

Another week down and the grade 6 students now have less than 40 days of Primary School left. It is an exciting time with high school and prep transition programs underway. On Monday we will hold our third 2020 Prep transition day, while some of our other teachers head off to Tarneit Rise Primary, as part of their professional learning commitments. Our staff are fortunate enough to be able to observe literacy in action at TRPS, as well as some of their planning procedures, which we will then reflect on as a whole staff next week. Continuous professional learning is essential for our teachers to build their own teaching capacity and refine their current practices. I also wanted to mention quickly, over the coming weeks there are lots of meetings I have to attend both on and off site, so if I am unavailable please feel free to email lindsay.megan.g@edumail.vic.gov.au and I will follow up your query ASAP. *Megan Lindsay—Acting Principal*

JSC Request—Materials needed for cubbies

Cubbies is popular at lunchtime and students have been asking for new materials. If anyone in the community has the following things that could be donated to school, please see Jonathan Nettelbeck. Students are particularly asking for old tarps or strong plastic sheeting and rope. Narrow cut branches about 2 metres long and the thickness of an adult wrist are always needed. So next time anyone is cutting up a tree, keep the smaller branches in mind for cubbies at school. Left over building timber might also suit as long as it has no nails, and let's see what young imaginations can do with it. Thank you. . JSC



MBPS Chess Team - Going to the Nationals

Congratulations to Justin, Leonard, Luke, William and Cameron who represented the school at the state chess finals in Melbourne on Wednesday. Our whole team handled the pressure competing at this high level, playing against 250+ of the best primary school chess players across the state. Our team's combined points qualifies them for a place at the national competition in early December. We are very proud of their achievement, with a special acknowledgement to Justin who also won third place as an individual player!

Learning to play chess – Years 2 to 6

We have booked in Rob Baily from Ballarat Chess Club on Tuesday November 5th, to coach all our students from Years 2 to 6. The junior students will learn how the chess pieces move, right through to more targeted coaching for our experienced players. Rob will come back the following week to help us run a friendly chess competition so students can practice their new skills.

Supervision Times: Our teachers are on duty *from 8.45am* (before school) and *until 3.45pm* after school. In emergencies there is a teacher available from 8.30am. Students should not be brought to school before this time as staff are unable to supervise them.

Thank you from all of the MBPS Staff!

2020 Prep Transition Dates:

Wednesday 11th September – 2-3.30pm
Thursday 17th October – 9-11am
Monday 28th October – 9-11am
Friday 15th November – 9-1pm
Tuesday 10th December – 9-1pm

P&F News

BILLY BUSH TEA

What a wonderful night was had by all! We kicked off with the BBQ, a great chance to say hello and come together. It was great to see everyone (parents, friends and staff) up and dancing with all our kids, and each other, as Phil and Michael talked us through the moves and had us all boot tapping, laughing and enjoying every minute of it! The numerous raffles and spot prizes were bountiful which topped off a great evening for all. Thank you to all of you who supported the evening. Special thank you to the Ascot Hall Committee for the use of the Hall, the Brays for exceeding all expectations with the hall decorations, Jason Loader and others, for sourcing so many donations and the organisation and delivery of the hay bales, the Porters for the vegie box, and everyone who pitched in before, during and after the night. You know who you are!!

For those who missed out, it was such a great night we hope to have it again!

Thank you to the following businesses that generously supported us with donations:

Lambley Nursery

Woolshed, Doveton St, Ballarat

Saddleworld

BSC Bearing, Ring Road, Ballarat

Ballarat Bolts and Fasteners

Horseworld Ballarat

Davies and Rose, Hardware, Creswick

IGA Creswick

Mars Confectionary

Hewitt and Whitty

WEDNESDAY WALK, RIDE, RUN

The Mt Blowhard bike riders, walkers and runners have resumed our Wednesday morning group.

Some leave from Ryans Rd (near the quarry) from 8.15am, and travel along Cricks Rd picking up younger riders along the way at about 8.30am (opposite the chook farm or at the next corner). You will see us all cross the Coghills Creek Road, opposite the school, at about 8.45am.

All welcome – including toddlers, piggy backers and prams. Please let Liz, Anita or Catherine know so we can wait for you.

NEXT P&F Meeting—Tuesday 12th November 3.30pm in the Meeting Room (where assembly is held).

All Welcome!



Dates to remember...

TERM 4 Week 4	Mon 28th Oct	Somers Camp
		2020 Prep Transition Day– 9-11am
	Tue 29th Oct	Somers Camp
	Wed 30th Oct	Somers Camp
	Thu 31st Oct	
	Fri 1st Nov	
TERM 4 Week 5	Mon 4th Nov	
	Tues 5th Nov	
	Wed 6th Nov	
	Thu 7th Nov	
	Fri 8th Nov	Ballarat Show Day Public Holiday
TERM 4 Week 6	Mon 11th Nov	
	Tue 12th Nov	P&F Meeting 3.30pm
	Wed 13th Nov	
	Thu 14th Nov	
	Fri 15th Nov	Prep Transition 9-1pm
TERM 4 Week 7	Mon 18th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Tue 19th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Wed 20th Nov	P-2 Swimming
	Thu 21st Nov	P-2 Swimming School Council
	Fri 22nd Nov	P-2 Swimming
TERM 4 Week 8	Mon 25th Nov	
	Tues 26th Nov	
	Wed 27th Nov	
	Thu 28th Nov	
	Fri 29th Nov	Spring Fete Playgroup 9am (Last one for 2020)
TERM 4 Week 9	Mon 2nd Dec	Chess State Finals (Day 1)
	Tues 3rd Dec	Chess State Finals (Day 2)
	Wed 4th Dec	
	Thu 5th Dec	Prep/1 Sleepover
	Fri 6th Dec	
TERM 4 Week 10	Mon 9th Dec	
	Tues 10th Dec	2020 Prep Transition Day – 9-1pm Whole School Step Up Day 9-1pm (Students find out their 2020 teachers)
	Wed 11th Dec	
	Thu 12th Dec	End of Year Concert
	Fri 13th Dec	Grade 6 Day out and special lunch
TERM 4 Week 11	Mon 16th Dec	Blowhard's Got Talent
	Tue 17th Dec	
	Wed 18th Dec	Class Parties
	Thu 19th Dec	5/6 Bike Ride & BBQ lunch Reports Sent Home & Last Day for 2019!
	Fri 20th Dec	Pupil Free Day