It’s been tricky with the weather this week! We have had extreme heat and rain and unfortunately this has caused a number of events to be cancelled. This is how Melbourne weather works!

New Staff

I welcome Mrs. Pam Wright as our new Acting Assistant Principal. Pam has come from the Concord School where she was a leader of teams in the school. Mrs. Wright has been spending the week getting to know students, staff and parents.

Mrs. Wright is replacing Mrs. Droge who is on leave until the start of Term 3.

I will be taking some study leave at the start of Term 2. Last year I received a Study Award from the Victorian Principal’s Association and the grant from this award allows me to travel to the USA in April to study with Dr. George Otero and work with schools and communities in the state of New Mexico. A new Acting Principal will shortly be announced who will take over while I am away. I will return to school on Monday April 18th.

School Council

Next Monday March 21st is the first of the 2016 School Council. We welcome visitors to any of the meetings which will be held from 6:30-8:30 in the staffroom.

Fundraising events

Next week we have a number of fundraising events. One is the Easter Raffle which will be drawn next Tuesday at Assembly. We also have a Sausage Sizzle next Wednesday and don’t forget to collect your Easter Hot Cross Buns which will be delivered on Wednesday too (If you ordered them).

Early Finish

I would like to remind families that the last day of Term 1 is Thursday March 24th and we finish school at 1:15pm. After School Care will have extended time for care but parents must book with OSHCLUB.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and Happy Easter. Easter is a special time for many families (including myself) and I hope your celebrations are happy.

I also hope you have an enjoyable Term 1 break.

See you next term

Leon Bell

Principal

Follow on Twitter @twps4999

“Our doubts are traitors, and make us lose the good we oft might win, by fearing to attempt.”

William Shakespeare
It is not OK to be away…or to be late to school!

A reminder to everyone that Breakfast Club is continuing to run in 2016. Breakfast Club runs between 8am-8.30am in the Multi-purpose room where students are able to receive a FREE breakfast. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so make sure your children have always had breakfast before the come to school or send them to breakfast club!

Cup of Life

I would like to congratulate Room 17 on winning the Cup of Life for last week.

They are now in running for the end of term prize, which includes a free subway lunch and out of uniform day. The end of term winner will be announced next week!

Keep up the good work everyone and remind your friends and family the importance of attending school everyday.

Remember, Everyday counts…

Activities during the holidays

With the holidays fast approaching its important to consider what are your kids going to do during this time? If left to their own devices they will must likely end up watching HUGE amounts of TV and spent HUGE amounts of time on technology such as computer, PlayStation, Xbox, iPod etc.

There are lots of things kids can do over the school holidays that will be both enjoyable, relaxing and increase their health and wellbeing. Simple things like going to the park, catching up with family, attending Thomastown Recreation and Aquatic Centre (TRAC). Other activities can be spending time with family and friends, Going to the library and read some great books visiting a museum and/or exhibition of their interest. Teach your kids how to cook. Actually plan some family time where EVERYONE is there and complete games and activities together. Visit a Zoo or nature park or Go to the city or visit the beach. You don’t need to spend lots of money in order to have lots of fun.

The following are some local suggestions of things to do…

GYM Sports Epping- is an artistic Gymnastics and Gymnastics program for kids. Ther are great holidays programs to explore. For more info visit www.gymacademy.com.au.

YMCA- The YMCA provide holiday programs for kids. For more info visit www.victoria.ymca.org.au

For more ideas visit www.kidspot.com.au/thingstodo/vic-melbourne/school-holidays

On Behalf on the wellbeing team we wish you and your family a safe and happy holiday.

Take care, Tim Brown
Hi Everyone,

**Playgroup – FREE TO EVERYONE –**
**Thursdays, 10 am & Fridays at 9 am in the HUB at the school**
The children enjoy free play, story and music time. PLEASE COME ALONG WITH YOUR BABY OR TODDLER OR PRESCHOOL CHILD AND JOIN IN!

NO COST.

**PARENTING NEWS**

*By Raising Children Network*

I am often approached about a parent’s concern regarding their child’s behaviour. The school holidays are a great time to spend some quality time with your children **having fun** and to practise some of the tips I found on ‘Raising Children Network’.

Try these tips to encourage the behaviour you want in your child.

You can read this article in a selection of **languages other than English** on the ‘Raising Children Network’ website.

1. **Children do as you do.** Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You’re her role model, so use your own behaviour to guide her. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say ‘please’, say it yourself. If you don’t want your child to raise her voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

2. **Show your child how you feel.** Tell him honestly how his behaviour affects you. This will help him see his her own feelings in yours, like a mirror. This is called empathy. By the age of three, children can show real empathy. So you might say, ‘I’m getting upset because there is so much noise I can’t talk on the phone’. When you start the sentence with ‘I’, it gives your child the chance to see things from your perspective.

3. **Catch her being ‘good’.** This simply means that when your child is behaving in a way you like, you can give her some positive feedback. For example, ‘Wow, you are playing so nicely. I really like the way you are keeping all the blocks on the table’. This works better than waiting for the blocks to come crashing to the floor before you take notice and bark, ‘Hey, stop that’. This positive feedback is sometimes called **descriptive praise**. **Try to say six positive comments (praise and encouragement) for every negative comment (criticisms and reprimands).** The 6-1 ratio keeps things in balance. Remember that if children have a choice only between no attention or negative attention, they will seek out negative attention.

4. **Get down to your child’s level.** Kneeling or squatting down next to children is a very powerful tool for communicating positively with them. Getting close allows you to tune in to what they might be feeling or thinking. It also helps them focus on what you are saying or asking for. If you are close to your child and have his attention, there is no need to make him look at you.

5. **‘I hear you.’** Active listening is another tool for helping young children cope with their emotions. They tend to get frustrated a lot, especially if they can’t express themselves well enough verbally. When you **repeat back to them what you think they might be feeling**, it helps to relieve some of their tension. It also makes them
feel respected and comforted. It can diffuse many potential temper tantrums.

6. **Keep promises.** Stick to agreements. When you follow through on your promises, good or bad, your child learns to trust and respect you. So when you promise to go for a walk after she picks up her toys, make sure you have your walking shoes handy. When you say you will leave the library if she doesn’t stop running around, be prepared to leave straight away. No need to make a fuss about it – the more matter of fact, the better. This helps your child feel more secure, because it creates a consistent and predictable environment.

7. **Reduce temptation.** Your glasses look like so much fun to play with – it’s hard for children to remember not to touch. Reduce the chance for innocent but costly exploration by keeping that stuff out of sight.

8. **Choose your battles.** Before you get involved in anything your child is doing – especially to say ‘no’ or ‘stop’ – ask yourself if it really matters. By keeping instructions, requests and negative feedback to a minimum, you create less opportunity for conflict and bad feelings. **Rules** are important, but use them only when it’s really important.

9. **Whining: be strong.** Kids don’t want to be annoying. By giving in when they’re whinging for something, we train them to do it more – even if we don’t mean to. ‘No’ means ‘no’, not maybe, so don’t say it unless you mean it. If you say ‘no’ and then give in, children will be whine even more the next time, hoping to get lucky again.

10. **Keep it simple and positive.** If you can give clear instructions in simple terms, your child will know what is expected of him. (‘Please hold my hand when we cross the road.’) Stating things in a positive way gets their heads thinking in the right direction. For example, ‘Please shut the gate’ is better than ‘Don’t leave the gate open’.

11. **Responsibility and consequences.** As children get older, you can give them more responsibility for their own behaviour. You can also give them the chance to experience the natural consequences of that behaviour. You don’t have to be the bad guy all the time. For example, if your child forgot to put her lunch box in her bag, she will go hungry at lunch time. It is her hunger and her consequence. It won’t hurt her to go hungry just that one time. Sometimes, with the best intentions, we do so much for our children that we don’t allow them to learn for themselves. At other times you need to provide consequences for unacceptable or dangerous behaviour. For these times, it is best to ensure that you have explained the consequences and that your children have agreed to them in advance.

12. **Say it once and move on.** It is surprising how much your child is listening even though he might not have the social maturity to tell you. Nagging and criticising is boring for you and doesn’t work. Your child will just end up tuning you out and wonder why you get more upset. If you want to give him one last chance to cooperate, remind him of the consequences for not cooperating. Then start counting to three.

13. **Make your child feel important.** Children love it when they can contribute to the family. Start introducing some
simple chores or things that she can do to play her own important part in helping the household. This will make her feel important and she’ll take pride in helping out. If you can give your child lots of practice doing a chore, she will get better at it and will keep trying harder. Safe chores help children feel responsible, build their self-esteem and help you out too.

14. **Prepare for challenging situations.** There are times when looking after your child and doing things you need to do will be tricky. If you think about these challenging situations in advance, you can plan around your child’s needs. Give him a five-minute warning before you need him to change activities. Talk to him about why you need his cooperation. Then he is prepared for what you expect.

15. **Maintain a sense of humour.** Another way of diffusing tension and possible conflict is to use humour and fun. You can pretend to become the menacing tickle monster or make animal noises. But humour at your child’s expense won't help. Young children are easily hurt by parental ‘teasing’. Humour that has you both laughing is great.

**EASTER** – Easter is a special time with significant meaning for many of us. May you share in this special time with us.

*Robyn Mulholland (Student Wellbeing Team)*

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th><strong>DIARY DATES</strong></th>
<th></th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 22nd March</td>
<td>Easter Raffle drawn at assembly 2.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuesday 22nd March</td>
<td>Lalor District Athletics Carnival for Selected year 3-6 Students to be held at Meadowglen Athletics Track Mc Donalads Road Epping</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wednesday 23rd March</td>
<td>Special Easter sausage sizzle lunch. NO LUNCH ORDERS ON THIS DAY</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thursday 24th March</td>
<td>Last Day Term 1 school finishes at 1.15pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Monday 11th April</td>
<td>School commences for term 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Hello Parents and children.

The end of Term 1 is fast approaching and we are enjoying some wonderfully warm and fun filled days here at After Care.

The last day of Term 1 is Thursday 24th March and school will be finishing at 1.15. After Care will be open from 1.15pm to 6.15pm. Children are required to bring their own lunch, snack will be provided as normal.

The children have been enjoying many arts and crafts, cooking activities and various different ball games.

Connie will not be returning to her role as Co-Ordinator next term. Oshclub will begin looking for her replacement as soon as possible.

We look forward to a wonderful new team member in Term 2.

We thank Christina for covering Connie this term and wish her all the best as she returns to her program at another school.

Payment & Bookings

Oshclub’s preferred method of payment, bookings and cancellations is online and all queries can be made at www.oshclub.com.au

Should you have any concerns please feel free to speak to Christina, Carmen or contact Head Office.

Parent Information

OSHC program phone: 0407 372056
Coordinator: Christina Basile
Assistant: Carmen Bellofioire
OSHClub Head Office: 03 85649000

All families must be enrolled to attend the program, remember this is Free!! Please create an account online at www.oshclub.com.au all bookings and cancellations can also be managed via your online account.

For on the day bookings please contact the Coordinator direct at the program.

Regards,

TWPS OSHClub Staff

OSHCLUB VALUES: Safety, Fun, Integrity, Caring, Education and Accountability
Our program aims to provide quality childcare in a safe, fun and friendly environment. Our programs are designed with working families in mind, ensuring that they can continue in their work environment without concerns about the safety and care of their children.
@ Your Library School Holiday Program
MARCH/APRIL 2016

Build It
Friday 25 March – Sunday 10 April

Public library service to the Cities of Banyule and Whittlesea, and the Shire of Nillumbik

www.yprl.vic.gov.au
**BANYULE CITY COUNCIL**

**IVANHOE LIBRARY**
PHONE: 9497 5780
255 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

**Build a Paper Cubby**
Tuesday 29 March
2.00pm–3.00pm
Build a cubby house big enough to climb inside with origami bricks. For ages 9–12.

---

**Giant Marble Maze**
Thursday 31 March
2.00pm–3.00pm
Come along and build a giant marble run using recycled materials. Bring your friends and make a team so that when we finish you can have a giant marble race. For ages 7–11.

**Minecraft Challenge**
Thursday 7 April
3.30pm–5.00pm
Play Minecraft with your friends in our supervised computer room. For ages 9–11. Bookings required as limited spaces.

---

**ROSANNA LIBRARY**
PHONE: 9459 6171
72 Turnham Avenue, Rosanna

**LEGO Day**
Wednesday 30 March
2.00pm–3.00pm
Come in to the library with your imagination and build the craziest structures with our LEGO. Creations will be put on display in the library and featured on our Facebook page.

---

**Build 1.T.**
Monday 4 April
3.00pm–4.00pm
Jane and Jessica will guide you in an introduction to Scratch and Hopscotch coding programs on iPads and PCs. Bookings required as limited spaces. For ages 8+.

**Skewer Structures**
Tuesday 5 April
11.00am–12.00noon
Use skewers, clay and imagination to create your own structures. How high can you go?
ROSANNA LIBRARY CONTINUED...

Re-cycle, Re-invent, Re-build
Friday 8 April
11.00am–12.00noon
Join Suzi Startace as she teaches us about the
value of recycling and what we can re-invent from
our rubbish. We will be making jigsaw photo frames
perhaps an idea for Mother’s Day? – and creating a
spiky-haired Gruesy friend to take home.

Build It Storytime
Saturday 9 April
11.00am–12.00noon
Join Jane the Builder for an hour of stories and
crafts about building. What will you create?

WATSONIA LIBRARY
PHONE 9435 2397
4–6 Ibbottson Street, Watsonia

Bedtime Storytime
Cubby Time in your Pyjamas
Wednesday 30 March
6.30pm–7.30pm
Pre-school age children can
come in their pyjamas with
a favourite soft toy to enjoy
stories, songs and rhymes.
Please bring your favourite
blanket and we’ll build a cubby
house to read in.

LEGO Movie
Monday 4 April
2.00pm–3.30pm
Emmett, an ordinary LEGO figurine who always
follows the rules, is mistakenly identified as the Special. He
finds himself drafted into a fellowship of strangers
who are on a mission to stop an evil tyrant’s plans.
Animation. Rated PG.

Construction
Thursday 7 April
11.00am–12.00noon
Come and build your own architecture, cars, space
ships or anything inspired by your imagination. Spend
five minutes or one hour creating a take-home turkey
3D constructor.
NILLUMBIK SHIRE COUNCIL
DIAMOND VALLEY LIBRARY
PHONE: 9434 3809
Civic Drive, Greensborough

**Blocks, Blocks and More Blocks**
Wednesday 30 March
10.30am–11.30am
What are your favourite construction toys? Come along and build amazing creations with many different kinds of blocks, including LEGO, wooden and plastic blocks. Mix ‘n’ match and use your imagination. Photos of some of the creations will go on our Facebook page.

**Bricks 4 Kidz**
Friday 1 April
11.00am–12.00noon
Enjoy an awesome hour of crazy construction including motorised LEGO. All the model plans designed by engineers and architects, and created by Bricks 4 Kidz for your entertainment. Bricks 4 Kidz is a highly popular program offering a unique fun experience using LEGO.

**Crafty Cranium Construction**
Wednesday 6 April
10.30am–11.30am
Put your brain in creativity overdrive while you decide what to do with glue, tape, construction sticks, Q-sticks, spools, dolly pegs, blocks and jumbo sticks. Some creative creations will be posted on our Facebook page.

ELTHAM LIBRARY
PHONE: 9439 9266
Penile Place, Eltham

**Build it with PLANKS**
Tuesday 29 March
10.30am–12.30pm
Green Hat Workshop presents a dynamic, creative, open-ended building block activity. PLANKS building blocks combine art and engineering, can be used to build almost anything, and are fun for the whole family.

**Marshmallow Challenge**
Wednesday 30 March
2.30pm–3.30pm
Put your engineering skills to the test with this sweet challenge. Can your team construct the tallest building using new spaghetti and marshmallows?

**Pompom Catapults**
Thursday 31 March
2.00pm–3.00pm
Construct a catapult using pop sticks and see how far you can launch your pompom!

**Build a Story**
Tuesday 5 April
2.00pm–3.00pm
Build a story using your imagination and a few props. Listen to a story and then create one of your own.

**Friendship Bracelets**
Wednesday 6 April
2.30pm–3.30pm
Create a beautiful beaded friendship bracelet to give to someone special. You might even make a new friend on the day.
CITY OF WHITTLESEA

LALOR LIBRARY
PHONE: 9485 2353
2A May Road, Lalor

**Blockheads**
Wednesday 30 March
2.30pm - 3.30pm
Come along to all things LEGO and blocks today! Play and create with LEGO and Duplo blocks, make paper blocks to take home, even enjoy LEGO colouring and online activities.

**Box Art Bonanza**
Thursday 31 March
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Be creative with boxes, card, tubes, paper and lots of imagination. Perhaps build a robot, a dinosaur, a fairytale castle...what will you build?

**Build a Silly Story**
Monday 4 April
2.00pm - 3.00pm
Play games to win word bricks and use them to build a story. Pick the wrong word and it could be a very, very silly story.

**Book Dominos**
Friday 8 April
2.00pm - 3.00pm
Let's take books off the shelf and make a gigantic domino pattern, then watch the fun as they fall down. Play dominos and make your own to take home.

MILL PARK LIBRARY
PHONE 9437 8189
394 Plenty Road, Mill Park

**Tinker Tuesday**
Tuesday 29 March
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Learn about circuits, physics, chemistry and electrical energy with DIY science projects and Makey-Makey kits. Bookings required as limited spaces.

**Book Dominos Challenge**
Friday 1 April
1.00pm - 2.30pm
Let's take books off the shelf, join a team, and make gigantic domino patterns, then watch them fall. Be part of our dominos challenge video.

**Maker Monday**
Monday 4 April
2.00pm - 4.00pm
Learn about digital programming, play and build your own game on our iPads. Bookings required as limited spaces.

**Build your Own Mill Park Library**
Thursday 7 April
1.30pm - 2.30pm
Get creative and build your own mini Mill Park Library.

**LEGO Building and Movie Making**
Friday 8 April
1.00pm - 2.30pm
Learn the art of stop motion and make your own LEGO movie. Bookings required as limited spaces.
**THOMASTOWN LIBRARY**
PHONE: 9464 1864
52 Main Street, Thomastown

**Catapults and Marble Runs**
Wednesday 30 March
1.00pm–2.00pm
Come and have some fun making catapults and marble runs out of recycled materials and other wonders. Enter the challenge to see whose engineering skills are the most effective.

**LEGO Mayhem**
Thursday 31 March and April 7
3.30pm–4.30pm
Come and get creative with our selection of lego bricks and make your own lego creations.

**Electronic Assemblage**
Friday 1 April
2.00pm–3.00pm
Let your creativity fly with our electronics and other gadgets. Bookings required as limited space.

**Make your Own Building Blocks**
Saturday 2 April
11.00am–12.00pm
Decorate your own wooden blocks and make your own building components to take home.

**House and Town Construction**
Monday 4 April
3.00pm–4.00pm
We have the equipment, and you have the imagination. So come and design your own dream home or fantastical building.

**Chairs for Giants and Elves**
Wednesday 6 April
2.00pm–3.00pm
Join us for some construction fun as we make furniture for mythical creatures. Will it be small or preposterously large?

---

**WHITTLESEA LIBRARY**
PHONE: 9718 3028
Whittlesea Community Activity Centre
57–61 Laurel Street, Whittlesea

**Minecraft Monday**
Monday 4 April
4.00pm–5.00pm
Love Minecraft? Come into the library and build new worlds, meet new people and have a great time.

**LEGO Movie**
Wednesday 6 April
2.30pm–4.30pm
Come and watch all your favourite characters in the LEGO Movie. LEGO will also be available for you to build and create. The creations will be photographed and placed on our Facebook Page.

**Build, Create and Make**
Thursday 7 April
11.00am–12.00pm
Come and join in the crafty fun. Design, make and create your very own craft. Fun and crazy craft for all.
Build It

If you can imagine it, you can build it and the library has the materials to make it happen. Come along and join in the building bonanza.

Book online at ypnl.vic.gov.au

www.ypnl.vic.gov.au
Read with Me
Babies

Four week program
Make time to read, sing and play with your baby

10:30 am - 11:30 am
Tuesday 17 May – Tuesday 7 June
Epping Plaza Maternal and Child Health Centre
Shop 111, 571 – 583 High Street, Epping

Read with Me is a free four part program
for caregivers and their babies (under 12 months).

Reading to babies is so important! Find out how you can help them
to learn and grow with books. We will have lots of fun sharing
stories, songs, puppets, rhymes, bubbles and more.

For bookings or enquiries, email mavoer@yprl.vic.gov.au or
phone 0427 913 100

---

Read with Me
Pre-schoolers

Six week program
Make time to read, sing and play with your child

11:30 am – 12:30 pm
Thursday 21 April – Thursday 26 May
Thomastown West Community Hub
Thomastown West Primary School, 98-112 Main Street

Read with Me is a free six part program
for caregivers and their pre-schoolers (3 - 5 years).

Find out how you can help your child get ready to read
while we share stories, songs, puppets,
parachute games and lots more.

To reserve your place email mavoer@yprl.vic.gov.au or phone 0427 913 100