**Principal’s News (contd...)**

materials in the home that arouse curiosity or extend their child’s natural interest in the world around them. By encouraging and modelling leisure-time reading in the home, parents take the most important step in fostering their child’s reading development.

**How can reading research information be useful to me, as a parent?**

Current research in reading reveals three important considerations for parents and teachers:

- Children who read, and read widely, become better readers.
- Reading and writing are complementary skills. Parents are important to children both as role models and as supporters of their efforts.

**What does research say about ways parents can help their children with reading?**

The following suggestions have been beneficial to many parents:

- Provide a good role model — read yourself and read often to your child.
- Provide varied reading material — some for reading enjoyment and some with information about hobbies and interests.
- Encourage activities that require reading — for example, cooking (reading a recipe), constructing a kite (reading directions), or identifying an interesting bird’s nest or a shell collected at the beach (using a reference book).

**First Aid**

Next week students in grades 2 – 6 will be having a first Aid session with St Johns Ambulance. This is a basic lesson in first aid. This is a tremendous opportunity for our students to prepare them for the coming summer. This also complements the up coming visit by Surf Lifesaving Victoria and lessons on the Rescue helicopter.

**Concert**

After a lot of work by the students, under the guidance of, Jon Madin we will be having a concert next week. The concert will be starting at 2:30 *(Check with Judi)*

**How Can I Improve My Child’s Reading?**

*By: Beverley B. Swanson*

What can I do for my school-age child who doesn’t like to read?

In the early elementary years, from first through third grades, children continue learning how to read. It is a complex process, difficult for some and easy for others. Care must be taken during these early years not to over-emphasize the learning-to-read process. Reading for pleasure and information develops reading interests and offers children the opportunity to practice their reading skills in meaningful ways. Parents of elementary-age children should provide reading

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**Parents and Friends**

Our next meeting will be at 2.15 Friday 24th Oct at the school hall before afternoon assembly. Lots to discuss including upcoming BBQs (one at Mitre 10 on Nov 2nd and another on State Election Day Nov 29th – volunteers needed), Family Bike Ride, and end-of-year Christmas picnic. If you are able to volunteer some time for either BBQ or if you’d like a copy of our meeting minutes, please contact the school or email *tracey@pondaestate.com.au*
Positions are available for:

- 3-year old program*
  - Yellow Group: Monday 2:00-4:15
  - Tuesday 2:00-4:15
- 4-year old program*
  - Red Group: Monday 8:15-1:15
  - Tuesday 8:15-1:15
  - Wednesday 8:15-1:15
  - Blue Group: Monday 2:00-4:30
  - Wednesday 8:15-2:30
  - Friday 8:15-2:30

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For creating a wonderful book for Khmer children, complete with translation. Amazing effort Angus. - ANGUS MC

For persistence and effort in learning her 4xtables. Well done. - LIBBY S

For achieving a personal best of 1m34cm in high jump at the Western Metropolitan Track and Field Championships. Important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming but also independence, organisation, responsibility and confidence.

If anyone is wishing to have forms signed for Surf Life Saving Nipper programs, this is a great time to get those forms signed. Please see myself if you need this done.

This program is part of the schools extra curricula sports educational program and it is expected that all children will participate.

Thank you, Mr Vaught Swimming Coordinator

Environment Committee

Thank you to everyone that turned out to the working bee, in this very busy time of year. There was a terrific group of students that helped out with tasks too. There is still a small amount of mulch needing spreading around the play equipment, if you can help please feel free to rock up at anytime to help out.

Spring Fair
Leopold Uniting Church
Cnr Ash Road & Bellarine Highway

Saturday 25th October 2014 from 10.00 am to 1pm.

Dazzling Dan the Magic Man 11am- 12 noon

Gymnastics Display 10.15 am
Silent Auction Rose Display Giant Jumping Castle/Slide S2 Pony Rides Gourmet Cakes Children’s Games
Cake Stall Magician Garden & Plants
Craft Stalls Show bags Live music
Face Painting Produce and more…

WOODLANDS PRESCHOOL
Open Days Monday 20th, 21st, 23rd & 24th Oct Between 9am-11am. Parents and children are both welcome to visit and experience firsthand the Woodlands Preschool, Ocean Grove experience.

Wellington Primary School takes no responsibility for and does not endorse the quality or conduct of any activity advertised in the Community Notices section of the newsletter. Customers are required to make their own enquiries and judgements.

Swimming Program 2014
Important Notices - Notice 1

Swimming begins on Monday November 17th. In order to finalise the program we are asking for all permission forms and program costs of $100 to be returned by Friday November 7th. The school program for prep to year 3 will commence on Monday Nov17th and run over the following two weeks with Fridays being rest days. Fees cover transport, entry and eight 45 minute swimming lessons by qualified instructors at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre (BASC) Ocean Grove.

Get organised and don’t forget to label your clothes, bathers and bags for wet clothes etc. This program is an important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming but also independence, organisation, responsibility and confidence.

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