Working Bee

Friday night’s working bee was an outstanding success and the front of our school was looking fantastic for the election on Saturday, when so many people in the community came to our school to vote.

Thank you to all of the people who assisted. Jobs included cleaning out our shelter shed and tractor shed where Des Purcell, Peter Musson, Leonie Dyson, Colin Petersen and Brendan Gay did a fantastic job. Many trailers of rubbish were disposed of.

The band of people working out the front of the school included Carolyn Malseed, Peter and Andrea Drendel, Nikki and Richie Belleville, Tammy and Dean Dark, Jonathon Tischler, Ange Jones, Fiona Musson, Anna Wortley, Lynton Milgate and Trudy Sharrock.

They all did a magnificent job in the amphitheatre and cleaning and trimming plants.

The shadehouse has been repaired and is now ready for use again, the ramp and the front of the school building has been cleaned, spiders and cobwebs removed, including the cleaning of our entry and office windows.

Dean Dark was in action on his mini excavator preparing the ground for our vegie gardens and Peter Drendel was lethal with the gurnie.

A BIG thank you to all who attended. It is amazing how much we achieved in a couple of hours.

Also thanks to Jenny Nield who put in so many hours to help on Thursday morning and to the staff who also stayed behind on the night to complete jobs in classrooms.

I would also like to acknowledge the wonderful ongoing work of our school cleaner, Liz Wythe, who works so tirelessly every day of every week to keep our school looking so clean, tidy and cared for.

Thanks Liz for all that you do for our school.

Election Fundraiser

The work of parents continued on Saturday morning with the running of our election day BBQ and raffle. This was well supported and has made over $400 for our school. Thanks to all who helped with this, including the students who sold raffle tickets.

Clubs

Our Clubs program began on Friday afternoon and was very popular with all students. I have included a photo of our first two scarecrows created by Nikki Belleville’s groups. Scarlett and Freddie are now in our school multi-purpose room awaiting placement somewhere in the school gardens.

All children went home happy with the assortment of creations completed in Clubs. These included, knitting, bird feeders, masks, gingerbread, pop-up books and wooden tic-tac-toe games. Thanks to the parents who assisted and those who filled in at the last moment.
Corangamite Library:
Monday 3:30 - 4:30pm
Wednesday 1:30 - 4:30pm
Jullie has an extensive range of books, talking books, DVD’s etc
AND if it’s not in the library, she can order it for you.
Come in and see her.

A McCain barcode collection box has been set up outside the office window.
By collecting barcodes from McCain frozen vegetable & purely potato packs and bringing them to school, we can redeem points for equipment –
10 points – McCain frozen vegetable 1kg, 1.2kg & 2 kg packs
5 points - McCain frozen vegetable & Purely Potato 500g, 600g, 750g & 800g packs.
Barcode = points

Obstacle-a-thon
This Friday we will be holding our Obstacle-a-thon. This is a sponsored run to raise money for the plants for our new vegetable gardens. The run will begin at 10.30am with each grade participating for half an hour. Students in grade 4, 5, 6 will be assisting me with running the event and parents are welcome to come along to watch. More details are attached to this newsletter. We hope to raise $500 which is the start-up cost of the plants. Any additional funds raised will go towards the lockers which children in grade 4, 5, 6 are keen to buy for their classroom.

Transition Begins
This week we formally begin our transition programs for our 2011 prep students. Today Mr Hilliard took our preps to visit the kinder and this will be followed on September 8th with the first visit of the kinder children to our school. Next Wednesday there will be a transition visit by Baimbridge College staff to see our grade 6 students to begin their transition program for secondary college. On August 30th the principal and staff from Baimbridge College will also hold a parent information session at our school at 7.30pm. This will be for all parents of students in grades 4, 5 and 6. I hope many parents can attend.

Dress Up Day
Soon it will be Literacy/ Numeracy Week and we are planning to hold a dress-up day on Friday September 3rd. Children can dress up as any type of book character for this special day OR if you are inspired by maths and number you may dress up with a numeracy focus. Let you imagination run wild and start hunting through the wardrobe and op shops. Students always enjoy Dress-up Day and parents are most welcome to attend our parade which will occur at the start of the day.

Organisation
Development of good personal organisational skills is a focus across school at the moment. This is a key to individual success in learning, and staff will be working with students to assist them develop this skill. Organisation in classrooms is also being revised including procedures in our new art room to ensure all students are able to access equipment quickly and in an orderly manner. I have been discussing with students reasons for needing to be organised including:-

• We can find our equipment quickly.
• We do not waste our learning time.

Aspects of organisation are simple things like routines to change readers, packing bags and making sure children can locate pencils, rubbers etc at the start of a lesson. This ensures children can quickly begin work on learning tasks and maximise progress at school.
Parents can assist with this by getting children to prepare their bags for school, remembering readers and notes, and packing sports uniforms on Monday evenings ready for Tuesdays.

Lynn Lyles
Election Day Egg and Bacon Fundraiser

A big thank you to all the families who were able to help on Saturday, and donated items to our raffle. There were a lot of items in it which was great.

We ran out of bacon but luckily had sausages for back up. From what people have said it went off really well. If there is enough interest we think it would be good to do again.

Special thanks to the following children for selling the raffle tickets.

Harry Musson
Hayley Malseed
Hannah Drendel
Taylah Sharrock
Nikki Milgate
Skyla Milgate
Clare Logan
Laura Nield

Apologies to anyone I missed.

In total we raised $414.50

With thanks
Andrea Drendel
Carolyn Malseed
FOR SALE – UNIFORMS

The school has excess old sports uniforms for sale. If purchased, your children can wear them as part of their SPORTS uniform ONLY. On sale until stock runs out. First in best dressed.

PRICE $5.00 PER ITEM

**Jagga Jagga Fleecy Track Pants** - elastic waist, side pocket and double knee.
Size: 6 7 8 10 12 14 16

**Jagga Jagga Rugby knit Shorts**
Size: 6 7 8 10

**Long Sleeve Green Polo’s** (these can be worn as winter uniform)
Size: 10 12 14

ALL ENQUIRIES MUST CONTACT: CAROLYN MALSEED - 5578 4203 or LEONIE DYSON - 5576 4251/0438 586 762

CLUBS

Fiona Musson is doing knitting for “Clubs”, and would love any donations of wool or needles. Please leave at the office marked “FIONA”. If your child is able to bring their own knitting needles to the session that would be “FANTASTIC”.

Thank you

Fiona Musson

CLUBS

I will be making scarecrows and would like to ask families if they have any old clothes to dress scarecrows in. Could they please donate them to the school. Things like hats, scarves, gloves, glasses, boots etc. would be great as well. Also if anyone can donate some straw to stuff our scarecrows this would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you

Nikki Belleville
Aussie Hoops is a program for children to experience basketball, learn new skills and most importantly have some fun. The program is aimed at children 7 to 9 years of age, including those in this age group who may already be playing.

A registration night for Aussie Hoops will be held at HILAC on Friday night 20 August from 4.30pm till 6 pm, with the program commencing on Sunday 29 August. Aussie Hoops will be conducted at HILAC and run at 4pm for 1 hour on 3 Sundays before the end of school term (29 August, 5 September and 12 September) and then a further 3 Sundays next term (10 October, 17 October and 24 October).

So if you would like to learn some basketball skills and work with experienced coaches whilst having some fun please come along and register on Friday night, 20 August.

The cost of the program is $40 and each child will also receive a pack including a basketball, backpack, water bottle and t-shirt.

Jo vanWegan
Ass. Secretary
HJBA
BAIMBRIDGE COLLEGE

Baimbridge College is Visiting Your Community

Over the coming weeks, the leadership team and specialist staff from Baimbridge College will be visiting district school communities to talk about our curriculum and co-curricular programs. These visits will take place in addition to our annual information nights. The Principal, Mr Robert Vecchiet, Assistant principals and teacher representatives will be visiting your area in the coming weeks.

Any interested persons are welcome to attend.

Cavendish Primary School on the 2nd August
Dunkeld Consolidated School on the 16th August
MacArthur Primary School on the 30th August
Coleraine Primary School on the 8th September

The sessions will all begin at 7.30pm and there will be a light supper provided.

EMA-Education Maintenance Allowance

Please note that applications have now closed.

CRICKET

If there are any Under 14 boys or girls interested in playing cricket this season could they please ring
Tony Lambevski on 55761313

Thankyou.

Macarthur Tennis Club News

The great news is the refurbishment of the courts with 2 new synthetic courts (and the possibility of a half size court for the juniors to learn on). Work on the courts will begin early in October and be ready by the end of October. This will make the centre of town a great facility for bowls, swimming and tennis.

There will be a Tennis Club meeting at the clubrooms at 7:30pm on Monday 30th August 2010 to discuss the refurbishment.

Anyone with young children and any adults would be most welcome as the courts are for the whole community and this is a chance for everyone to have an input.

Contact: Secretary - Jill Millard 5576 1224