DATES TO REMEMBER:

April
29 Chesterfield Farm—Foundation Students

May
5 Mother’s Day Breakfast
5 Purple Day
6 Mother’s Day Stall
10 NAPLAN begins
19 Education Week - Open Night
20 Curriculum Day
21 Education Week - Open Morning

June
21 Parent-Teacher Interviews

July
29 Disco Bingo Night

NOTICES HOME TODAY:
♦ Oisee Coaching Centre

27 April 2016
Term 2

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

CANBERRA CAMP

The Grade 5/6 children had a wonderful time in Canberra. They visited many places in our nation’s capital including Parliament House, Questacon and the Australian War Memorial. Our School Captain’s Cal and Maddie had the opportunity to lay a wreath at the memorial which was very timely as this time of year is when we reflect on our servicemen and woman who have given so much. The children and staff received a great deal of positive feedback from almost every place they visited as they were so well organised and so well behaved.

Congratulations to the Grade 5/6 team and students, you have much to be proud of!

MOTHER’S DAY BREAKFAST AND STALL

Notices have already been sent out for the Mother’s Day breakfast and in preparation for the Mother’s Day Stall. The breakfast is being held on Thursday 5 May in the Gym and the stall will be open on Friday 6 May. If you haven’t already sent in your reply we would love to see you there! We are looking for volunteers to assist at both events.

EDUCATION WEEK—Open Evening Thursday 19 May

Open Evening on Thursday 19 May between 7:00pm and 8:30pm for those who wish to visit the classrooms or tour the school. There will also be an Open Morning on Saturday 21 May from 10:00am to 12:00 noon for school tours. Remember everyone is welcome to attend the open events whether you are a current or potential member of our school. Grandparents and other family members and friends are also very welcome.

SHARING PARENTING INFORMATION SHEETS

As many of you would be aware we have offered information sessions with parenting specialists such as Michael Grose and Martine Oglethorpe in the past. From time to time we receive information from such people in the form of emails and paper based documents. We have talked of sharing this information with parents and after
discussion and positive encouragement from School Council this month we have decided to put together the occasional parenting information sheet so that what we receive can be accessed by all.

Kerry Wood

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**Chicken Roster**

**Help needed**

Thank you to everyone who helped looking after the chickens over the school holidays.

We are now seeking volunteers to care for the chickens each weekend during Term 2.

If you are able to help us please contact the office.

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**Mothers’ Day Breakfast**

**5 May 2016**

Our special breakfast will be held before school on Thursday 5 May. Don’t forget to return your RSVP and payment. The cost is $6 per person for a delicious buffet.

We are still looking for volunteers to help host this event. Dads, grandparents and friends of our community would be welcomed as helpers! More details to follow very soon.

**Mothers’ Day Stall**

**6 May 2016**

Our ever-popular Mothers Day Stall is being held during school hours on Friday 6 May. The cost of items is between $2 and $6. Don’t forget a labelled shopping bag to take purchases home.

If you would like to volunteer please return your form. Volunteers soon. This event is always a lot of fun!

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**Junior School Council Update**

On Thursday 5 May we are raising money for Epilepsy and Spinal Muscular Atrophy.

Come to school dressed in purple and bring a gold coin donation to support these causes.

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**The new entertainment Memberships are here!**

ORDER NOW
At the start of Term 2, the Grade 5 and 6 students from our school undertook an education tour of the national capital, Canberra. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. To assist families in meeting the cost of the camp, the Australian Government contributed funding of $30.00 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate program towards those costs. The rebate will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

The students visited a variety of venues such as Parliament House, AIS, CSIRO Discovery Centre, Australian Electoral Office, Australian War Memorial and Questacon.

A huge highlight was Whitehorse Primary School being involved in the ceremony for the Last Post at the Australian War Memorial. It was a very sombre and proud moment for all that were there. Our school captains, Cal and Madison, represented our school with dignity.

All the students had a fabulous time and were complimented at all venues about their behaviour, contribution to each session and knowledge.

A BIG thank you to all staff and students involved in the camp.

Lisa Hume
Camp Coordinator
2016 CROSS COUNTRY SEASON
Commences on Sunday 10 April
*Runs Sundays 9.30am – 10.30am at various local parks
*No extra cost for kids registered at Nuna for summer season

2016 CROSS COUNTRY CALENDAR

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Sunday 8th May No Race – Mother’s Day

Sunday 15th May | All Eastern 7s Centre | Tom Kelly Athletics Track<br/>Rieschelands Reserve, Doncaster | 13111   |
Sunday 22nd May | Nunawading            | Hill Smart Athletics Track            | 5208    |
Sunday 29th May | Doncaster             | Ruffy Lake Park                       | 3840    |
Sunday 5th June | Coalingwood           | Westfield Reserve, Tany Bend Rd Cottin Hill | 3840    |
Sunday 12th June | Berria Open Day       | Berria (Queen’s Bay Long Wrenci)       | 18A     |
Sunday 19th June | Ross Hill Open Day<br/>Warringah Park | Ruffy Lake Park                        | 3810    |
Sunday 26th June | EPAC Regional Meet<br/>Ruffy Lake Park | Ruffy Lake Park                        | 3810    |
Saturday 2nd July | Knox Park<br/>Stapleton<br/>| SouthEast Suburban<br/>Woodend<br/>| 27A     |
Saturday 16th July | Eastern 7 Rewards Day | Ruffy Lake Park                       | 3840    |
Saturday 23rd July | State Cross Country<br/>Ruffy Lake Park | Ruffy Lake Park                        | 3810    |

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*Age Groups are the same as the Summer Season (Age by 30 Sept - Under)

To Register www.nlac.asn.au or turn up & look for the Green Nuna Flag

For more information, contact Sandy Ridd at: xcmanager@lan.asn.au or 0416 272 461

Did you enjoy the clinic that Mitcham Auskick ran at your school?
Do you want to be the next Gary Ablett or Buddy Franklin?
Do you want to learn new skills, make new friends, get fit and have loads of fun?
Want to leave your weekends free?

If you answered yes to any of those questions then doing Auskick on a Friday night at Mitcham is for you.

We start on Friday 15th April at Walker Park in Mitcham (the MCG of the East) and sessions run from 6pm to 7.15.
Cost for the season is only $85 which also gets you a backpack filled with great footy stuff.

Call Craig Giles on 0408 536 539 or register for Mitcham Auskick online at http://www aflauskick.com.au/register/

Blackburn Primary School
AUTUMN CRAFT MARKET
Sunday 1ST May 2016
11am - 3pm
Jewellery, Home Made Produce, Clothes, Natural Creams & Soaps, Decorative Pot Plants, BPS Cake Stall, Sausage Sizzle, Face Painting and More........

BPS Autumn Craft Market
School Gymnasium - Blackburn PS
188 Whitehorse Road Blackburn