Dear Parents,

We are now in the full swing of term one. I am very pleased with the way the school has settled and it is a happy and orderly place to be.

2017 Enrolment
I am currently doing a large number of Prep tours for 2017 and we already have approximately 20 enrolments! Can I please ask all existing parents who have a child of school age next year to get an enrolment form from our office and complete it as soon as possible? If you know of prospective parents who want to enrol their child at our school in 2017 please encourage them to book for a school tour at their earliest convenience.

Student Leadership
Many of our students applied for student leadership positions. Unfortunately there are not enough positions to go around. I would like to congratulate Larissa and Massimo on being elected School captains and all of our student leaders who are listed on page 2. Our students will now elect House captains and Vice Captains.

Curriculum Days
We have curriculum days scheduled for February 26th and March 22nd. World 4 Kids will be providing care on these days. Please find further information in this newsletter or contact Josh for a booking.

School Uniform
A lot of jackets have been left in the yard this term. Can I please ask all parents to ensure that names are on jackets. I also ask that parents please check their children’s jackets to ensure that they have brought the correct one home.

Safety
Can I please ask that all parents ensure that they keep a keen eye out for children on bikes and scooters when driving around the school? We apparently had a fairly close call last week and we certainly do not want to see anyone getting hurt.

Easter Raffle
Easter raffle tickets will be sent home next Monday. It would be greatly appreciated if parents and students could sell their Easter raffle tickets. We would also appreciate donations of Easter Eggs for the hamper prizes. All Easter Eggs can be dropped off to Colleen in the office.

End Of Day Dismissal
Just a reminder to parents, if student's have a specialist subject in the last hour of the day, they will be dismissed from that room. A classroom timetable can be accessed from our website or the classroom door.

Assembly
We will aim to have an outdoor assembly every Friday afternoon at 2.55. However if the weather is too hot or wet, we will have two assemblies in our school hall. The first assembly will be for students in Year 4-6 and commence at 2.20. The second assembly will be for students in Year F-3 and commence at 2.45.

Can I please ask all parents to ensure that their mobile phones are on silent during our assembly?

Regards Chris
Tiqbiz

Tiqbiz is an app that is available for use on many different devices. We will be using this app to communicate with parents. We are currently using Tiqbiz for: Newsletters, Calendar, Absences and School Information. We encourage every parent / guardian to download the Tiqbiz App and add Taylors Lakes Primary School to their inbox.

You will be able to submit student absences via the app, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger.

Helpful Hints:

When finding "our name" type in Taylors Lakes Primary School in the "find" section. When ticking, all families need to tick "Whole School" as well as the categories unique to you eg. Grade 2.

Tiqbiz enables our school to communicate directly with our school community in a quick and accurate manner. It would be greatly appreciated if every parent can please download this App immediately if you have not already done so. Please come to the school if you are having difficulty downloading tiqbiz.

Regards Chris
The BRIDGES Program is an individual Literacy program designed for students who require additional support in literacy.

We are keen to have this program operating at Taylors Lakes Primary School. A key factor of the BRIDGES program is the use of volunteer tutors from our school community. Without volunteers the program cannot be successfully implemented.

We are looking for volunteers who could devote approximately 30 minutes for a minimum of two or three days each week. You would be required to participate in a short training session and to hold a 'Working with Children' check. We would then match you with a student and provide everything you need - all we need from you is your time and commitment.

If you are interested in participating in this innovative school-community reading program as a Literacy Assistant please contact us on 9390 3388:

Helen Ioannou (Bridges Co-ordinator)

Or

Robyn Street (Welfare Co-ordinator)
W4K Curriculum Day Care

"We have curriculum days running on February 26th and March 22nd. World4kids will be running a curriculum day program on each of those days. The days will run from 7am through to 6pm and cost $60 for the full days care. Enrolments in World4kids and Bookings for each day are ESSENTIAL! Existing Before or After School Care bookings will not be transferred to this as curriculum days are separate to normal BSC and ASC programs. It's going to be a great day with lots of fun and activities for the children on those days.

We are hoping to have sufficient number to organise an excursion or have a special incursion come in for the day, but we need sufficient numbers to do so. Please email your bookings to taylorslakes@world4kids.net or speak to our staff in the After School Care."

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS

FUND (CSEF)

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

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

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

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

$125 Primary Students
$225 Secondary Students

Parents are encouraged to apply by the 29th February so that payments can be received from Mid March.

Applications strictly close on the 1st June 2016

No Late application forms will be accepted.

Application forms are available from the school office or can be downloaded from:
2016 Brimbank Cup

Free of Charge &
Open to all to participate!

Venue: Keilor Wolves SC
Green Gully Reserve, Keilor Downs
Saturday 13th February

SCHOOL VALUES: TOLERANCE, EXCELLENCE, RESPONSIBILITY, INCLUSION, HONESTY, CARE & RESPECT.
SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER - CHRIS VARNEY FROM THE I CAN NETWORK. TOUR THE CLINIC AND MEET THE TEAM MEMBERS.

11am-12 Midday
Parents are invited to hear Chris Varney from the I CAN Network speak about his personal experience and expertise in Autism Spectrum Disorders. Chris’ talk will be located at Taco Bill (next door to The Bay Children’s Clinic)

12-12.30pm
Parents are invited to tour the clinic and meet the staff from Spectrum Speech Pathology, Bloom Child Psychology and Dunn’s Occupational Therapy Service (D.O.T.S.)

5.30-7.00pm
Professionals are invited to tour the clinic and meet all the staff from Bloom Child Psychology, D.O.T.S. and Spectrum Speech Pathology. Light refreshments will be served.

PROUDLY ANNOUNCING THE OPENING OF

THE BAY CHILDREN’S CLINIC

OPEN DAY FOR PARENTS AND PROFESSIONALS

Friday 19th February
at 3/216 Blackshaws Road,
Altona North, VIC 3025

RSVP for catering to thebaychildrensclinic@gmail.com
Come join a vibrant and young COMMUNITY based club focused on EQUALITY and ENJOYMENT!

Seeking Players for the following age groups:

- U7 Boys/Girls
- U10 Boys
- U11 Girls
- U12 Boys
- U14 Boys

Register your interest to play here: http://keilorwolves.net/want-to-play

Come visit our club during the Brimbank Cup on Saturday 13 and 14 February from 8:30 AM to 7 PM.
- Senior Men and Women’s tournament.
- Food and entertainment
- Melbourne Victory Soccer Clinic/Activities (Saturday 11 AM – 1 PM)

For more information contact President Steven Talevski 0407 148 280 or talevski.steven@gmail.com
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MUSIC LESSONS AT TAYLORS LAKES PRIMARY SCHOOL

Taylors Lakes Primary School in association with Metro Music School is now offering Music Lessons to Student who are interested in Learning and Instrument at school every week. Lessons are held during school hours (30 mins/once per week) at suitable times. (Prep – Gd. 6)

Enquiries are welcome on 9460 4818 (Metro Music School). This program has been initiated for the benefit of Taylors Lakes PS Students.

Lessons offered: KEYBOARD PIANO GUITAR SINGING

Discount hiring and purchase also available. Contact us for details or visit our online shop at www.metromusic.net.au

FROM $11.00 per lesson (incl. GST)

Enrolment forms can be obtained from the school office or contact Metro Music School direct on 9460 4818. You can also enrol online at the above web address.

Applications must be completed online for “Working with Children” Check.

Go to www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications

- Click on Applications, then
- Apply for a Check
- Start Application
- Print Application Summary
- Finalise application at a participating
  Australia Post retail outlet taking with you
  Proof of Identity Documents and a passport
  quality photo.

Blandthorn Performing Academy

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QUALIFIED TEACHERS