

# LE PAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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### Dates for Your Diary

#### **MAY:**

Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Inter School Sport vs. Stella Maris @ Stella Maris

#### **JUNE:**

Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> Senior Inter School Sport Lightning Premiership

Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> School Council – 3.45 pm.



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### Garry's Gabble

#### **Welcome Back, Heather!**

Things are now getting back to what may be considered "normal" with Heather back and able to walk around the corridors with a minimum of fuss. Heather has a lot of catching up to do. Please be patient if you are waiting on something. I'd like to express our sincere thanks to Jane White for spending time here on Thursday and Friday mornings with office duties. Jane's efforts were most appreciated.

#### **Gymnastics**

Our special "sport" in the next four weeks will be Gymnastics, with coach Chris Chiemcioch. This follows on from successful soccer and rugby programs. Sessions will be on Thursdays between 11.30 am and 1.30 pm with separate times for our F-2 and 3-6 groupings. The programs are at no direct cost to Parents as the funding has been provided by a Federal Government Sports Grant. I am in the process of applying for funding so we can continue enjoying different activities throughout Term 3.

#### **Recent Publicity – Zoning**

Many of you would have seen us featured in the Moorabbin Leader last Wednesday and the positive follow-up on Channel 9 during their 6.00 pm news on Thursday. There is no doubt that our current enrolment situation attracts the attention of many. We are receiving a number of supportive emails and expressions of empathy, but I cannot say the attention has translated directly into a significant number of enrolments as yet. Some of the publicity has mentioned "zoning" of schools nearby to limit their enrolments for our benefit. I must make it clear that **I have never advocated this**. Under Education Department guidelines it is only the schools themselves which can **request** to be zoned and this would only happen when the Principals and Councils consider their school to be "full". Quite rightly, the Department is now supporting parental choice of school for their children. It is up to us to attract families into the school and present our learning environment and programs positively so that parents make Le Page their first choice. This will be the result of a joint effort and I want to thank the members of School Council, in particular, for putting so much time and energy into sustaining Le Page now and into the future.

## What's Been Happening? Musical Instruments – Sound, Science, Technology & Fun.



Chennie followed a procedural text to make her tambourine whilst Heath was ready to blow along with his cardboard horn. Sofia, Jenny, Joanna and Stephanie created the Le Page String Quartet with their string instruments in varying sizes. Kimberley (guitar) and Shekinah (Tambourine) are showing the instructions they carefully followed.



Billy (guitar), Ramazan (flute) and L'Amour (drums) are happy with their results. Not sure what sound came from the "flute". Always a divergent thinker, Antosia wanted to do something different to the standard string instrument done by most. She achieved her objective, I think. A group photo of the Le Page massed "orchestra". Thanks to Mrs. Corr for co-ordinating this fun learning activity.

Have a good week. Garry

## LE PAGE SCHOOL APP

Don't forget to check your tiqbiz app for the latest newsletter and notices.

It can be used to communicate with us if your child or children are going to be away from school etc. We will be able to communicate to you if for any reason there is an emergency, excursion buses are late back to school etc. and inform you of notices that have been issued.



If you would like further information, please see Heather when she's back in the office. Garry cannot be trusted with such things.

## STUDENT BANKING – HAS RESUMED!

**TUESDAY** is School Banking Day. Enquiries about new accounts should be directed to Heather in the Office.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program at Le Page Primary School.

Heather Gillott



## TERM 2 SOCIAL SERVICE

Our School Captains are managing the Student Contribution Social Service this year. If you have some “spare” change, you may wish to make a (small) contribution on a weekly/fortnightly/monthly/occasional basis to the charity we support each term. In Term 2 our focus will be **State Schools Relief**, which supports families of students in schools through the provision of school uniform, shoes and general clothing.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

- We have undertaken a process to select a media/publicity company to assist us in our efforts to positively present the School “out there” to the best advantage. By the end of this week we expect to have considered presentations by two such companies. We’re hoping to make a selection so things can get up and running before all families have made their primary schooling choices for 2017. Remember, the best publicity is positive word-of-mouth in the community by those who know us and appreciate our efforts for the children.



### FLY INTO FOUNDATION IN 2017

#### Session 3

Monday, 6th June 2016

2.30 pm—3.30 pm (Cooking in Kid's Kitchen)

All prospective enrolments welcome

School Tours — please call 9583 8342 for appointment  
77 Argus Street Cheltenham 3192



The next issue of Book Club will be out shortly. I will attach the booklets to the newsletter just as soon as they arrive.

# News from Parents & Friends' Club

## ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS – 2016/17

Because we know the value of the Entertainment™ Book is important to everyone in your family, we've designed the Entertainment™ Memberships so they can be shared with your partner, or with any immediate family that live under your roof.

Whether you purchase the traditional Entertainment™ Book, or the Entertainment™ Digital Membership, both provide value your family can count on all year! Selling for only \$65, whether you purchase the Book or Digital Membership, you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers you can use right away, valid up until 1 June 2017! The traditional **Entertainment™ Book Membership** that comes with the Gold Card and Vouchers, The **Entertainment™ Digital Membership** puts the value of the Entertainment™ Book into your iPhone or Android smartphone!

Whichever Membership you choose, \$13 of your \$65 purchase helps community fundraising, and you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers valid through to 1 June 2017! **For just \$65, you'll receive over \$20,000 worth of valuable offers!**

You can order online <https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/18644x5>

Thank you one and all for continuing to support the efforts of the Parents & Friends with fundraising. The school would find it very difficult to operator to the high level it does for our children without the extra money.

Helga Drpic, President



## COMMUNITY NEWS

handy dates

**SAT 28 MAY**

10am – 12 noon  
Edithvale Family and Children's Centre  
122 Edithvale Rd  
Edithvale  
Next to the soccer ovals

**SAT 28 MAY**

12.30pm - 2.30pm  
Parkdale Family and Children's Centre  
122 Wairren Rd  
Parkdale  
Next to Parkdale Secondary College



### Open Day Our Family and Children's Centres open their doors on Saturday 28 May

Edithvale Family and Children's Centre 10am – 12 noon  
Parkdale Family and Children's Centre 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Come along on **Saturday 28 May** to check out Council's state of the art family and children's services at Edithvale and Parkdale.

Opened just last year, each centre offers full time and part time childcare; four year old sessional kindergarten; three year old sessional pre-kindergarten; and our Kindergarten PLUS program that delivers additional hours of learning and focuses on preparing your child for school.

Drop in and see for yourself why our centres have been independently assessed as being in the top 29% of services nationally.

### Volunteer Host Families Needed!

World Education Program (WEP) is a not-for-profit student exchange organisation approved by the regulatory authorities in VIC. We are urgently looking for volunteer host families for exchange students arriving in July 2016 for a term, semester or year.



Imagine knowing someone who:

- runs around in shorts and t-shirt in the middle of an Australian winter because the temperature is equivalent to summertime in the student's home country,
- takes a photo of a meal you have prepared to send overseas because it looks so different,
- is amazed that we can travel for hours and still be in the same state of one country.

#### How does it work?



You can choose a student who you think will fit best into your family. WEP host families are responsible for providing the exchange student with a room (can be shared with sibling of same sex and similar age), meals and a welcoming family environment. In return, you will gain a new family member and friend for life. All WEP students come with their own spending money and insurance.

#### Arriving Soon:

**Alessandro (Italy)** "I am friendly, open-minded and curious about other people and cultures. I am passionate about sport. I particularly enjoy basketball, martial arts and playing table tennis. I also enjoy reading and listening to music. I look forward to this amazing opportunity!"  
**Maurizio (Italy)** "Hello! I am open-minded, curious and very determined to learn English as well as I possibly can. I play water polo three times a week and I spend a lot of time reading. I can't wait to come to Australia, be part of my host family and learn about their culture!"  
+ many more

#### Find out more!

Simply jump online or contact WEP today to receive a free information pack including student profiles.  
Sylvia Kelly – Inbound Program Manager  
World Education Program  
For the cost of a local call: 1300 884 733  
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