing some changes recently, we have purchased a coffee machine and Bakers Delight are providing sweet treats for our Monday morning coffee sessions.

The RIDE disability expo had many stalls offering information on services available. There are information folders set up in easy to read categories:
- Continence Resources - including a form for free samples.
- Recreation Activities
- General Information

There are heaps of pamphlets on the shelves for you to take home. Feel free to come and have a look. Ask for the key at the office; make sure you return it please.

Adele spent her school holidays booking speakers for the Parent Info Sessions.

For the month of October there is:

**Monday 20th October**  
ASPEC – with Heather Kirkhope 9:00am Pleasant Rd, Parents’ room

**Wednesday 22nd October**  
EACH  1:30pm  Manningham library, meet at rear car park gate. Please don’t be late as we have to be let in by a teacher.

**EACH has a range of services:**
- **Counselling** - alcohol and other drugs financial concerns, gambling issues, domestic violence, victims of crime, general counselling.
- **Clinical services** – physio and occupational therapy, dental, Aboriginal health, dietetics, well women’s clinic, podiatry.
- **Child, Youth and Family** – family counselling, family relationship centre, parent/adolescent mediation, early childhood services, GP youth clinic, child care.
- **Support for older adults** – planned activity groups, group social support activities, support for carers
- **Mental Health Services** – support for families and carers, managing mental health, independent living support, overcoming social isolation, learning new skills, home-based outreach.
- **Disability Services** – recreation and social programs in-home support, support and respite for families and carers, self-advocacy.
- **Employment Services**. For more information please call EACH on 1300 00 EACH

**Monday 27th October**  
Marg Bianchi school social worker 9:15 Pleasant rd. Parents’ Room  
Come along and meet our school social worker. She has over 15 years in the field. Marg works with staff and families on issues related to their welfare.

**Friday 31st October**  
Teenagers – with Ieuan 1:30pm  Manningham Library  
Meet at the rear car park gate as we have to be let in by a teacher. Please don’t be late!

Teenage years are very complex; add to that, our children with additional needs. This can be a very overwhelming time for both parents and children.  
Ieuan is using our submitted issues to help shape this seminar. If you haven’t already submitted your issues to him there is still time.

Parent Information Sessions

To help with catering and seating can you please send back a response below.
I will / will not be attending the ASPEC talk on Monday 20th October.
I will / will not be attending the EACH talk on Wednesday 22nd October.
I will / will not be attending the Marg Bianchi social worker talk on Monday 27th October.
I will / will not be attending the Teenagers with Ieuan talk on Friday 31st October.
Autism Spectrum Disorder & Positive Behaviour Support WEEKEND Workshop

Aspect Victoria is pleased to offer our highly successful, contemporary, evidence-based two (2) day Autism specific Positive Behaviour Support Workshop in the Melbourne CBD.

More than 1200 families & professionals have participated in Aspect’s Positive Behaviour Support workshops across Australia. Post workshop evaluations showed an effectiveness of the workshops, with participants reporting decreases in challenging behaviours and increases in confidence and capacity to support their children and young adults.

**When:** Saturday 25th October (10am – 5pm) & Sunday 26th October (10am-3pm)

**Where:** Ernie Cropley Pavilion, University of Melbourne Parkville Campus 3010

**Cost:**
- FREE - for Parents & Carers who meet the eligibility criteria (refer eligibility to participate below)
- $320 – for professionals attending WITHOUT an eligible parent / carer
- FREE - for Professionals attending with an eligible parent / carer

Tea, coffee & biscuits are provided. Participants are required to bring their own lunch.

**Register:** Registrations are taken online at [www.autismspectrum.org.au/registration](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/registration)

To search for this specific workshop, enter the word “weekend” into the Search Keyword field. Minimum numbers must be met 1 week prior to the commencement of the workshop.

**Eligibility to participate in this Workshop for FREE:**
- Parents or carers of children and young adults aged between 6 - 25 years, diagnosed with an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)
- The individual with ASD must be living at home
- Professionals attending with an eligible parent or carer. Participating families are encouraged to invite professionals or service providers working with them to attend the workshop along with them.

**Families participating in this workshop will:**
- Develop an understanding of autism and how an ASD impacts upon learning and behaviour
- Learn how to be proactive by creating an autism friendly environment at home
- Learn how to write a plan to respond confidently when challenging behaviour occurs
- Learn how to teach new skills to promote their child’s independence and quality of life

**Enquiries:**
Contact Amber Day – Workshop Administrator or Heather Kirkhope - Service Coordinator
Phone: 03 9377 6600 or email: aday@autismspectrum.org.au

**What participants say about Aspect Positive Behaviour Support Workshops:**

"Fantastic presentation. Very interactive, affirming & capacity building. Ideas not just discussed but taught how to follow through on."

"Best information session on Autism I have been to. So much clarity about getting to the core behaviour, unpeeling the onion. Enjoyed all the visuals. Thank you so much."

"Brilliant information and concrete strategies to use, thank you. I have learnt very important self-reflection, being able to step back and really look at and examine behaviour, so valuable. I really value the focus on being positive and improving my child’s, my own and my family’s quality of life. Great workshop – I will highly recommend it to others."
Manningham Farmers Produce & Craft Market

Our next market will be held
Sunday 26th October.
8:00am to 1:00pm (fourth Sunday each month)
Location: The Manningham Sports Bar Car Park, 1 Thompsons Road, Bulleen.

Entry is from either Thompsons Road or Bulleen Road close to the Eastern Freeway
A gold coin entry donation assists Rotary in financing community projects.

Regular stalls include;
meat, seasonable fruit and vegetables, bread, cakes,
condiments, pasta, cheeses, olive oil, eggs, honey,
nuts, wine, etc. as well as pet supplies, plants, soaps, etc.

We are also including **craft stalls** at the market, offering visitors additional items of interest.

Sit down and relax over a cup of freshly brewed coffee or tea and enjoy something to eat from the Rotary BBQ or other stallholders.

New stallholder enquiries welcomed.
Tel: 0412 558 066 email: keith.an@bigpond.com

Massive Plant Sale
Saturday 18th October
9am—3pm
39 Weatherby Road,
Doncaster
www.kevinheinzegrow.org.au
Tawny Frogmouth at PRC

We have a family of Tawny Frogmouth birds nesting in the tree outside the front entrance of the PRC campus. The newly hatched baby bird fell from the tree and was protected by one of its parents until the wildlife people we called could put it back in the nesting area. Here is some more information about Tawny Frogmouths (Australia Zoo website) and a couple of images from the day the baby fell out of the nest.

The daytime camouflage of the Tawny Frogmouth is extraordinary. Male and female pair permanently and during the day roost near one another on bare but sheltered branches, stumps, and even shaded ground. At the hint of threat or disturbance they freeze, compacting their plumage and closing eye slits and looking just like a broken branch. Only if pushed do they flash or react with a frightening snapping of their yellow, mouthed bills.

Habitat

Tawny Frogmouths inhabit open forests and woodlands of eucalypts and acacias throughout Australia. There are three races – one south-eastern Australia north to region of Cairns-Cooktown and west to inland regions of the Great Dividing Range and south-eastern Australia; two Western Australia north to Great Sandy Desert, north-east to channel Country, Qld, and south-east to Murray Mallee, Vic; and last northern Australia, south to the Great Sandy Desert, Barkly Tableland and southern plains of Gulf of Carpentaria, Qld.

Diet

All frogmouths are night-active, mainly in the several hours just after dusk and before dawn. Large nocturnal insects, spiders and myriapods are prime prey and these the birds snatch from the ground or low branches in gliding dives from a vantage perch. Food is captured with their beak.

Breeding

Nesting duties are shared evenly by the sexes; building, incubating, brooding and feeding one another on the nest, as well as young. Each may spend up to 12 hours incubating one to three eggs. Breeding is advertised by both partners drumming nightly from the nest site.

Threats

The biggest threat to Tawny Frogmouth is road accidents. This is due to insects being attracted to car lights and in turn the Tawny Frogmouth is attracted to the insects. Unfortunately in pursuit of a meal it is common for these birds to glide down and crash into a car.
Visiting Dentist

You may not be aware, but for over twenty years the Department of Education has employed Nick Baker as our visiting dentist. Nick continually visits both campuses to see students on a rotational basis, checking and ensuring their oral health requirements. All new preps are seen by Nick and his dental technician (Jo is pictured here).

When talking to students who have received a special “I visited the dentist” sticker, you are always sure to get a beaming smile or positive reaction and this is a testament to his great rapport with students, built over the years by Nick through his kind and approachable nature and professionalism.

Contact the school if you have any special requests or concerns you would like Nick to receive.

Thank you Nick, for your important work done with dedication and kindness.