**Principal’s News (contd)**

**Returning of Notes etc**
We ask that notes that have to be returned are done so by or before the due date. Often the organisation of activities is dependent upon numbers and having late returns creates problems. I know homes can be very busy places but I do ask that notes etc are returned on time.

**District Athletic Sports**
Grades 3 - 6 will be participating in the Athletic Sports at Landy Field next **Tuesday, 25th August**. Travel to and from the event will be by bus. A note has already gone home about this. Children will participate in a range of track and field events. From the day’s events, the district will select its team to represent the district at the Zone level in October.

**Debating**
Last week our fabulous debating team won their debate on “Social Media”. In a well-constructed and co-ordinated argument, Max L, Annelise, and Beccy won the day for Wallington. Annelise was awarded best speaker. Congratulations to the debating team, Brenda (Beccy’s mum) and Miss Rogers for an excellent effort.

**Last day of term**
Students will be dismissed on the last day of term 3 at 2:30pm.

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**Book Week**
Book week parade will be held on the basketball court at 9:15am on Thursday 27th August. The theme is **Books Light Up the World**. Children are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character from here or around the world. Parents are more than welcome to come along and enjoy the parade. After recess we will be having whole school book week activities based on the Short list Books (as nominated by the Children’s Book Council). In the afternoon come along and enjoy a BOOK SHARE in the Hall at 2:30pm. This is where we bring along our favourite book to share with others for half an hour and then we finish up with an episode of Wallington Family Feud.

**Literacy/Numeracy Week 31 August – 4th September**
On Thursday 3rd September we will be having a well-known Illustrator coming to talk to the students about illustrating books. Then on the Friday, instead of assembly we will be having a Maths Puzzle session from 2:30 – 3:30pm. Parents are most welcome to come and join in the fun.

**Our volunteers**
I would like to acknowledge the work that our volunteers do around the school. People volunteer in a number of ways at the school and it needs to be acknowledged. Parent helpers in the class room, Parents and Friends, Strawberry Fair, Grounds Work, Camps and Excursions, School Council, Hot lunches, Book Club, just to name a few areas. Rest assured the contributions that our volunteers make is greatly appreciated.

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**SCHOOL CONCERT: AT THE CIRCUS**

All grades will be participating in a School Concert on Friday, 11th September 2015.

Students will be showcasing the circus skills they will have practised during that week with Terry Cole, artist in residence. We anticipate that some parents will prefer to attend an afternoon concert, and others, an evening concert (**please attend only one session**). All students will be required to be at school for both performances. A note has been sent home today about seats allocation for the Concert. Please return this by Monday, 24th August 2015.

Judie Macmillan, Art Teacher
Romsey Primary School 150th Anniversary Open Day
Saturday October 24th from 10.00am – 4.00pm
All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150th celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children’s Day activity program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey. All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!
For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website www.romseyps.vic.edu.au or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

See also flyer on Wallington PS noticeboard

You can make a difference on the Bellarine!
Any spare time on your hands? Looking to give back to your local community? Victoria State Emergency Service (VICSES) Bellarine Unit is recruiting for new volunteers, both female and male to assist them in keeping the community safe, particularly during weekdays.

VICSES Bellarine Unit is a diverse group of volunteers made up of women and men, mums and dads the young and old. VICSES is Victoria’s response agency for flood, storm, earthquake and tsunami emergency, as well as road crash rescue. Volunteers receive accredited, recognised training as part of their role, which may include rescue skills, chainsaw operations or securing a roof in a storm.

VICSES units also assist other emergency agencies at incidents such as searches and rescues. As well as emergency response, VICSES volunteers engage with the community to help them prepare for disasters.

VICSES Bellarine Unit Controller Dion Henderson said volunteering is a rewarding way of helping the community.
“VICSES is a great place to meet new and exciting people and the unit always welcomes newcomers,” he said.

“I would encourage everyone to join and lend a hand. There are roles for everyone, from working the chainsaw to communications and even public education.”

The Bellarine Unit is located at Grubb Road and hosts evening training sessions every Thursday at 7:00pm.
If you would like to learn more about becoming a SES volunteer, please contact Dion Henderson on 0427 074 029 or visit the VICSES website www.vicses.gov.au/volunteer

Any queries can be directed to Bendigo Bank at Gate-way Plaza in Leopold Tel: 52501057 or email: Leopoldmailbox@bendigobank.com.au

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