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Vasili’s Garden

We have arranged an excursion to Vasili’s Garden on Friday 21st June. This will complement our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program which will begin later this year. Below is a blurb from their website.

Vasili’s Garden offers you everything you need to know about creating a healthier and sustainable lifestyle for you, your friends and family. Bringing back the ways of life that people throughout the world have been living for hundreds of years, growing and preparing their own food for their family and friends. Its our passion to share the wealth of good gardening and good living knowledge, that has been handed on through generations of wonderful people, recognising the life stories of families and individuals who we hope will inspire you to take up and continue traditional ways of living and eating.

Permission forms and money should be returned by Monday 17th June. The cost is $25 with transport costs subsidised by school Council. Additional permission forms are on our website.

Working with Children Checks

Legislation now requires that all parent volunteers in schools require a ‘Working with Children Check’ (WWC). A volunteer school worker is a person who without payment or reward voluntarily engages in:

- school council function
- a request of the principal or school council
- school work
- attending state or regional meetings.

School Councillors, classroom helpers and anyone who volunteers to help in any capacity in the school will be required have a WWC. The school will be enforcing compulsory WWC’s at the beginning of next term.

A volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a WWC. The forms are available from Janine and must be lodged at Australia Post.

We will travelling to Camp Sunnystones in Bacchus Marsh next Wednesday 12th June to Friday 14th June. We will be attending with students from Clarkefield and Darrawiet Guim Primary Schools. We will be departing at 9.00 am students should arrive between 8.30 & 8.45 am. We will return back to school between 2.30 & 3.00 pm Friday. Students will need to bring play lunch and lunch on the first day.

The cost is $175. The final payment of $155 should be made by Thursday 6th June.
We are once again collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program, it would be nice if we could get enough stickers to obtain some nice things for the school. Last year we were able to get the blow up planets now hanging in the junior room and the USB microscope.

The program closed last Sunday, could all stickers even if they aren’t on a sheet be returned asap.

Our annual trivia night will be held at ‘Seasons’ in Riddells Creek on Saturday 27th July. Mark in in your diary. It was a sell out last year so make sure you get in early. We will begin to take bookings in a couple of weeks.

Student progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday 26th June. Parent teacher interviews will be conducted after school on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 30th July. Note the change of date for the second day of interviews. If neither of these dates are suitable, see your child’s teacher to make alternative arrangements.

On the last day of term one we had the Walkathon and dress up day. After the parade in the senior classroom the remote for electronic whiteboard went missing. We assumed it was misplaced and would turn up. Unfortunately, in spite of several thorough searches it has not been found. We are wondering if it was picked up by a young child or may have been knocked off a table into a bag. If you have an Epson remote control and don’t know where it came from, it is probably ours. It is very expensive to replace.

We would like to get some vegetables growing in our vegie garden.

We would like families to adopt a garden bed, plant and look after the bed. It would be great if every family could get involved. There are 10 beds and 18 families so we could even double up and have two families looking after a bed.

As we move closer to implementing the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, we will require support from parents. I have received feedback that we attempt a Tuesday night working bee. So dig in on 18th June after school to weed, top up the beds and start planting. Families will be able to tend to their beds at anytime they wish.

Bolinda Primary School has recently joined the ‘Kids Matter’ program. Schools are more likely to achieve goals related to learning and academic success when students’ mental health and wellbeing is prioritised and addressed with the same enthusiasm as numeracy and literacy. Schools that promote mental health are also more likely to engage more productively with their community, reduce student behavioural issues and achieve higher levels of staff satisfaction.

Kids Matter Primary is a flexible whole-school approach to children’s mental health and wellbeing for primary schools. It works both on its own and as an umbrella under which a school’s existing programs can comfortably fit. Kids Matter Primary Schools provides the proven methods, tools, and support to help schools, parents and carers, health services and the wider community nurture happy, balanced kids.

Staff are currently engaged in training with this program with further training in July. The program will be gradually rolled out beginning in August.

We need to form an action team to implement the program. It should contain at least one parent.

There is a day of training including parents with our staff in Bendigo on Thursday 25th July. See Janine if you would like to volunteer or require more information.

You can also visit the website http://www.kidsmatter.edu.au/primary

Parents are reminded that copies of the newsletter including back copies and excusion/camp forms are on our website.

Off to camp we go!