Last week I had the pleasure of being with our Grade 10’s on the Melbourne trip. Along with Mrs Moore and Mr Cramp we spent five days in what has been nominated the number one most liveable city in the world. Our students were a credit to the school and from my observations the experiences of the week will be something they will take with them for a long time. A special thank you goes out to Mrs Moore who spent considerable time organising and preparing for this trip and also Mr Cramp whose support was a welcome addition. Once again it is clear that success comes from careful preparation, planning and organisation. Well done Mrs Moore! The bumpy ride home on the Spirit of Tasmania was more than compensated for by the great time that was had by all.

With the recent colder weather there has been a higher level of student absenteeism than usual. Admittedly, much of this is due to colds and flus and I understand the necessity to keep your children home in such situations, however wherever possible it is better that students are at school. Research on school attendance consistently shows that low absenteeism is correlated to students' positive school behaviour, participation in extracurricular activities, higher grades, and better long term educational outcomes. According to some researchers (John Hattie et al), high levels of absenteeism and the lack of long term connection to a school is one of the main barriers to student achievement.

On a final note, the 27 August to the 2 September is National Literacy and Numeracy week (NLNW). NLNW represents a collaborative approach by all Governments and school communities to highlight the importance of literacy and numeracy skills for all children and young people, with a focus on school-aged children. It gives schools the opportunity to get involved in a range of literacy and numeracy activities and it aims to recognize locally the achievements of students and the work of teachers, parents and members of the community who support young people to develop stronger literacy and numeracy skills. For more information and to register for activities visit the NLNW website: http://www.literacyandnumeracy.gov.au/

Grade 2/3 Kitchen Fundraiser

Grade 2/3 Maartensz are again on a fundraising drive to raise money to transform part of our “Wet Area” into a kitchen so we can incorporate cooking into our Investigation Time. Thus far we have participated in a “Read Our Way to a Kitchen” Read-a-thon (thank you to all our sponsors) and our next project is a market stall like we held last year.

The MASSIVE Market

Monday, 3 September 2012
During Recess

Donations of any unwanted items that are in a re-sellable condition are being gratefully accepted by the 2/3 class now.

Thank you from Grade 2/3
Friday 24 August  Last chance to hand in any Earn and Learn stickers
Wednesday 29 August  Playgroup at Burnie - Bernie’s Pad in the Plaza 10am
Thursday 30 August  Grade 10 Hellyer Talk
Thursday 30 August  Father’s Day Stall - Purchase an item for Dad at recess
Thursday 30 August  Grade 10 Hellyer Talk
Tuesday 4 September  School Association Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday 6 September  Assembly 11.40am
Friday 7 September  Last Day Term 2
Monday 24 September  STUDENT FREE DAY
Tuesday 25 September  First Day Term 3

Students in the Spotlight

Congratulations to Joe Gregg who won Best and Fairest and George Tiplady Runner Up in the Yolla Football Club Reserves. They are the youngest ever players to receive these awards. Well done boys, fantastic effort!

Congratulations to Amy Symes. Amy has been selected to play in the North West team for Netball against Launceston in Launceston on Wednesday, 5 September. Selections were based on the performances at the Grades 5/6 Sports Day, the Devon v Darwin Challenge games, selection trials as well as attitudes at training. Well done Amy!

Parents and Friends News

A big thank you to everyone who came and supported our first Yolla Shopping Expo. We raised $1222 which will go to both our Music and Library Departments. Thanks needs to go out to our local North-West businesses for their generous donations, our school staff and students for their time, cooking and decorating bags, the store holder who brought a bit of shopping madness to Yolla for the day, Christine and Graeme Warren for the use of the Tavern, Cattle Handlers for their trailer and of course our P&F members. The support was absolutely amazing. Thank you!!

We will be holding a Father’s Day Craft Day on Tuesday 28 August, if anyone can spare some time to help us make some crafty things for Dad, it would be very appreciated.

FATHER’S DAY STALL WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, 30 AUGUST. Please purchase something great for Dad this Father’s Day.

ASSEMBLY
6 SEPTEMBER 2012
11.40am

HELLYER COLLEGE
GRADE 10 VISIT

Hellyer College staff will be visiting grade 10 students on Thursday 30 August from 9.30am-10.30am for a presentation. Parents are encouraged to attend. Any queries please contact Mrs Moore at school.
This term in Kinder we have been very busy doing a Winter theme. We have done a lot of activities and craft. One of the exciting things we made was our large igloo. It took us five weeks to build; we used 759 plastic milk containers and nine tubes of liquid nails to put it together. We would like to say a big thank you to all our families and friends who helped us collect the milk containers. We also made a papier mache snowman and Coen brought in some real snow.

ELLIOTT COMMUNITY HALL BALL

NEW VOGUE AND OLD TIME DANCING
LESTER SMITH’S MUSIC
JUNIOR BELLE, GOWN OF THE NIGHT,
AFTER FIVE & COUPLE OF THE NIGHT

VENUE: ELLIOTT HALL
MURCHISON HIGHWAY

WHEN: FRIDAY, 24 AUGUST
8PM TO 12AM

ADMISSION: $12.00 per person

RAFFLE AND LUCKY PRIZES
SUPPER PROVIDED.

ENQUIRIES: JUDY & JOHN KEENE on
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The Health Care Insurance 321-GO kids’ race will be held at Burnie’s West Park Oval on Sunday 28th October commencing at 11:00am

healthcare insurance
321-GO kids’ race

Loads of incentive prizes for your school and and you on the day!

WIN a Laptop computer courtesy Harvey Norman Burnie. Engage in healthy participation and sign up a friend who has never participated in a 321-GO kids’ race and you’re in the draw. Entries will be validated for entry verification.

ADDED BONUS: HEALTH CARE INSURANCE will donate $500 to every school that can reach 50% participation or more of their enrolled students.

SPORTFIRST Burnie - Voucher prizes worth $300, $200 and $100 to the schools with the highest level of participation. Awarded to schools, both inside a 25km radius of Burnie and schools outside a 25km radius of Burnie.

Entry forms will be available from your school, Health Care Insurance, The Advocate newspaper, 7BU - 101.7 SeaFM, 7AD - 107.7FM, Burnie City Council, McDonalds Burnie, Ulverstone and Devonport and local sports stores.

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