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editorial

Junior School assemblies held each Day 10 continue to give us the opportunity to celebrate all manner of achievements and to develop a positive culture within the school. At our last Day 10 assembly we were entertained by our Year 2 classes and their musicality. We were also able to make a special presentation to representatives of the Ryder Cheshire Foundation relating to last years’ Asha Fair. The cheque for in excess of $2800 was gratefully accepted and both Ken and Nick were overwhelmed by our desire to further develop our community service relationship in the lead-up to this year’s fair in December.

Classroom Achievement Awards and the recognition of children who just ‘continue to do the right thing’ have a special place in all assemblies as we want all children to have their chance to ‘shine’ in our school.

NAPLAN Testing for Year 3: 14-16 May

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) is a national assessment and all Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students across Australia are expected to participate. NAPLAN testing should be accessible to all students to demonstrate their actual skills and knowledge. All of our Year 3 students will take part in the following assessments on the following days in Week 5 of this term:

Tuesday 14 May Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) 40 minutes
Tuesday 14 May Writing (Argument) 40 minutes
Wednesday 15 May Reading (Comprehension) 45 minutes
Thursday 16 May Numeracy 45 minutes

We would ask that all Year 3 students attend school for all NAPLAN assessments as they form an integral part of our assessment and tracking of student learning and they allow us to ensure that our internal assessments are validated by additional data external to the school. To this end, please do not schedule holidays or any interruptions to the learning program during these important dates for the Year 3s. Leaflets relating to the NAPLAN program are available at reception.

Mother’s Day Stall

All families are reminded of the JSPG Mother’s Day Stall which will be conducted at school this Thursday 9 May. As is the case every year, this project has been well-supported and we extend our best wishes to all the mums for a special day this Sunday.

Families are also reminded to take part in the development of the JSPG Junior School Cookbook which is now underway. Details are provided in the JSPG section of this edition of The Echo.

Late Students

As we move into the winter months, it is very important that all students arrive at school on time and ready for learning. All students must be in their Homerooms by 8:35 at the first bell each day. This time is critical for the Homeroom Teachers to explain the schedule for the day and to undertake a range of important administrative classes. Students who are late can become anxious and this doesn’t support a smooth, efficient and relaxed start to the school day.

Book Fair

Last week our librarian, Michelle Thomason, coordinated a very successful Book Fair. In excess of $3000 worth of books was sold and this will result in an additional $800 worth of books being purchased for our library.
Lost Property

We still have a large amount of lost property stored at the rear of Watson Hall. Parents are asked to please check for missing items of clothing and other possessions.

Uniform Requirements
Details of the Junior school & ELC uniform are now available on the relevant community pages on connect@clarendon

Chris Brown
Head of Junior School
BPSSA District Cross Country

On Wednesday 1 May some of Ballarat Clarendon College's finest cross country runners competed in the BPSSA District Cross Country at Victoria Park. We had rain and we had sunshine!

Ballarat Clarendon College compete in the Sturt Division against both Norman and Eyre Division. Our students performed exceptionally well not only in our respective division, but overall. Students competed in both 2km and 3km events against students from all around Ballarat; the competition was fierce. Congratulations to all students who ran on the day. Ballarat Clarendon College was extremely well represented.

The following students will now complete in the Division Cross Country Championships
GOOD LUCK GIRLS – Olivia Moneghetti, Matilda Pearce, Katie Ling, Ruby DeRuiter.

Click here for photos

Cassandra Hobbs
Sport Co-ordinator
**Ballarat Clarendon College**  
**Years 3-6 After-School Sport Program**  
**Monday 6 – Friday 10 May 2013**

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**Mother’s Day Stall**
Just a reminder that the Mother’s day stall will be run this week so Mums, no peeping in school bags after school on Thursday as hopefully your little cherubs have chosen something very special for you to enjoy on Sunday! We hope all Mums have a special and relaxing day.

Please note that only children who have donated a gift and paid their $3 may purchase a gift on the day.

**Recipe Book Fundraiser**
Don’t forget to submit your favourite recipes now for our Junior School Cookbook that will come out later this year.
We would like all contributions typed out electronically and emailed to: jspg2013@gmail.com. Submissions close on May 31.
We would prefer the family favourites or even your own creation rather than a recipe from a published cookbook please. This will avoid copyright issues down the track.

If you or your business would like to sponsor this project, please contact any member of the JSPG or email the address above to register your interest. All sponsors will be recognized accordingly in the book through advertising opportunities.

**Sally Howe**
JSPG President

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Scholastic Book Fair 2013

The book fair last week was a resounding success, thank you to all that attended and purchased items, the library received a percentage of the profits and this will be put towards adding new items to the Junior School library so that is very exciting. Once again the children’s enthusiasm far exceeded my expectations and I thank you all for waiting patiently to make your purchases. A big thank you goes to the JSPG volunteers who helped me out this year, Sally Howe, Michelle Ward, Jane Faull and Jo Dixon, I certainly think that things went smoothly and the queue progressed quickly due to their assistance. I look forward to a bigger and better book fair happening again next year!

Michelle Thomason
Librarian

thomason@clarendon.vic.edu.au
5330 8241
Masquerade Ball – Saturday 22 June

Please follow the link below to view your invitation to the Performing Arts fund-raising event for 2013 - the Sound Support Masquerade Ball.

Parents are also invited to support the fund-raising efforts and may download a sponsorship form.

Masquerade Ball Invite – Click here
Upcoming social event – ELC 4 year old

You are invited to attend a social get together.
The details are as follows

Who: Parents of children attending ELC 4yo  
What: Parent - Wine and Tapas Evening  
Where: Mitchell Harris Wine Bar - 38 Doveton St North Ballarat  
When: Thursday May 16th - 7pm  
Cost: $25 per head to cover the Meal. Drinks at Bar Prices.

Definite RSVP required by Friday 10 May  
Please leave your name on the list provided next to the sign in books in the ELC

Contacts:

4YO Extended Room 1 - Jane Faull  
4YO Extended Room 2 - Linda Fraser  
4YO Sessional - Julia Stansbie

We look forward to seeing you there

Linda Fraser  
ELC 4yo Extended Parent Rep
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Normal Trading Hours (during School Term)

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In addition to these times, we offer individual fitting appointments. Please contact Leanne on (03) 5330 8305 during Trading Hours or via email bac@dobsons.com.au to arrange a suitable time. Both new and second hand uniform is available.

Location

Dobsons is located on the Sturt Street Campus, 1425 Sturt Street, Ballarat Please click here for map.

Kilts and Pinafores

New stock of Kilts has arrived. Orders are being taken for Pinafores.

Shop on Line

You can also do your Uniform shopping online. Please contact us for details.

JSPG, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club Merchandise

We have various items for cash sale on behalf of the Junior School Parents Group, Parents & Friends and 1920s Club. The items available include Organisational Bags, Parents & Friends Caps and Rowing Caps.

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Junior School Disco

The Junior School Disco will be held on Friday 31 May in Watson Hall so please keep this date free!

The event will be staged in two halves: Years Prep, 1 and 2 from 6pm – 7pm and then Years 3 & 4 from 7.15pm – 8.15pm

The Year 4 Performing Arts Leaders have decided on the theme of ‘Beach Party’ and we will be encouraging the students to dress up appropriately.

The entry fee is $2 per child to be paid on the night of the disco.

Wellbeing Curriculum

This term the Junior School continue to work through the Wellbeing curriculum. This curriculum is delivered in the classroom but aims to develop the skills and competencies in all students in vital wellbeing areas that can assist them within all classrooms, from Maths to Art, to the playground and beyond.

In Prep and Grade 1 students are working on understanding their strengths and building their self-efficacy. This includes recognising that we all have different strengths; that we don’t have to be and won’t be the best at everything; and that everyone is unique and special.

In Grade 2 we are focusing on building and maintain friendships including conflict resolution, from minor playground issues to more challenging discussions about values and beliefs.

In Grade 3 and 4 we are focusing on understanding and developing a growth mindset. A growth mindset encourages students to believe that they can all learn and improve in any facet of their lives and that it is ok to make mistakes as this is when most learning occurs.

We encourage you to engage in discussion with your children about the above concepts and where possible apply to the family and home environment.

Walk to School Safely day

Friday 24 May Ballarat Clarendon College Junior School students have the opportunity to participate in the Walk to School Program. This will be followed up with discussion in Physical Education classes around fitness and healthy eating.

We will meet at St Patrick’s Point at 8am sharp and walk to the Junior School Campus. We will be offering the students (and parents who participate) a piece of fruit and a fruit drink upon arrival at the campus. Students who do not participate but are at the campus at 8.30am also will be offered fruit and a fruit drink. We would appreciate parental involvement as part of this community-based activity.

More information on this initiative can be found at:
Walk to School Safely Day

Friday 24 May

BCC students leave from St Patrick’s Point (on the lake) at 8am. Family & friends are all welcome to walk!

Complimentary fruit and a drink will be provided for students in Watson Hall when they arrive at school.