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FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

GYMNASIUM REFURBISHMENT
As parents might have noticed great progress on the Gym refurbishment with demolition well underway. By the time we come back to school in 2014 it will really be taking shape. Completion is scheduled for mid Term 1 2014.

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.

RED CROSS TYPHOON HAIYAN APPEAL BREAKFAST
Thank you to all members of our community who attended our breakfast to support the Red Cross Appeal. In all we contributed an amazing $2,500 to the Red Cross. A special thank you to the King family who own the Bakers Delight franchise at the Lilydale Marketplace who supported the breakfast by kindly donating all the baked goods and to the current Year 9 and incoming Year 8 Social Justice and Welfare Captains who hosted.

WELCOME BACK TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR FUNCTION - 2014
Hoping that parents will add an important date to their diaries for 2014… I will be hosting a whole school Welcome Back to 2014 Drinks for all parents on Thursday 6 February. This event will be for parents only and will take the place of the Primary School focused picnic that has occurred in past years. Early next year I will formally invite parents to this event and provide more details about the evening.

WISHING YOU A SAFE, HAPPY AND HOLY CHRISTMAS SEASON
As the year draws to a conclusion it is appropriate that I wish all members of our community and safe, joyful and holy Christmas season. It has been a very busy year in the life of the College and a richly rewarding one for each and every one of us in so many different ways.
At this time in our calendar I am hopeful that as a community we will continue to look both inwards and beyond ourselves. Inwards in the form of reflecting on where we have come from and what we have achieved, but also beyond ourselves in terms of what role the College has to play in the wider community and the responsibility that each and every one of us has towards our fellow man.

I would hope that you might be able to join me at our Carols Service on Tuesday evening. This will be a wonderful start to the Christmas season for the College and I look forward to celebrating the end of the year with you. I would like to finish with a prayer that a student wrote for me many years ago. I thought was wonderfully appropriate at this time of the year:

Gracious Lord,

We thank you for the opportunity for us to be here in this place, for the sunshine and all who came here willingly. Help us to be grateful for all that we have and help us to understand the importance of sharing it with others less fortunate. That we may know what influence each of us can have and that we may use the potential of every day.

Lord, I pray for our students, I pray they have a sense of fulfilment and satisfaction as the year creeps to a close. But let these holidays not be wasted – give them foresight and desire to achieve more – to better themselves and equip them for the year ahead.

Bless all those who have ever said a kind word, helped another, or just smiled to lift another’s spirit so that in this way – no one may miss out on your bountiful blessing; and we all be encouraged to continue on our small crusades. We ask this in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

May you all have a wonderful summer break, a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Roger Oates
Principal
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
The Odyssey

Tuesday 26 November
Year 12, 2014 Transition Day
Year 9 Yarra Ranges Youth Services Free Activity (Zumba and Sumo Suits)
The 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 and Market, 5.30pm

Wednesday 4 December
ELP4S Christmas Concert, 6.30pm
Year 7 & 8 Community Service

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

Sunday 8 December – Friday 13 December
National Volleyball Championships

NEW YEAR 2014

Wednesday 22 January
Year 12 commence

Thursday 23 January
Year 7 commence

Tuesday 28 January
Normal classes commence for whole school

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!

CAFE BILL

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

SPECIAL HOURS
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 February

Return to normal hours of:
Mondays 8am-2pm and Thursdays 12.00pm-4.00pm

PLEASE NOTE, ITEMS OF UNIFORM ARE
SOMETIMES SUBJECT TO CHANGE, DEPENDENT
ON SUPPLIERS PRICE INCREASES.

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.

Pay Fees Now

Click here to visit Billanook Connect!

Library Books

With the end of the year fast approaching, it is time for us in the Library to check our collection and work out what needs to be added to our “shopping list” for next year.

We would really appreciate library books being returned by Wednesday 27 November. It would be helpful if each family could please check in lockers, bedrooms, under seats in cars and behind the couch for any “stray” library books. The Library Ladies can then work on having everything ready for next year. So go ahead, bombard us with books!

Heidi Tringas
Learning Enhancement Teacher - Primary
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**Gingerbread houses:**

3rd prize
Jimmy Pepper

Highly Commended
Maggie Bell
Alex Anders

**Decorated Cakes:**

1st prize
Danielle Wright

2nd prize
Shanya Canavan

3rd prize
Miyu Shimoda
The annual Thailand Round Square Service trip is a three week long expedition to Thailand. Students work with community groups in Thailand, particularly orphanages, to build necessary and life-changing infrastructure. For many Billanook students this is also a life changing experience, providing them with the foundations for becoming truly valuable Global Citizen.

The Thailand Round Square Service Project has joined forces with a past Billanook family to fundraise for their next big project. Buckley and Phillips Aromatics is providing a number of beautiful products for you to purchase while supporting the Student Thai Service Project. Many of the products will make wonderful Christmas gifts, so don’t miss out!

PLEASE PLACE ALL ORDERS BEFORE 2 DECEMBER AND RETURN THE COMPLETED ORDER FORM TO THE RELEVANT LEVEL OFFICE OR MAIN RECEPTION.
YEAR 8 GERMAN SAUSAGE LUNCH

On Tuesday 19 November Frau Dittloff’s and Frau Socha’s classes joined together to practise ordering food in German.

To make the experience more authentic and realistic, hot chips (Pommes), frankfurters and German Mezzomix (a combination of fanta and coke which is popular in Germany) were served in class.

Did you know that you can order red or white chips in Germany? Red chips (Pommes rot) are eaten with tomato sauce, whereas white chips (Pommes weiss) are served with mayonnaise, an acquired taste. The really adventurous can try Pommes rotweiss.

Did you know that “bitte” is a useful word? It can mean “please”, “you are welcome” or “here you are” (when serving food, for example).

The students took turns ordering food in German and wished each other “Guten Appetit”.
Billanook’s new Business Directory App is a way of connecting Billanook’s community to search for goods and services that are provided by businesses directly associated with the College. The App is free to download, just head to the iTunes store:

Click here to download the app now!

Once you download the App you can search for a business by name or category.

If you are a Billanook parent who owns a business and are interested in adding your business to the App database all you have to do is download the App and complete the information in the section titled “Promote Your Business”.

For the remainder of 2013 advertising your business on the App is free!

From 2014 onwards, the subscription rate will only be $99 per year per business, with all fees going directly towards the Friends of Billanook who in turn support the College.

GO ONLINE & DOWNLOAD THE APP... IT’S FREE TO USE & TO ADVERTISE ON FOR 2013!

The App is only available at this stage on iOS (ie Apple) based products such as iPhones, iPads and iPod Touch but in the future the plan is to develop an Android companion to the App.

Billanook girls Mikaylah Faltyn and Maddi Smith in National Junior Volleyball Team.
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

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

Book a Stall! $15

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

**Term 4 Performing Arts Dates**

**Billanook Carols & Christmas Market** - Tuesday 3 December, 7.00pm

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**YEAR 7 & 8 PANTOMIME – ROBIN HOOD**

Congratulations to all the cast and crew who contributed to the success of ‘Robin Hood’. Their hard work made for an enjoyable and entertaining performance. The students excelled in all areas of production from singing, dance and acting to stage management, lighting and sound operation. Well done to all involved.

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**YEPA FILM SCREENING**

The inaugural YEPA Film Festival took place on Wednesday 20 November in the ARC. The films represented the work students have undertaken in Music, Media studies and Drama throughout a semester.

The YEPA program is designed to encourage students to develop leadership skills in a collaborative environment, while also giving them a level of control and creativity over their work. Students work in pre-production scripting, acting, directing, editing and making decisions about musical scores. It is an exciting program and the students should be proud of their achievements.

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding efforts:

**Excellence in Acting: Lily Roberts and Emma Peel**

These actors took risks, and showed control over their facial expressions and body language. They developed believable characters, which enabled the film to successfully tell a story.

**Excellence in Cinematography: Flynn Harrison and the team from ‘Clap Hands’**

These students were outstanding in the way they managed the camera throughout the film making process. They considered shot types, camera angles, camera movement, lighting, and framing. They used the above methods to most effectively tell the story through images, creating the setting and establishing a mood.

**Excellence in Editing: Victor Moore, Alicia Simpson, Max Currie and Keira Patman**

These students were outstanding in the way they constructed the film and music, using computer software to create the finished product. They successfully manipulated the length of the shots, which affected the pace of the film.

**Most Outstanding Film Semester One: The Valentine Murder- Lily Roberts, Aiden Tringas, Hayden Cockett, Justin Zigic, Lachlan Humphrey, Olivia Flanagan**

**Most Outstanding Film Semester Two: A Trip Down Memory Lane- Nikolas Janssen, Aleeshya Teegelove, Ben Azevedo, Sarah Noonan, Lachlan Pyne, Tessa Jacobs, Ruby Feltham**

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**Billanook College Christmas Carols and Market**

Join us in the festivities on the banks of The Brushy Creek on Tuesday 3 December. The evening will commence at 5.30pm with a hand-made/fair trade market and food stalls, so you can buy your dinner. Bring your family and friends and a gift to be donated to the Wesley Mission. Entertainment is provided by many talented ensembles and soloists. Carols begin at 7.00pm.

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**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.
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.

Book a seat to ensure you don’t miss out!

Gold coin donation upon entry.

ROHAN LAMBERT, YEAR 10

Click here to visit the Bridge Project website!

Film Launch

Tuesday 26th November
Alan Ross Centre
Billanook College, Mooroolbark
7:30pm

For any enquiries, please contact Mrs Monica Dorn
e: monica.dorn@billanook.vic.edu.au Tel: 03 9724 1174

Certificate in Hospitality (Coffee, Bar & Waiter)
Opportunity for Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of the college community to undertake a VET qualification, with job placement opportunities, within the familiar surrounds of their school. Cost $105.00

www.hosptrain.vic.edu.au/billanook
Commencing, Monday 10th February 2014 3.30pm to 6.30pm.

Hospitality Training Australia is offering our popular Certificate II in Hospitality to Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students, past students and friends of the college community, in the familiar surrounds of their school. This course has been designed specifically to give young people the certificates and minimum skills they need to work in hospitality.

Participants undertake practical classes in espresso making, bar and beverage operations, waiter and also receive certificates in RSA, Food Safety, RSG, OH&S and First Aid.

The course is delivered over two terms, comprising one after school session per week 3.30pm to 6.30pm and one selected full day in Term 2. During this time participants complete a series of assessment task that culminate in a period of work experience with a host employer of their choice and the attainment of the Certificate II in Hospitality.

Job Placement

All participants access casual and part time employment opportunities with the following contract catering companies: Peter Rowland Catering; Delaware North; Spotless Food Services; Atlantic Group; Compass Group.

Course Outline

The course includes these nationally recognised units of competence:

- SITXOHS001A Follow health safety and security procedures (OHS)
- SITXOHS002A Follow workplace hygiene procedures (RF)
- SITHFAB009A Provide responsible service of alcohol (RSA)
- SITHGAM006A Provide responsible gambling services (RSG)
- SITHIND001A Develop and update hospitality industry knowledge
- SITXCOM001A Work with colleagues and customers
- SITXCOM002A Work in a socially diverse environment
- SITHFAB003A Serve food and beverage to customers (Waiter)
- SITXFIN001A Process financial transactions
- SITHFAB001A Clean and tidy bar areas (Bar)
- SITHFAB012A Prepare and serve espresso coffee (Coffee)
- SITHFAB002A Operate a bar (Bar)
- SITHFAB020A Apply food and beverage skills in the workplace
- HLTFA301C Apply first aid (First Aid Level 2)

Resources & Equipment Supplied

Hospitality Training Australia will supply the following resources to facilitate the course within your local area:

- Qualified, skilled and experienced facilitators (trainers);
- Textbooks and student workbooks;
- Espresso coffee machine, coffee grinder, cups, saucers, coffee equipment and ingredients, Plates, cutlery, glassware, napery and food service equipment, beverage preparation and service equipment and ingredients.

Course Costs

The course costs each student $105.00 enrolment fee and entitles eligible participants to receive:

- Workbooks for all study modules
- Full participation in all training and assessment activities
- Certificate II in Hospitality, Statement of results and compliance certification (RSA, RSG, RSF & OHS)
- Resume development, with work placement assistance and post training support sessions with students.
- HTA Pen and bag.

How to Enrol

Phone Admissions on 1300 659 557 or email admissions@hosprtrain.edu.au
Enrol Online by visiting http://hosprtrain.vic.edu.au/billanook
Over the past week I have been reading the second semester reports on each student, prepared by the teaching staff. The process of reading these takes a considerable time but nowhere near the time taken by the teachers to prepare and present the final report. When your child’s report arrives home please take the time to sit with them and talk through their successes and challenges.

Reports should be a time of celebration and recognition of how hard each student has worked. It is also an opportunity to set new directions which will allow the most important person in all of this, your child, to look with optimism towards 2014.

Semester 2 reports will be available on Monday 9 December. Further information will be sent home shortly.

Preparing our Young Leaders

“The opportunities to be heroic diminish as we get older. You can be chivalrous and impressive, but being heroic is at a whole different level and requires you to go out of your comfort zone. And therein lies the problem. Not many of us like being outside our comfort zone. We usually want to continue to do things we know how to do, instead of learning or experiencing something fresh. It’s learning and being outside the space we know that lead us to greatness. It leads to better understanding. It thrusts us away from sameness. It gives you wings and provides the insight necessary to judge a situation and decide that the time to be a hero has arrived” Tristan Miller - Run Like Crazy

It was inspirational to listen to Tristan share his story with the Senior Primary students last week. The students were very impressed and feedback after his speech was very positive. The Year Five students have now delivered their speeches to the student body. The next stage of the process in selecting our Student Leadership Team is an interview process. All shortlisted candidates will be interviewed by myself and the Senior Primary teachers. Once the interviews have been completed the Primary staff will discuss and award leadership positions for 2014. Our school Captains will be announced at our Presentation Evening.
PRESENTATION EVENING AND FINAL ASSEMBLY

The Primary Presentation evening is an opportunity for the School community to gather and to celebrate and acknowledge the achievements of our Senior Primary Students. The evening will be hosted in the Alan Ross Centre on Thursday 28 November at 7.00pm. Tickets are free, however to select your seating please click the link on the side.

On Monday 2 December we will be holding a Christmas Celebration for our last assembly beginning at 9.00am. This will also be an opportunity to reflect on and celebrate 2013. Students from across all levels will be performing, and we would love parents to come along and celebrate with us.

STAFF 2014

At the end of each year I meet with all staff individually to discuss the year’s successes, professional goals, challenges, and year level placements for the following year. This is also an opportunity to discuss future opportunities. At this stage I can announce that Alison Kerber (ELP) will not be returning to Billanook College. Alison will be moving to Western Australia. I would like to thank Alison for her professionalism, support, generosity of time and genuine care for the children she has worked with. I wish Alison every success and happiness as she begins a new and exciting journey.

I am also pleased to announce that Lauren White and Elissa Bosma will join the Billanook College Primary Staff for 2014. I hope their time with us is rewarding both personally and professionally. I look forward to welcoming them and introducing them to the Billanook community.

A full Staff list for 2014 will be distributed this week.

TRANSITION MORNING

We will be having our Transition morning on Wednesday 27 November from 9.00am – 10.30am, where we welcome all new students for 2014 to the Primary school and all our current students will find out their classes and teachers for 2014.
Term 4 at Billanook OSHC

We will be holding curriculum days for all students in the second and third weeks of December. This program will be running from 7.15am – 6.00pm Monday to Thursday of both weeks. During these sessions we will be organising lots of fun games and art and craft activities. If you are interested in your children joining in on our activities, and are not already a Camp Australia member, simply go to www.campaustralia.com.au. At the bottom of the page is a link for new members. For parents who are already members with Camp Australia and wish to book their children in, you can do this via the parent portal using your username and password.

If you have any concerns or questions regarding the curriculum days you may call our customer service team on 1300 105 343 or come to Ashleigh at the school or phone me on 0401 005 438.

Ashleigh Fisher – OSHC Coordinator.

Reverend Jennie & Grace
invite you to join us at Christmas Club
a fun time of food, songs, stories and Christmas craft

who? Primary students
where? Yarra Glen Uniting Church
when? Wednesdays 4 & 11 Dec
time? 3.45 to 5.00pm
cost? Gold coin donation

Parents are welcome to stay.
Pre-schoolers can join us, with parents.
Email for a form & to book your place: jenniewren62@gmail.com
Or phone us for more information:

Rev. Jennie Gordon - 0416 152051
Mrs. June Bennett - 9730 2247
As the weeks speed up and we wish time would slow down, the children are busily growing and developing before our eyes. We have commented many times over the past two weeks how proud we are of the children and what they are achieving.

ELP4 are looking forward to their letter dress up day. The children have explored the letters of the alphabet over the past three terms, looking at recognition, formation and sound. At the letter dress up day the children are asked to dress up as someone or something starting with their favourite letter. We will play games and enjoy a Christmas lunch together. It will be a great day to wrap up learning and exploring for the school year!

ELP4 enjoyed their excursion with the Junior Learning Centre to the Melbourne Zoo. The excursion gave the children the opportunity to travel on a ‘coach’ all the way into the city, definitely a highlight! The children enjoyed exploring and investigating, learning about many different animals. Thank you to the families who joined us. It was a fantastic day!

We are now beginning to say goodbye to the school year and welcome in the celebration of Christmas. ELP3 and ELP4 have been rehearsing daily in preparation for our end of year performances; the children are very excited to share these with their families.

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Please enjoy the last few weeks of the school year.
The JLC has again been alive with Science. In the last few weeks our ‘Sensational Science’ topic has taken us on a journey from exploring chemical reactions, the elements and the periodic table to science at the Zoo. With Miss Schiller we discussed the elements and discovered that everything is made up of different elements. We cracked the code of H2O, and discovered that Scientists often use these symbols in their work. Next we used Alka-Seltzer tablets, a film canister and some warm water to create a chemical reaction. We were amazed to see the canister shoot off like a rocket as the tablet mixed with the water to create a gas.

Our next Science session involved a discussion about Science at the Zoo. We discovered that Zoo keepers use Science to help them care for animals by understanding their habitat and diet. We investigated different animals’ habitats and the importance of recreating these at the Zoo. We also got to make quick sand, which was a fantastic hands-on experiment enjoyed by all! Feel free to make your own quick sand at home…. all you need is cornflour and water. Did you know that this ‘quick sand’ is classified as both a liquid AND a solid. We thought this was very cool!

In addition to all the Science that has been happening in the JLC, we also had one very exciting event… the Grade Two Sleepover! The Junior Outdoor Education Experience and Grade Two Sleepover was held on Friday 15 November and was a great success. Students enjoyed following a map to unearth the ‘Billanook History Trail’. We traveled all the way around the School, trying to find plaques that represented important elements of the School’s history. After our hunt, we enjoyed some outdoor activities and a delicious BBQ dinner. Next it was time for the Prep and Year 1 students to depart, leaving the Year 2s for their sleepover. After watching Robin Hood performed by the Year 7 and 8 students and a bushwalk, all students and teachers were very exhausted and ready for bed. Thank you to all students, parents and staff for making this year’s sleepover such a wonderful experience.

On Wednesday 20 November the whole JLC enjoyed an excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. This was a wonderful celebration of the year, with ELP4 to Year 2 students. We had a lovely day exploring and getting involved with all the Zoo had to offer. We were amazed to see the Zoo animals and enjoyed spending time relaxing, laughing, chatting and enjoying each other’s company. It really was the perfect way to celebrate the end of a busy and exciting year.

We hope that you have enjoyed this fulfilling School year as much as we have. We have achieved so much and we would like to thank all parents and families for their ongoing support. We hope that all JLC families have a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a restful break. We are looking forward to seeing you all refreshed and ready to learn in 2014.
JUNIOR LEARNING CENTRE
It seems strange to be reflecting on our magical year together at this point, when we are still so busy, and with more excitement yet to come in the final weeks of Term.

Mindfulness encourages us to be present in the moment – so, let’s be gratefully present in this moment of contemplating the learning journeys your wonderful children have been enjoying recently. Look back too, at past editions of the Bulletin, with your children and remember all they have achieved.

No doubt you heard the buzz about the Middle Primary “Lagoon Café”. An initiative of the Year 4 students. Their goal was to create an ‘oasis of calm’ enabling staff to feel transformed by their dining experience - a heady goal! Everything was organised by students – including researching safe food handling practices (which must have been observed, as no diners were absent the following day!). A hearty success too, as students also designed a feedback criteria sheet that customers were asked to fill out. Glowing remarks were also then graphed in their Mathematics class.

Junior Primary students have been visiting Middle Primary, to work with Middle Primary mentors in Mini TIIIman Time. MP students have simply loved this opportunity to share their passion for discovery with younger students. They have also been quite impressed by the skills and enthusiasm of their young charges.

Buddies continue to be a hive of excitement and energy. SP have shared Christmas activities with their little friends. MP children have been instrumental in assisting the JPs to advertise their hectic day at the Zoo by producing colourful posters.

Senior students have been diligent in making preparations for their Graduation Dinner. Special congratulations too must be extended to the Year 5 pupils who extensively prepared, rehearsed and delivered their 2014 Captains speeches. What a courageous effort by our leaders of the future.

Middle Primary learners are to be applauded for their outstanding work in TIIIman Time. Students have been presenting their project adventures to their teachers and peers.

Rubrics (a scale of measuring performance) created by the children have been used to assist in giving authentic comments – these comment sheets will accompany student’s work in their personal Portfolio.

So, here we are. Looking back and looking forward. Staff would like to take this opportunity to thank parents for the privilege of working alongside each individual student throughout the year. Every moment is a precious one, as is every one of these beautiful young people.

We wish you joy with your families in the Christmas season and very much look forward to more exploration and discovery in 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.

Click here to visit the article about Gerry!

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