Principal's Desk

End of Year

It’s that crazy time of year again. Everybody is so busy at work, there seems to be a multitude of functions or events on that we all have to attend after work, and yet we are still expected to find the time to shop and prepare for Christmas. Even though we whinge and carry on about how frantic it is, we really wouldn’t want it any other way!

It is hard to believe that there are only 3 days left until the school year ends for 2016 and that we will be farewelling the Year 6 students, their families and other families leaving the school for a variety of reasons.

This cohort of Year 6 students have been a fantastic group and we will be sorry to see them go. We wish them the very best wishes for secondary school and beyond.

It is always sad to say goodbye to families who have been an important part of the Bonbeach community. Thank you for your contributions to our school and good luck for the future wherever that may be.

Farewell

Farewell and thank you to Mrs. Isaacs and Ms. Parton for their valuable contributions to our school this year. Mrs. Isaacs kindly stepped in to replace Mrs. Wicks who left on sick leave. It’s not really farewell as I am sure we will see Mrs. Isaacs again next year here and there. Ms. Parton is leaving to teach in Japan next year. Both staff members will be missed as they have been such great team members and contributed so much this year.

A few reminders

Monday night 19th December is our concert night. The concert will start at 6:30pm but we ask that students and families are here at 6pm. We are excited about the night because we are returning to the traditional Bonbeach concert night with picnic dinner (BYO) and performing on the outdoor stage.

The last day of term is Tuesday 20th December. School will have a final assembly at 1:10pm and dismiss at 1:30pm.

The first day back next year for Year 1-6 students is Tuesday 31st January starting at 9am. The first day for the new Preps is Thursday 2nd February starting at 10am. Book list pick up is Monday 30th January between 9am and 1pm.

Scholastic Book Club

A huge thank you to Jenny Thompson and Emma Torresan for organising the Scholastic Book Club for the last few years. Due to other commitments, they are not able to continue coordinating this program. This has been a source of literary delight for many of our students and we desperately need a volunteer or a pair of volunteers to run it next year. If you are able to volunteer to coordinate this very worthwhile program, could you please contact the office.
Thank Yous
No. I haven’t been to the Jeff Fenech English School. There are so many different thank yous to so many different volunteers who play such a vital role in making our school such a great school. We are very fortunate that the Bonbeach community want to be involved in their school. Rather than risk missing anyone with individual thank yous, I WOULD LIKE TO COLLECTIVELY THANK EVERYONE WHO HAS VOLUNTEERED AND HELPED THE SCHOOL THIS YEAR. We couldn’t do it without your assistance.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! Hope you all have a safe and happy holiday!

Ken Jones
Principal
Buildings and Grounds 2017 Levy Exemption

At Bonbeach PS, we greatly value our volunteers. You are an integral part of ensuring that the school can provide extra resources and time with students.

The following families have met the requirements and are eligible for a reduction in fees in 2017.

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Occupational Health and Safety Induction for Volunteers

As of the 1st of January 2017, all volunteers must have an Occupational Health and Safety induction (as well as a current ‘Working With Children Check’). To help speed up this process, you can read the required information on the Bonbeach PS website at [http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/209/OHS](http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/209/OHS). You then need to provide a signed copy of the ‘Volunteer Worker OHS induction Checklist’ and, the ‘Code of Conduct for Staff, Volunteers and School Council Members’, which are separate documents on the above webpage. This information will be valid for 12 months. If you have any queries about this, please contact the Office.

Working With Children Check

As of the 1st January 2017, all volunteers who participate in school ‘work’ eg changing readers, working bees, school council members, athletics day, excursions, canteen duty etc, MUST have a ‘Working With Children Check’. This is a part of the new Child Safe standards and is mandated through law (Ministerial Order 870).

At the School Council meeting on the 13th September, the ‘Working With Children Checks Policy’ was endorsed. This has been placed on the school website, as well as an accompanying flowchart. To apply for a Working With Children Check, go to [http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/](http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/). The Department of Justice advises that it can take approximately 3 weeks for the check to be completed, and a further 2 weeks for your card to arrive. As this check is for voluntary work, there is currently no fee. Working With Children Checks are valid for 5 years.

School Shoes

Just a reminder that as you make your way to the post-Christmas sales, the required colour of all footwear for students at Bonbeach PS from the beginning of Term 1 is all black. Footwear can be runners or leather (including lace ups and buckles). If you choose to purchase leather shoes for your child, runners can be brought to school for PE classes.
Anaphylaxis, Asthma and Allergy updates

Many families have received a letter asking for an update of information regarding their child and his or her asthma. This is important information, and can potentially help us prevent a manageable ‘episode’ from becoming life threatening. For some of you, your child may only suffer from ‘episodic’ asthma ie when having hay fever or with a cold. It is vitally important that this information is conveyed to us, and an Action Plan is completed. If you did not receive a request for updated information, and there has been a change to your child’s asthma and management, please download an Asthma Action Plan at [http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/177/Forms](http://bonbeachps.vic.edu.au/page/177/Forms), complete and forward to school. The Anaphylaxis and Allergy forms have also been placed on the school website at the above address for you to complete and return to school, if these apply to you.

If your child no longer suffers from asthma, please provide a letter from your child’s doctor stating this. This will enable us to update our records.

Thank you.

Patrick Walsh
Assistant Principal
Dear Parents,

The last weeks of school are upon us.

From all the staff at Camp Australia, I would like to say that it has been our pleasure caring for your children and getting to know all the families.

It has been a very busy year and we hope that all of you enjoy your break over the Christmas Holidays.

Please remember for all new parents enrolling their children for 2017. If your child has an allergy, asthma or any other medical condition, you will need to pick up medical forms from Camp Australia staff. These will need to be filled in by your physician before you start care.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the graduates congratulations! This is a new chapter in your lives and I know that you will all succeed. Best of Luck!

For all of the children from Camp Australia that will be moving and starting at a new school. We wish you all the best and we know that you will make new friends but remember that you will always have your old friends.

BYE JANET

Janet Giri has been my assistant during morning care for all of 2016. Janet is also a coordinator at her own centre in the afternoons. Her school is trialling a morning care program which Janet will now be responsible for. Janet has been a great assistant for me and the children have enjoyed having her in care. Please stop by to wish Janet well in her new role.

YOU WILL BE MISSED!

Don’t forget Holiday Program

Program Details
To find your closest Holiday Club location and to book, visit www.campaustralia.com.au/holidayclubs

On behalf of the staff at Camp Australia, we would like to wish all of our families a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A SAFE AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
We look forward to seeing you all in 2017.

Thank you,
Sheila Whyte – Coordinator OSHC
Bonbeach Primary School would like to present...

**Carols on the Lawn!**

19th December 2016

Please bring along a picnic dinner, rugs and chairs and join us on the lawn in front of the outdoor stage at 6pm. Students will be called to their class area at 6:30 to begin our carols. Each class will perform an item they have been practising for this special event. Our school raffle will also be drawn at the end of the carols.
2017 CSEF Applications are available from the Office or www.bonbeachps.vic.edu.au. Please complete the application and present with Health Care Card which must be valid for the 30th January 2017.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY

Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION

For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef
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Dogs at school.

Dogs are not allowed on school premises between the hours of 8:45am and 3:45pm. Even if you know your dog is placid and wouldn’t hurt anyone, some children are scared or uncomfortable around dogs. If you do bring your dog to school for pick up or drop off, please tie them to the fence outside.
Children with a Difference
Parent Support Group

Who are we for?
Our group has been created to support parents of children with a difference. You may be concerned about your child’s development, they may have a diagnosed medical or psychological condition. Well our group is for you.

What do we do?
We meet fortnightly to talk about our concerns, joys, support available, share resources, funding and much more.

Meeting dates and times (at Chelsea Longbeach Hotel)
Friday 4th November 10am
Wed 16th November 10am (Moira will be attending to talk about their services)
Friday 2nd December 10am
Wed 14th December 10am

Everyone who has a concern about their child is welcome 😊
Contact: Anita – anitamckenzie@rocketmail.com or mobile: 0400 177 353

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