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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

GYMNASIUM REFURBISHMENT
The refurbishment process has commenced on the Gymnasium and I am very much looking forward to that work progressing apace as the year draws to a close. Keep an eye out as you drive into the College – things should look very different when the project is completed in Term 1 next year.

UNIFORM TRANSITION
Parents and students would remember that over the last few years a great deal of time and effort has been dedicated to refining our student uniform. The key changes have been those that relate to the new PE uniform and the girls summer dress.

Parents should note that the transition period for the wearing of these new items of uniform concludes at the end of 2014. In 2015, students will only be allowed to wear the new items of uniform.
**IMPORTANT DATES**

**Wednesday 30 October – Thursday 21 November**
VCAA Written Examinations

**Monday 11 November**
Year 7, 8 and 9 Dimensions ORBIT Incursion, P3
Year 11 Examinations

**Tuesday 12 November**
Last day Year 10 classes
Year 11 Examinations
2013 Thailand Service Project
Final Information Session, Carolyn Stone Centre, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 13 November**
Year 10 and 11 Examinations

**Thursday 14 November**
Year 10 Examinations
Year 12, 2014 Leadership Training – Day 2
Year 7 and 8 Revue, 7.30pm

**Friday 15 November**
Year 11, 2014 Transition Day
JLC Outdoor Evening/Sleepover
Year 7 and 8 Revue, 7.30pm

**EXIT WEEK**
**Monday 18 November – Friday 22 November**
Horse Riding, Strathmerton
Coastal Bushwalking, Wilsons Prom
Music Tour, Venus Bay Gippsland
Surf/Walk Camp, Wilsons Prom

**Tuesday 19 November**
School at Work Tour, 10.30am

**Wednesday 20 November**
YEPA, 7.30pm

**Thursday 21 November**
Dimensions Robotic Incursion
Year 7, 2014 Homegroup Evening, 7.30pm

**Friday 22 November**
Years 7-10 Touch Rugby Gala Day, Luther College, 8.00am-3.15pm
Year 9 Da Vinci Decathlon incursion
Valedictory Dinner, Etihad Stadium Docklands, 7.30pm

**Monday 25 November**
Report Writing Day (student free)
Year 7, 2014 Orientation Day and Parent Morning Tea, 9.00am
Year 9 Social, 7.00pm

**Tuesday 26 November – Friday 6 December**

**2013 Term Dates**

**Term 4**
Monday 7 October – Friday 6 December

**Tuesday 26 November**
Year 12, 2014 Transition Day
Year 9 Yarra Ranges Youth Services Free Activity
(Zumba and Sumo Suits)
Bridge Project Launch, The Alan Ross Centre, 7.30pm

**Wednesday 27 November**
Year 12, 2014 Transition Day

**Thursday 28 November**
Year 12, 2014 Transition Day
Primary School Presentation Evening, 7.00pm

**Friday 29 November – Thursday 12 December**
Thailand Service Project

**Friday 29 November – Wednesday 18 December**
North America Sport and Snow Tour

**Friday 29 November**
Year 7 Celebration Assembly, P4
Year 8 Assembly, P2
Year 8 Crossing of the Bridge, P3
Year 9 Final Assembly, P4
Year 10, 2014 Transition, P2 and P3

**Monday 2 December – Thursday 5 December**
Year 9 Politics Program

**Monday 2 December**
Middle School Billy Cart Derby, 10.30am
ELP4K Christmas Concert, 6.30pm

**Tuesday 3 December**
ELP3S Christmas Party, 2.00pm
Christmas Carols, 5.30pm

**Wednesday 4 December**
ELP4S Christmas Concert, 6.30pm

**Wednesday 4 December**
ELP4S Christmas Concert, 6.30pm

**Thursday 5 December**
Year 7 Curriculum Activities
Year 8 Medieval Activities
Year 6 Graduation Dinner, 6.30pm

**Friday 6 December**
Giving Service, P1
Year 9 Presentation Afternoon, 1.30pm

**End of Term 4**

**To report a student absence**

Phone
Primary School
9724 4226
Middle School
9724 4225
Senior School
9724 4224
CAFÉ BILL
Café Bill has switched to the Summer menu for Term 4. Please make sure you are using the correct menu when writing lunch orders.

Click here to download the Summer menu!

Uniform Store
TERM 4
Monday 8.00am - 2.00pm
Thursday 12.00pm - 4.00pm

SPECIAL HOURS
Wednesday 20 November (Senior School New Student Morning)
8.00am - 1.00pm
Monday 25 November (Year 7 Orientation)
8.00am - 4.00pm

2014 HOURS
Thursday 16 January 10am-4pm
Saturday 18 January 10am-3pm
Monday 20 January 10am-3pm
Tuesday 21 January 3pm-7pm
Wednesday 22 January 8am-12pm
Thursday 23 January 8am-4pm
Tuesday 28 January 8am-4pm
Wednesday 29 January 8am-4pm
Thursday 30 January 8am-4pm
Monday 3 January
Return to normal hours of:
Mondays 8am-2pm and Thursdays 12pm-4pm

Donations
The Technology Department would appreciate donations of hardwood timber (eg floorboard off cuts) or other materials or tools that could be suitable for student use.

For further enquiries please contact Wayne Young or Greg Hill.

School Fees Invoice 2014
Important dates to remember are:
• 2014 First Monthly instalments are due on 26 November 2013

Further details regarding Fees, Terms & Conditions and Frequently asked Questions are located on Billanook Connect by selecting the “Pay Fees Now” icon.

New online payment option
Our online payment option is now live. Families can now pay Fees online via Billanook Connect. This offers families a flexible and convenient Fee payment method.

By selecting the “Pay Fees Now” icon Families will be directed to the Accounts & Fees page where account balances can be viewed and payment made online.

This icon is now located on the front page of Billanook Connect - just click through to pay your fees online.

Click here to visit Billanook Connect!
CRESCENDO MEDICI AWARDS 2013

2013 Crescendo Medici Award Winners - for Excellence in Art and Technology

Scott Barnard - Engineering

Parn Kongkheau - Drawing and Visual Communication and Design

Mind Tantibhaedhyangkul - Painting

Angela Socha - Sculpture

Georgia Berry - Mixed Media

Yasmin Junkaris - Food Technology

Ellie Filkin - Textiles

Halen Boyd - Programming

Cooper Bird - Electronics

Emma Craighead - Photography

Caterina Molluso - Printmaking

Alexander Kennedy - Film
CRESCENDO 2013 OPENING NIGHT

Matt Peck’s Award Winning Clock

A great turnout!

Enjoying the exhibition

Principal, Mr Roger Oates with Guest speaker and local Artist, David Lloyd

A birds eye view

Celebrating achievement

A wonderful visual delight
FRIENDS OF BILLANOOK 2ND HAND BOOK SALE

2nd Hand Book Sale

The Friends of Billanook (FOB) will host a Second Hand Book Sale for Year 7-12 texts on Wednesday 20 November 2013 from 1.00pm -1.30pm in the Middle School Centrespace and 7.00pm – 8.00pm in the Year 12 Centrespace.

This sale will be operated differently from last year’s, so both SELLERS and BUYERS must read instructions carefully!

A list of text books and items that are recyclable for 2014 (together with the expected second-hand selling price) is attached. There are some items listed that were not texts for 2013, but are novels and DVDs that are commonly owned. The items on the attached list are the only ones permitted for sale.

FOB has organised the date of this sale so that most sellers should be finished with their books for 2013, and buyers can do their second-hand shopping before the final order date set by Campion (27 November). If you have already placed an order, text books ordered from Campion can be returned for a full refund until 15 February 2014, or two weeks after the purchase date (whichever is the later). You can also return text books at time of collection.

If you have any questions or issues, please do not hesitate to contact FOB Treasurer Carolyn Murphy on 0467 843 135 or email bookswap@billanook.vic.edu.au

INSTRUCTIONS FOR BUYING

• To buy a second hand book, first check the attached list for possible available books—only the books on this list will be available for your purchase. It is the buyer’s responsibility to ensure they are purchasing the correct books for their student for 2014. No returns will be given.

• Once you have determined the relevant books, you need to email FOB with your student’s FULL name, Homeroom, best phone number, intended book pick up time (either 1pm or 7pm Nov 20) and your list of desired books to:

  bookswap@billanook.vic.edu.au

Orders will be taken via email between 9am Monday, November 11 and 5pm Friday November 15.

• Orders will be prioritized in the order in which the email is received, however FOB cannot guarantee the completion of any order. FOB will ensure that the quality of the book is generally uniform, but if you have a preference of quality, please state this (i.e., “prefer NO notes in the novel”, “must have all accompanying CD ROMS” or “don’t mind notes in the margin”). The buyer will be able to assess the standard of the books when picking them up, and are not obliged to buy them if dissatisfied.

• All buyers will be emailed by 5pm on Tuesday, November 18, informing them what items you are able to purchase, and how much your total purchase price will be. Items can be collected on Wednesday, Nov 20 at 1-1.30pm in the Middle School Centrespace, or from 7-9pm in the Year 12 Centrespace. Items can be paid for with cash, cheque or credit card on Nov 20. Please note that no items will be released until they are paid for.

Buyers beware – the onus is on the buyer to ensure that they are purchasing the correct edition. Please check textbooks to be purchased, against the published booklet for 2014. Buyers also need to ensure any DVDs purchased are in excellent condition, and any calculations bought function fully.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SELLING

• Textbooks must be listed as the correct edition for 2014 and must be in good, usable condition with the recommended accessories (if applicable). Textbooks that do not meet these requirements may be discounted or withheld from sale, at the discretion of FOB. Workbooks will be allowed to be sold only if they are in NEW condition—i.e., none of the workbooks have been used or removed. DVDs, calculators and some other equipment will be allowed, if in excellent condition.

• Sellers should complete the attached SELLER’S INFORMATION FORM (one only) and include a complete ITEM INFORMATION FORM for EACH item they wish to sell.

• Place the NEATLY completed SELLER FORM and ITEM FORM inside the front cover of the text book, or securely attach it to the inside (if you have more than one item please bring them in a bag) and take it to either Senior School Reception or Middle School Reception between Monday, November 11 and Friday, November 15. Items received after this date may not be sold.

• Sale items will be processed by FOB, who will set the price for items (usually 50% of the 2013 retail price, depending on condition). Please note, Friends of Billanook will collect a handling fee of 15% of the sale price per book. This will go directly towards fundraising efforts to improve the sporting costs need to Shalney Creek.

• FOB will reconcile all sales before the end of the book sale, as entries are filled. Sellers will be emailed once their items are sold, and will also be notified of any unsold books. Sellers will be able to collect cash earned by book sales, along with unused books, on November 20 from 7.45pm, although they are not required to be in attendance.

• Sellers not in attendance at the sale will have their sales refunded to them via cheque, direct deposit or as cash left to be collected at reception, unless alternate arrangements are made with the Treasurer. Any sales over $30 will be paid via cheque or direct deposit only. Please indicate your preference on the SELLER INFORMATION FORM.

• Sellers will be able to nominate the fate of their unsold items, either as a donation (to FOB’s discretion) or to be returned on Nov 20 or via Main Reception. Items and money not collected from Main Reception by November 29 may be forfeited. FOB will make every attempt to contact you before this occurs.
2013 Second Hand Book Sale
Seller Information Form

Student LAST Name:_____________________________________________

Student First Name:___________________________Homegroup:________

Parent’s Name:__________________________________________________

Best email contact:________________________________________________

Best phone contact:________________________________________________

Postal Address:________________________________________________________________

If your item does not sell, do you prefer(please tick one):
□ to collect on November 20.
□ to collect from Main Reception(FOB will notify you by email)
□ to donate (at FOB’s discretion)

I will collect my sale monies(please tick one):
□ in cash/cheque on the evening of November 20
□ in cash/cheque picked up from Main Reception
□ via cheque, posted to the above address.
Made out to:_____________________________________________________
□ via direct deposit, into my personal account:
Name: ____________________ BSB:__________ Account:________________

Items submitted for sale:
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ITEM INFORMATION FORM
Please place a copy of this information in EVERY item you are selling!

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FRIENDS OF BILLANOOK 2ND HAND BOOK SALE
Friends of Billanook invites the College Community to an Extraordinary General Meeting on Wednesday, 13 November at 7.30 in the College Boardroom. We will be voting on the acceptance of a new constitution. A regular meeting will follow, and we welcome any interested newcomers! If you would like access to copies of the old and new constitutions, please contact Carolyn Murphy at friends@billanook.vic.edu.au or 0467 843 135.

Where and when:
Wednesday 13 November, 7.30pm
College Boardroom
Billanook College
Performing Arts Dates

Year 7 & 8 Pantomime  Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November
YEPA – Film Screening  Wednesday 20 November
Billanook Carols  Tuesday 3 December

Year 7 & 8 Pantomime – Robin Hood

Our annual pantomime is just around the corner and will showcase the great talents of our Year 7 & 8 students. It’s another entertaining family-friendly quest to find true love and rid the world of evil.

Thursday 14 and Friday 15 November
• The Alan Ross Centre
• Performance starts at 7.30pm

To book please visit ‘online ticket sales’ via www.billanook.vic.edu.au

YEPA Film Screening

It is time to celebrate YEPA, the film-making project that all Year 8 students have been exploring in their Performing Arts classes. Please join us for the premiere screening of our short films… and don’t forget to dress to impress for the YEPA awards.

Wednesday 20 November
• The Alan Ross Centre
• Starts at 7:30pm

Tickets to this event are free of charge. Seating is allocated and there is a maximum of 3 tickets per family. Secure your tickets via online ticket booking at www.thearc.net.au

Recitals

Congratulations on a wonderful series of recitals as part of the Spring Arts Festival – lots of fantastic new talent and a special thank you to the Year 12 Musicians who share their talents with us for the last time. We wish you much joy from making music in the future.

Instrumental Tuition
Making music is a great experience and it’s never too late to enrol. Contact Performing Arts to find out more about learning an instrument and becoming involved in our ensemble program.

Timetables and Absences
Where possible, tutors require 24 hours’ notice for absences. In the case of illness please phone the office before 9.00am on the day. Tutors will make every attempt to re-schedule these lessons.

Students are reminded that music timetables are posted on the notice board and should be checked each week.

Office Hours 8.30am – 1.30pm
Phone: 9724 1126

FOPA (Friends of Performing Arts)
If you would like to know more about becoming involved in FOPA please contact the Performing Arts Office: 9724 1126
Billanook College
Christmas Carols & Market
Tuesday 3 December, 5.30pm

Christmas Carols will be performed by our students along the banks of Billanook’s Brushy Creek or, in case of rain, in The Alan Ross Centre.

Christmas Market
“Make It, Bake It, Sew It, Grow It”

50% of ALL MONEY raised from event stall hire will be donated to the Wesley Mission.

Christmas Tree Appeal
Please bring along a child’s gift to be donated to the Wesley Mission.

Stalls will be offering:
- Christmas decorations and crafts
- Jewellery
- Jams and preserves
- Fresh cherries and berries
- Cakes, biscuits and slices
- BBQ food and drinks

Book a Stall! $15

Would you like to book a stall?
Cost: $15 per stall
Please call
Cath Trembath on 0467 843 135
Email: friends@billanook.vic.edu.au
Billanook College, 197 Cardigan Rd, Mooroolbark
The Bridge Project is a film project run by Year 10 students regarding LGBTIQ (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/intersexed/questioning) diversity.

The project received a grant to increase awareness of LGBTIQ around our school and other communities.

With most of the hard work now over, we have finished all three of our films regarding LGBTIQ awareness.

We are having an official film launch on Tuesday 26 November at Billanook College in The Alan Ross Centre. We would like to invite everyone to share this wonderful moment with us, helping to celebrate our work.

Ensure that you book a seat so you don’t miss out!

Gold coin donation upon entry.

ROHAN LAMBERT, YEAR 10

Click here to visit the Bridge Project website!

The Bridge Project is a film project run by Year 10 students regarding LGBTIQ (lesbian/gay/bisexual/transgender/intersexed/questioning) diversity.

With help from the Primary school, the SRB ran a free dress day and a cake stall and were able to raise over $1000 for the Children First Foundation in Kilmore. We are absolutely delighted at this amount and thank you so much for your support, especially the whole SRB team and the Captains and leaders in the Primary School. Special thanks to Jane Yuille.

This rounds off a highly successful year for SRB. We have raised close to $4000 and have supported charities like the Royal Children’s Hospital, the Jane McGrath Foundation for Breast Cancer Research, the Prince Alexander Fund for Round Square, Beyond Blue and the Children First Foundation. We have also raised awareness of these causes within the student community.

Please congratulate your SRB representatives on a great effort!

Special thanks to Belinda Vertriest for her unfailing support and guidance of SRB all year - it was greatly appreciated.

Thanks - SRB will be back next year.

Rukmani and Frank

Staff
Over the past few years the Primary staff at Billanook College have continually implemented new learning and teaching strategies to ensure continued innovation and academic excellence. Learning environments which are open and flexible embrace the strategies of interaction, communication and collaboration, enabling students to share with and learn from each other.

The Primary curriculum enables the foundation of building blocks of learning to occur, so the students can move through their schooling years. Personalising learning is vital to the success of each student, and the provision of state of the art ICT resources is integral to our goal of accessing information from a global perspective. The provision of these rich learning programs and opportunities compliments our Mission statement, with the long-term goal of empowering students to become life long learners.

In preparation for the 2014 school year a number of new initiatives will be introduced to ensure Billanook College continues its role as a place of learning excellence focusing on essentials to prepare students to participate fully within the community.

A Primary timetable will be introduced to maximize learning opportunities. The Primary school day will have five periods of hour hour each, allowing more flexibility and focused learning time. Explicit Literacy and Numeracy times will be prioritised during the morning sessions. This will mean more time given to these two essential learning areas.

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LOTE (Languages other than English)
Indonesian will be the only LOTE taught in the Primary curriculum. Other languages will be introduced in Year 7.

The decision to remove German from the Primary curriculum is based on the Australian Curriculum, explicitly designating Asian perspectives as a priority in all Australian schools.

SCIENCE (Prep – Year 6)
Science will be introduced into the Primary curriculum as a timetabled session with a specialised Science Primary teacher. Students will experience a wonderful range of hands-on experiments covering the fields of Chemistry, Physics, Biology and Environmental Science.
INQUIRY - FORMALLY KNOWN AS INTEGRATED STUDIES

The development of our Inquiry Approach to learning will embrace the philosophy of 'life long learning', and is a process of learning that draws on a range of tools and strategies to develop thinking skills, collaboration, creativity, independence, perseverance, digital capability, communication and ownership of learning. By providing opportunities for all students to learn through the Inquiry Approach, we will enable them to develop their full potential and unique gifts in a stimulating, challenging, purposeful and safe environment. Billanook College believes that in order to live and work together effectively we need to be able to listen to one another, to work together to identify and solve challenging problems and to acknowledge diverse points of view. Students will learn through immersion and engagement in complex experiences in which they can make relevant and purposeful connections.

The students of Billanook College have an educational environment that fires the imagination, develops good citizenship and promotes a life-long thirst for knowledge. If students are to maximise their learning, then their school must be a place of optimism, excitement and challenge, where students and teachers see each day as a journey full of purpose, and where intellectual engagement and connectedness to the real world are priorities.

PREPARING OUR YOUNG LEADERS

In preparing our students for leadership I believe it is always important for them to experience leadership in a multitude of ways. This year as part of our student leadership program I have invited Tristan Miller to speak with the Senior Primary students. Tristan is a marathon runner who in 2010 ran 52 marathons in 52 weeks. His story is not only inspiring but also empowering. His message simple, believe in yourself and embrace opportunities. We wish our current Senior Primary students all the very best with the many leadership opportunities that will present in the future.

PRIMARY ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Congratulations to all our athletes who competed at the annual Athletics carnival. It was a great day and all our students demonstrated good sportsmanship and team spirit. Well done to Hovell who won the event this year and also to Weeks who won the inaugural Team Spirit award. I would also like to commend Walling and Wurundjeri for their efforts. Thank you to our Sport Captain, Lachlan Sinnott and House Captains - Blaise De Pury, Richard Thwaites, Melanie Volf and Jude Richardson - for their work in organising and supporting their houses during the event.

Daniel Thomas
Head, Primary School

Term 4 at Billanook OSHC

This Term at After School Care we will be working on our “What is Australia” Scrapbook that will be handed over to World Vision and sent over to Ethiopia upon completion. We have been brainstorming lots of ideas about iconic Australian symbols and figures that the children from Ethiopia can learn about. We have also been greatly enjoying the change of season as it gives us more chances for outdoor activities.

A reminder that students who are attending After School Care in the 1st and 4th Term of each year need to bring a hat. Hats need to be provided in order for students to be able to play our outside fun and games!

Ashleigh Fisher – OSHC Coordinator.
THE VINE

‘CRESCEndo’ – PRIMARY VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
There have been many exciting events for all the children in the Early Learning Program over the last couple of weeks. The Art Show has officially opened and every child is very proud of their own contributions. We hope you have had an opportunity to look at the children’s masterpieces. It is amazing what young children can create with time, encouragement and the freedom to explore a variety of art media and mediums. We would like to congratulate all our “hard working artists” for making our art show…… Awesome!

The ELP 4 children all participated in the Athletic Days, having a great time with “the big kids,” especially cheering them on during their events. It was a beautiful spring day and to get things started the ELP all had a turn to line up for our very own sprint and novelty races. We all ran as fast as we could while our friends, families and the school cheered us on. We think all that cheering really did help us to run faster! Our teachers thought we were all superstars!

ELP4K went on an exciting adventure to Healesville Sanctuary as “Extinction Fighters”. This excursion was a wonderful opportunity to further develop the children’s knowledge and understanding of Australian animals and where they live in our beautiful and vast country. We also continued to learn about endangered species and what this means! Using our super senses we explored and investigated all the sights, sounds and animals at the sanctuary throughout the day.

Our 3 year old groups are really enjoying each other’s company, and it is so pleasing to see them begin to develop their co-operative play skills through socio dramatic play. Families, Aliens in Space and horsemen/women are favourites at the moment. It is lovely to see the children during their “family” role play games with so many babies and siblings. The mummy and daddy of the moment will invite one more friend to play and will inform them that “you can be the baby brother or sister”. We provide a range of props and equipment to support the children in using their own ideas and knowledge of their world to develop their language, social skills, confidence and membership within the group.

“Truly wonderful the mind of a child is.”
- Plato

The ELP Team
JLC students have been immersed in the world of scientific discovery and wonder. It was Mrs Carroll’s turn to ignite further interest in Science. Previously we excited the students with an introduction to Science with the Popcorn and M & Ms experiment; next Mrs Tringas intrigued us with the colouring of white carnations. Now it was Mrs Carroll’s turn to ignite further interest in Science. Surprise, surprise out came cooking ingredients – baking powder, bicarbonate of soda, vinegar, yeast and sugar. Students observed chemical reactions with common kitchen ingredients. Students were enthralled to see the results from bubbling to fizzing! For an extra bit of ‘sensational’ science the students assembled outside and watched “The Mentos experiment”. What a joy to watch the children’s expressions! As a follow up session students applied their knowledge to a cooking session – making pancakes. Students tested making pancakes with raising agents and without raising agents. The taste and texture was significantly different with no raising agent! Next it will be Mr Thomas’ turn to excite the JLC about our world of Science!

In Mathematics Junior Primary completed a mapping exercise to assist next year’s new Prep students. As a group we brainstormed all the important places the new Preps would need to know – JLC, Mr Thomas’ office, Mrs Corless’ office, toilets, playground and boundaries.

Students created a key for their map and illustrated the map from a bird’s eye view. They were very keen to give their maps to the new students. Authentic mathematical experiences are vital and ensure the child is engaged and enthusiastic about completing the learning task. This is one example of a real life mathematical experience. JLC students had the pleasure of hosting a wedding buffet for Miss Smillie. Prep students did a wonderful job as bridesmaids and groomsmen. Miss Schiller and the Prep students designed and made Miss Smillie’s beautiful toilet paper wedding dress. The Mock Wedding was emotional and full of joy and happiness! Thank you to parents for providing scrumptious delights for the wedding buffet. Best wishes to the bride and groom.

Amongst the business of the week students thoroughly enjoyed participating in the Athletics carnival. The day was filled with community and House spirit, enthusiasm, achieving personal bests and singing House chants. Congratulations to Hovell for claiming this year’s Athletics House Trophy.

We have many activities and events to look forward to as our term comes to an end. Hopefully parents and students had the opportunity to view the creative abilities of our students during the Crescendo Exhibition. What a magnificent display of creativity, expression and artistic abilities! Thank you to Mrs Carthew for all her hard work in setting up each child’s artwork and inspiring students to appreciate and create Art.

Finally, Prep and Junior Primary students are getting excited about our Outdoor Education experience and Grade 2 sleepover on Friday 15 November.
Senior and Middle Primary students continue to enjoy the diversity of educational experiences offered at the College.

Of particular note is this year’s Crescendo Art Exhibition, which we all delighted in viewing. This exhibition has become a much loved tradition on the College calendar, and never fails to impress members of the Billanook community and visitors to the College. A special acknowledgement to Mrs Carolyn Carthew, without whom such rich offerings would not be possible.

Students have completed an intensive swimming program. This proved to be a most enjoyable way in which to develop essential life skills and physical fitness.

Anika recently organised for Lisa Curry to address the students about the ‘Ripple Kindness’ project. This initiative aligns seamlessly with Billanook values in that it encourages kind thoughts, speech and deeds. Students would like to thank Anika for such an insightful contribution to the student community.

Senior Primary students were delighted to showcase their “Personal Passion Time” projects to Middle Primary students last week. There was a diverse range of projects on display, ensuring productive, animated dialogue between all parties during the presentations.
The Primary School recently conducted their House Athletics Carnival. This eagerly anticipated event on the College calendar was once again blessed with beautiful spring weather and enjoyed by all participants. A particularly heart warming aspect of this event is always the support of loved ones from the sidelines. Thank you to everyone who helped make this day a special one for the students.

Senior Primary students have been studying perspective in the Space strand of Mathematics. Recently they have been viewing and drawing self-made structures from different mathematical perspectives, and re-creating them in the isometric format. This study encourages visualisation, a skill inherent to many spatial contexts. The exploration of three-dimensional shapes is also rich in potential for incidental learning of other mathematical attributes, such as surface area and volume.

Speaking and listening is arguably the basis for all language acquisition. Senior Primary students are regularly using their speaking, listening and thinking skills to debate topics of relevance and interest. Each student works with a designated team, which takes turns in assuming the affirmative, negative or evaluative role in a particular debate.

Finally, with the advent of sunny weather we encourage everyone to wear a hat outside, to protect themselves from excessive exposure to the sun. This includes the students of the Primary School during their lunch and recess breaks.
Are you looking for a challenge?
Do you like to travel?
Are you prepared to get your hands dirty?

In 2014 a dedicated team of adult volunteers from the Billanook Community will be making their way to rural northern Thailand to support projects in the Chiang Mai and Mae Hong Son region, where aid is required; whilst also experiencing cultural aspects of Thailand. The team will volunteer at children’s shelters, orphanages, a juvenile detention centre and schools.

What’s required you ask?

> You must be over the age of 18
> You must be available between Saturday 28 June - Saturday 12 July
> a $500 deposit (non-refundable)
> A current Australian passport
> A willingness to learn, get your hands dirty, immerse yourself in another culture and make a difference in this world....... 

Please note: No specific building/construction experience necessary
A compulsory information evening/briefing will be held prior to the trip

Does this sound like you?

Then contact: jane.yuille@billanook.vic.edu.au immediately as places are limited. A non-refundable deposit is required to hold your place.
Get in quick, places are filling faster than we can type this!
Cheque to be made payable to Billanook College.
Expressions of interest close Tuesday 28 January, 2014.
Children First Foundation

Below is a link to the article that recently appeared in the newspaper about the Children First Foundation. The Open Day was terrific with the kids doing a little performance for the visitors. Too cute. There are nine little guys staying at the moment, some pre-op, some post-op. The article is about Gerry from Tanzania who has been here over 18 months. He wanted to know about the Billanook students who visited early last year with me - he has a great memory.

I will be returning to the farm early in December and will be appealing to staff for any donations of GOOD used clothing children’s sizes 2-14, toiletries and GOOD cases/bags (no broken zips). It would be great if you are able to buy some cheap little socks or underwear to donate.

PLEASE don’t bring these in yet as I don’t have storage facilities at the College but would happy to receive them early December. This is just a pre warning so you can start collecting items that may be of use.

Many thanks in advance - Brenda Smith Learning Assistant, Technology.

Become a Foster Carer and brighten a child’s life

Your care could make all the difference...

Information Session
Tuesday 19 Nov @ 7.30pm
Anglicare Victoria
47-51 Castella St, Lilydale

To Register:
1300 889 335
www.anglicarevic.org.au/events

Children’s Organisation of Southeast Asia

Prevention through education. Empowering communities. Providing opportunities. COSA is a non-profit organization dedicated to the prevention of human trafficking and child exploitation through education and community empowerment.

The Billanook College Thai Student and Adult Project are both working with this all girl organization in Chiang Mai, Thailand. We also have former students volunteering at the shelter at different times in the year. Tess O’Rorke spoke at the Round Square Senior Assembly, and then again at lunch to students and staff who could not attend the Assembly, and enlightened us about the work which the organization is doing through education, outreach programs and sheltering for girls of all ages.

Support the COSA cause and purchase a 2014 calendar or postcard today.
Fundraiser for Kenya! - 'I am a Girl' Movie Screening

Fundraising for secondary school scholarships for the students at St Catherines Primary School and Home in the Kibera Slum, Nairobi, Kenya.

There is a group of people in the world today who are more persecuted than anyone else, but they are not political or religious activists. They are girls. Being born a girl means you are more likely to be subjected to violence, disease, poverty and disadvantage than any other group on the planet.

‘I am a Girl’ is an inspirational documentary, revealing what it means to grow up female in the different corners of the world, reminding us that under our skins, cultures and the ways we choose to adorn ourselves, we’re not so different at all.

Where: Healesville Memorial Hall 235 Maroondah Hwy, Healesville
When: Wednesday 27th November 2013 at 7:30pm
How much: $15 per ticket
Tickets on sale at: www.yarraranges.vic.gov.au/ach/Whats_On
Alternatively, call 1300 368 333 or purchase tickets at the box office anytime

Another screening of ‘I am a Girl’ will be hosted at:
Where: Alan Ross Centre - Billanook College 197 Cardigan Road, Mooroolbark 3138
When: Thursday 5th December 2013 at 7:30pm
How much: $15 per ticket
Tickets on sale at: www.trybooking.com/DXAR and at the box office

“This is a film that needs to be seen. I challenge anyone to see the film and not come away enriched.” – Marina Dobbyn

For more information contact Esther Rijk – rijkesther@gmail.com or 0430526039

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Billanook College

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Homestay Officer, Billanook College
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