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**Anxiety in Children**

**What Can You Do?**

Monday 3rd June 2013  
9am – 11am in the Library

Parents are welcome to attend a presentation by a psychologist from onPsych about anxiety in children, recognizing the signs and suggested strategies to manage this behaviour.

**All parents & grandparents are welcome**

Please RSVP to Jody in the Office no later than Thursday 30th May.
Thought for the week: Character consists of what you do on the third and fourth tries. - James A Michener.

Whole school SHOWCASE of talent. This exciting event is happening on Thursday September 12th at the Discovery Church (previously Careforce) so circle this date in your diary. More information will follow shortly.

As a parent, you are never powerless.

We are excited to offer the services of onPsych to our community. Identifying a difficulty in a child can be a stressful and distressing time for parents. onPsych staff are just like teachers. They endeavour to work with a collaborative approach to achieve the quickest result possible by working with the school, the child and parents. Their aim is to provide life skills that can help the child use appropriate coping and problem solving skills not only in the current situation but also in future situations to assist with their schooling and ongoing development.

As an example, with a child struggling in maths, the teacher provides time and opportunities to develop and work on their skills. Similar to this, with a child struggling with managing their emotions, onPsych psychologists will teach your student strategies to develop their skills. Furthermore, they provide both the school and the parent with the necessary skills to teach the child how to best manage difficult or fearful situations and to continue this growth strategy for optimal emotional wellbeing. For further information please click here for the Starter Kit for Parents and find out about the onPsych service to allow you to consider whether this is the right service for your child.

Life isn't a matter of milestones but of memories – Rose Kennedy

With our TV working in the foyer just opposite the office we can see the many memories we have created in our school. At present you can see images of our students, last week’s Disco, the cross country run, Prep – 2 Athletics, the Year Ones enjoying Investigations, Year 2 students building with Lego, the Preps visiting Monbulk, the Year 5/6 students who went to 20/20 Vision and World Environment Day.

We hope to feature today’s Cross Country run and visit by parents, grandparents and friends and many other activities by early next week. If you can take the time to have a look and provide some feedback we would appreciate it.

Have a great weekend with your children as they grow up quickly.

Deb

Herrmann.debra.a@edumail.vic.gov.au

Is your child a book worm and loves to read?"

A couple of mums and I are starting a book club which is open for any Grade 3 or 4’s who are keen. We will meet once a month and the children will swap their favourite books and get an opportunity to talk about them if they wish, in an informal environment. This will be after school one evening say between 6pm -7.30pm, once a month.” please contact sally@tractorgroup.com for more information or to join up.

Only open to a maximum of ten children and is free of charge!... Hoping to hear from you...Sally Whitford

Do You Own Something Precious?

This week it has been sad to see some very disappointed faces at school. They belong to children have brought precious possessions to school only to find they end up being lost or damaged. Please remember that a busy school is not the best place for your special things and we ask that, although we understand that you would like to show others, you keep all special belongings at home where they are safe.
Japanese on iPad

Students studying Japanese now have iPads included in their resources. They are loaded with applications that enable children to use Japanese characters, practice their handwriting and enjoy cultural exploration. Ask your child how they use an iPad in Japanese.
Let us turn YOUR rubbish into creative & exciting ART works!

Our Art Room needs:

- washed 2 litre milk bottles (with or without lids)
- plastic soft drink bottles (any size)
- old scratched DVDs and compact discs
- washed food cans any size
- aluminium drink cans (rinsed out please 😊)
- plastic lids, any size & colour! (We have quite the collection of lids thanks to many enthusiastic contributors, but we still need more!)
- old mirrors (small or large for garden installations)
- old wooden picture frames (any size)
- old pieces of plywood

Thank you for your support everyone! We look forward to receiving your donations and using them to create some terrific work.

Karen Robinson - Art Teacher

Anglicare Victoria provides support to 70,000 children, young people and families every year. Through a range of services, we work towards strengthening families and communities so they can protect and nurture the children within them. We alleviate immediate hardship through services like emergency food and crisis accommodation, and build capacity for sustainable living through programs like foster care, financial counselling, parent education and group work.

**We change lives.**

Anglicare provides many valuable free parenting resources for families and also offers courses on many interesting subjects. The latest ‘Parent Zone’ newsletter containing all of this information can be viewed by following the link above.

Parent / Teacher Interviews

Parent / Teacher Interviews are being held on **Monday 24th June.** Once again we will be using the PTO online booking system. More details will be available soon and a link to the PTO site will be available from the school website.

Please note that if you do not have internet access, we can book an interview on your behalf.

Feedback last year was overwhelmingly positive as this system is quick and simple to use – no more waiting for a slip from your child’s teacher to find out if you have been given your preferred timeslot.
School Start Time

To enable teachers to begin their learning time at 9am, we ask that students are in their classroom from 8.50am wherever possible. This allows students to organise themselves and be ready for effective learning at 9am.

Without this settling-in period, valuable learning time is taken up and we can’t take advantage of the full teaching block.

You may have noticed that we also minimise disruptions from phone calls and PA announcements during the two learning blocks prior to lunchtime to maximise the effectiveness of this time.

Students that arrive at school after 9am will be marked as ‘late arrivals’ and require a parent to sign them in at the Office and provide the class teacher with the white slip.

If you need to drop your child at school early, please remember that we offer a fantastic before school care program which costs $12 including breakfast or $6 without (before deducting any Child Care Benefit).

Hope City Mission

Hope City Mission Food Bank provides those in need with both temporary and on-going support through food hampers, hygiene products, bread, fresh fruit & vegetables.

Assistance is given to those who hold a current concession card or are in financial hardship and are residents of the City of Maroondah, Knox or the Shire of Yarra Ranges.

If you are in need of this service please contact us to arrange an appointment where we will assess your needs and discuss how we are best able to assist.

Food Bank appointments are available Wednesdays 9.30am – 3pm and evenings from 7pm – 9.30pm and also Thursdays 9.30am – 2pm.

Please call 9761 6778 during business hours to make an appointment.

Hope City Mission, 51 Lusher Road Croydon 3136

www.hopecitymission.net.au

Autumn Artwork

Recently, Gypsy in Prep B was not really well enough to come to school.

While she was resting at home, she spent some time creating a beautiful collage combing drawing, real autumn leaves and glitter.

When she was well again, Gypsy brought her beautiful artwork to school to show Lesley and her friends.

I thought it would be great if everyone could see what a wonderful job Gypsy had done.

There are certainly many talented children at our school!
Your School... Your Community

As we updated earlier, there is a new sub-committee of the School Council. The new Community Sub-Committee is here to be a voice for community building in the school and we are already busy with a number of new projects!

We are collectively working to build stronger links across teachers, students, parents the Early Learning Centre and the broader community.

A key part of our work is to listen and hear from you. To do this we have initiated a Feedback Box in the school foyer and we have a new dedicated email address.

So, you can provide your feedback by either email or note form...

- By email: community@thepatchps.vic.edu.au
- In a note and pop it in the Feedback Box in foyer at school

Some of the projects we are actively working on are consistent communications across all stages from the Early Learning Centre through all grades, issuing the parent survey, planning a whole of site (Early Learning Centre and School) Working Bee and Get Together, discussing another Business Directory and lots more!

As the Convenor of the Sub-Committee, I would welcome your input or suggestions at any time. Thank you to everyone involved and if you feel like you can get involved or have an idea, please get in touch.

Stay tuned and see you soon!

Matt Clear
(Father of Maya, Niamh and Dash)
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BRING CULTURAL EXCHANGE INTO YOUR HOME!

STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Aussie families come from all walks of life and all cultural backgrounds, that's what makes up our country. Our volunteer host families provide room & board and treat their host son or daughter as a member of their own family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. What a great way for your children to learn about another country!

CONTACT US TODAY TO START YOUR ADVENTURE IN STUDENT EXCHANGE!
1800263964 (charge free), 0401741754 (mobile)
Email: stsf@people.net.au
Web: sts-education.com/australia
Weed Blitz

Free Environmental
Weed Tipping Day

Skips will be available at
Kallista Community House, Church St, Kallista

Saturday 15th June
2013 9am - 3pm

- Agapanthus
- Arum Lily
- Asparagus Fern
- Banana Passionfruit
- Cotoneaster
- English Holly
- English Ivy
- Japanese Honeysuckle
- Karamu
- Mirror bush
- Montbretia
- Red Cestrum
- Sweet Pittosporum
- Wandering Trad
- Wild Tobacco Tree

When removing weeds please be aware of the potential that native animals may be sheltering in them. Always check woody weeds for nests before removing and where possible replace a weed with an indigenous native plant. Nest boxes are easy to make, inexpensive to buy and a great way of providing homes for native animals.

Win a Nest Box
3 to give away

We Cannot accept Noxious Weeds due to legal limitations on transportation www.dpi.vic.gov.au

For information on weed removal techniques call 9294 6822 or http://www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au

Event sponsored by the Urban Fringe Weed Management Initiative
BAILIANG EAST PRIMARY SCHOOL
TO CELEBRATE 100 YEARS!

1913 — 2013

Calling all past teachers, students and parents! Please come and join us in celebrating our 100th Birthday on Saturday Nov 16th 2013.

Some activities on the day will include a tour of the school, a dinner, a celebration cake, roll calls, a time capsule and opening of the Centenary Garden.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!
We are seeking all photos and memorabilia to include in a commemorative book which will be available for purchase and displayed on the day. In addition, if you know of anyone who can help with our search, please inform them of our upcoming event.

Please contact the school to register your details for an invitation:

Phone: 03 5369-5148 or email us at balliang.east.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Volunteers Wanted!

FIRST AID TRAINING FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS (TPOT)

Who is running the project?
The Population Mental Health Group at The University of Melbourne.

Who can take part?
Parents with teenagers aged between 12-15 years within Victoria (one parent and one teenager per family).

What are the aims?
The project aims to teach parents the skills to assist a teenager, in the event that they develop a mental health problem or a physical injury and to evaluate the training offered.

We are interested to see if the skills taught to parents are used on adolescents and whether this has a long-term health benefit for adolescents.

What types of courses are offered?
The study offers a FREE 2-day course to parents, in either Youth Mental Health First Aid or an accredited Red Cross Apply First Aid course.

During online registration at www.tpot.net.au, parents will need to select both courses but a computer will randomly place them into one course or the other.

What's in it for me?
Parents receive their training course, the accompanying training materials and a certificate of completion for free.

Note: To be eligible, you must not have undertaken training in the previous three years in Mental Health First Aid (MHFA), Youth MHFA or physical first aid.

Visit www.tpot.net.au to watch a YouTube clip about the study!

FREE 2 DAY COURSES

- a 14-hour Youth Mental Health First Aid which teaches adults the skills to recognise the early signs of mental illness, identify potential mental health-related crises, and assist teenagers to get professional help.

- a 15-hour (HLTFA301B) Australian Red Cross Physical First Aid which teaches the skills to sustain life, reduce pain and minimise the consequences of injury and illness until professional help arrives.

Both of these courses will be held over two Saturdays from 9am till 5pm on

24-25 July 2013
Monbulk College, 146-148 David Hill Road, Monbulk

Register at tpot.net.au
by Friday 12 July 2013

Telephone interview prior to training
Before parents can attend their allocated training course, they and their teenager will be required to undertake an individual 20 to 30 minute telephone survey, which will ask about knowledge and attitudes about health problems.

Questions?
Please contact Julie Fischer, Trial Manager TPOT, Population Mental Health Group, The University of Melbourne, email: jfischer@unimelb.edu.au, tel: 9035 6770 or mobile: 0401 772 648

This study has been approved by The University of Melbourne’s Behavioural and Social Sciences Human Ethics Sub-Committee ID: 1135679

For more info & to register:
www.tpot.net.au
**POSITION AVAILABLE**
Before and After School Care Assistant/Co-Ordinator and casual staff positions at The Patch Primary School OSHC. Working with Children Check essential. Minimum Qualification Cert 3 Child Care or enrolled in. Contact Sheila 97567463.

‘Making it Possible’ Parent Workshop in Upwey for Parents of Children with a Disability

**Date:** Wednesday 13th November 2013  **Time:** 9.30am – 2.45pm
**Venue:** Upwey Community Hall  1443 Burwood Hwy, Upwey 3158
**Cost:** $20 per person – members*  $40 per person – non-members
Morning tea & light lunch included
Check out the flyer here:

Places are limited so be quick to book at: Places are limited so be quick to book at:
http://trybooking.com/45838 or phone the office on 9818 2000.

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(I am a Mum at the Patch School and work in the Uniform Shop Wednesdays at 2.30 pm – why not pop in for a chat).

In Schools Music
Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, French horn, Trombone, Tuba, Drums, Percussion, and Bass Guitar.
**New students.** Enrolments to Andrew McAlister on 0408467147 or email ismusic@bigpond.com

Music Tuition with Chris Walker  Lessons in piano, guitar and bass guitar during school hours and after.Phone 9756 7515, 0407 049 012 or email chrisjw@netspace.net.au.

Come and join The Voice Maker School of Singing!
Students are now having Singing Lessons at School in school time by a Professional Vocal Coach! For all children that love singing and want to develop confidence within themselves the fun way! They will also perform in live shows!**Semi private lessons $15-2 students half hour.
**Private lessons $30 for half hour. Call Jennie on 0410 543 946 or email joey24@optusnet.com.au

Spanish For all Ages
A playful and creative introduction to a second Language this program offers lots of opportunities for developing an interest in Spanish and its Culture. Preps to Grade 6’s are welcome, small groups only. Mondays from 4:15 to 5pm in the Uniform Room. Forms at the office or contact Pilar on 0427881572 HASTA LUEGO !