FULL SCHOOL ASSEMBLY FRIDAY

Lyn’s Lines

Planning for 2016
I can’t believe we are at the business end of the year…..unbelievable!!!

For your information students have been put into grade groupings however, we are still waiting on some last minute placement decisions. We will inform the parents and children as soon as possible who their teacher will be next year.

Proposed Grade Structure for 2016

- Prep Mrs. Mioduszewski
  Mrs. Morsman
- 1/2 Mr Rylance
- 1/2 Mrs Towill
- 3/4 Mr. Durrington
- 3/4 Mrs Lukas
- 5/6 Miss Bacon
- 5/6 Mr Lewis

Karen Hustwaite has accepted the position of Junior School Co-coordinator at Kunyung PS which is great for her but a huge loss for us at Bittern PS. Sophia Grant has also accepted a teaching position at Belvedere PS. We wish her all the best in her new role as a grade 5/6 teacher. We have also advertised for an Assistant Principal to support the leadership team to assist in improving student learning. The panel members, consisting of two experienced principals, myself and Karen Hustwaite are currently reading applications. We are fortunate enough to have many high quality applicants.

Summer has arrived and with that comes trips to the beach and swimming in the pool….great fun!! It is also a time to remind ourselves and our children of the things that we need to be mindful of when near water. The Royal Life Saving Society have presented the National Drowning Report for 2014 stating that during that year there were 30 drownings of children between the ages of 0-14, children under 4 continue to have the highest pool drowning statistic. Below are some tips to keep in mind to keep safe this summer.

Safe swimming at the beach
To keep safe you need to remember a few rules:

- Always swim between the red and yellow flags if it is a patrolled beach.
- Never swim alone in case you get into difficulty. No, I’m not just talking about sharks and other possibly dangerous sea creatures. Getting cramp, or being caught by a strong current, or getting washed off rocks cause a lot of people to get into trouble.
- If you think the sea is too rough, do not go in. You know how good a swimmer you are, and it is being sensible, not chicken, to know when you could be putting yourself and others in danger.
If you are doing a longer swim, then swim along the shore line, not out to sea and back - then if you get tired or into difficulty, you have a chance of getting back to shore, or the lifeguard can see you and help you if you need it.

Don't swim after dark, as no one can see you if you need help.

If you hear the siren, or the lifeguards tell you to get out of the water, GET OUT AT ONCE. They know what they are doing and they give their time to keep you safe.

Floating around on a tyre or a blow up mattress can be fun in a swimming pool but isn't a good idea at the beach where you could be dumped by waves or carried out further than you are able to swim back.

Bookings for 2016 are now open!

 Helpers’ Afternoon Tea
Our staff would like to show their gratitude for the parental support we receive continuously throughout the year. Many classroom programs, excursions and camps as well as many other school activities couldn’t happen without this parental support. We are always amazed by the level of support we receive from our parents and we sincerely appreciate it. To show our appreciation we are putting on an afternoon tea, on Thursday 10th December at 2.30pm in the staff room. Everyone is welcome.

Hastings School Holiday Program
Monday 4th January – Friday 22nd January
Hastings Community Hub
1973 Frankston–Flinders Rd, Hastings
Hours: 7.30am – 6.30pm
Bookings can be made via the Shire Website: www.mornpen.vic.gov.au
For further information contact Education and Care 5950 1640

ICY POLES
Icy poles are back for Term 4! PLEASE NOTE: Every newsletter day is icy pole day at lunchtime. Icy poles will sell for $1.00

VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS FOR SALE – ONLY $2.00 PUNNET
Home grown vegetable seedlings – tomato (large variety), capsicum, eggplant available. If you would like more information please contact Sue at the school office.

Hastings Blue Light Disco
Hastings Blue Light Disco are seeking volunteers to help with the supervision of the monthly Disco in 2016. If you can help at this fantastic community youth event please contact;
Senior Constable Genine Isted
Hastings Police Station – 5970 7800
genine.isted@police.vic.gov.au

MPYS School Holiday Program January 2016
Shed 11 Youth Centre – 11 Marine Pde. Hastings
YLounge Youth Centre – 1 Nepean Plaza, Rosebud
The Corner Youth Centre - 91 Wilson Rd, Mornington
More info:
phone: 5950 1666
email : facebook.com/mornpenyouth
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