Dear Parents and Guardians,

In last week’s newsletter I thanked the 2011 School Council members for their contribution to our school during 2012. I would like to take this opportunity to introduce you to the 2013 School Council.

**Parent Representatives:**
- Natasha Graham
- Tony Cerra
- Paula Ainsworth
- Trevor Daly
- Bridget Kille
- June Thompson
- Donna Rae
- Karen Wileman
- Katrina Shepherd
- Diane Baker
- Colleen Martin
- Sue Foley
- Lina Potenzi

I look forward to working with all School Council Members throughout 2013 with the common goal of making our school the very best learning environment for all our community members.

The first meeting of the 2012 School Council will be held on Monday March 18th March at 7.30pm. At this meeting Office Bearers will be elected and they will be published in that week’s Newsletter. I would like to remind all parents that School Council meetings are “open” and visitors are more than welcome to attend. If you are interested please contact the school for more information.

**Annual General Meeting:**
I invite all members of our school community to our 2013 Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held at 7.00pm on Monday 18th March. The main item for this meeting is the presentation of the school’s 2012 Annual Report. It is also an opportunity to celebrate the achievements’ made by our school during 2012. Please contact the School Office if you are interested in attending our 2013 Annual General Meeting.

**Introducing My Child Conferences:**
Tonight concludes our first round of parent / teacher interviews for the 2013 school year (Introducing My Child Conferences). This conference provided parents with an opportunity to provide valuable background information that pertains to their children’s learning. It is also an ideal starting point for the communication of expectations and goals for the learning and teaching year. It is important for our children that we all work in partnership with each other.

Have a wonderful week

Tony Cerra
Principal
STUDENT OF THE WEEK
WEEK ENDING 27th February, 2013

| P D | Lachlan H         | For being a responsible and caring class member who always tries his best. Well done! |
| P K | Cassie I          | For being an excellent class helper.                                              |
| 1 2B| Kaan A            | For showing enthusiasm for all class activities.                                  |
| 1 2L| Kerem A           | For having a great start to Westbreen.                                             |
| 1 2P| Benjamin P        | For giving 100% in his writing this week. Keep up the fabulous work. 😊          |
| 3 4A| Le-Grand S        | For putting in lots of effort and helping others with their learning. Well done Le-Grand! |
| 3 4W| Mishary G         | For writing a fantastic story! Keep up the good work!                              |
| 5 6A| Mehran S          | For being a great role model in class and giving 100% in math’s.                  |
| 5 6C| Shazaman R        | For being responsible and taking the initiative to finish his work in his own time.|

TOMORROW IS OUR SCHOOL CLEAN UP DAY

Westbreen Primary will be participating in the nationwide Schools Clean Up Day on Friday the 1st of March. Our school community will be demonstrating our support for caring for the environment. We will be working hard to clean up our school and to improve the look of our school grounds.

The students will be going out with their grade during the times below:

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If you are able to assist at any time throughout the day, we would greatly appreciate it.

We ask that you please sign in at the general office.

Thank you, Carla da Silva (Community Involvement SIT Leader)
The perceptual motor program is a variety of physical activities run via small group settings, each group activity lead, and supervised by an adult. The program was jointly developed by physiotherapists, occupational therapists and speech pathologists.

The aim of the program is to assist children to develop the ability to remember patterns of movement, sequences of sounds, simple hand/eye coordination and the development, and strengthening of gross motor skills. In addition, social and behavioural challenges are presented, new words are introduced, and behaviours such as waiting in line, taking turns and applauding the efforts of others, are also reinforced.

Due to the number of adults required to successfully run this program, parent assistance is URGENTLY required to enable our PREP students to commence with PMP as soon as possible. PMP will run on Thursday mornings between 9am-10am each week. Please see Michelle Sheppard, Kristy Monaghan or Carla da Silva if you can volunteer.
Help our school win sports gear!

The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family!

Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 4 March – 14 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win.

Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:

- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
- Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Vouchers and iPads!

Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.

Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It’s free, it’s easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!

Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.

Children who walk to school concentrate better

A Danish study of nearly 20,000 children has found that children who walked or cycled to school were able to concentrate better than others for the first four hours of the day.

The researchers were surprised to find that the trip to school was more important than eating breakfast and lunch.

Authors concluded, "If you're in the habit of driving your children to school, you're not really doing them much of a favour. Rather, you should let them transport themselves to school, because that will make them concentrate better at school."
Music News

Just a reminder to parents and students that music lessons are held on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each lesson is $12. Please bring the money on the lesson day (advance payments can be made if preferred.) Please note if payment is not received a lesson cannot be given. Please contact Nicolle if you have any queries.

Well done to our students who have already performed for assembly and we look forward to many more performances in the future. Here is one of our keyboard students sharing his success about his own musical composition.

William Shepherd Year 3/4Q

“I wrote a song by using my music paper. I carefully made some notes with a line and circle. It was based on a story called the ‘Talking Tiger’. Now you can try to practise it on your piano.”

Sussex Neighbourhood House
235 Sussex St, Pascoe Vale Vic 3044
Phone: 039 354 2210 Email: enquiries@sussexnh.org.au
Website: www.sussexnh.org.au

Share, Learn, Enjoy & Grow

English as a Second Language (ESL) classes. For people with some basic skills in English who wish to continue to build their English reading, writing, speaking and listening skills. Please contact Sussex Neighbourhood House for further details of course content, fees and learning pathways.

Wednesdays and Fridays from 13 Feb to 4 Dec, 9.30am to 12.30pm
$266/$79 conc.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Can you help a young person for 2 hours per week?
The Moreland L2P Program is seeking volunteers to mentor learner drivers and help increase their practical on road driving experience. Vehicle, training and ongoing support provided.

For information, contact Meri 03 9384 2325.
SCHOOL ZONE PARKING OFFENCES

A ‘No Parking’ sign means that drivers must not stop in the area indicated by the sign unless they are dropping off or picking up passengers or goods. While stopped drivers are not permitted to leave the vehicle unattended, which means they must remain within 3 metres of the vehicle. The driver must complete their task and drive on within two minutes.

Drivers with a disabled parking permit may stop for twice the allowed time.

A driver must not stop in the area shown by the arrows on the sign, even if they are picking up or dropping off passengers. Similarly, drivers must not stop along sections of road marked with a continuous yellow edge line, where older ‘No Standing’ signs are being phased out, but they have the same meaning as ‘No Stopping’.

No stopping on a children’s crossing or within 20 metres before or within 10 metres after a children’s crossing.

You cannot proceed through the crossing until all people are off the crossing.

Not to stop within 20 metres before or within 10 metres after a sign indicating a bus stop.

You are not permitted to stop or park your vehicle alongside another vehicle that is already parked parallel to the kerb.

We all understand that pick up and drop off times around schools are very busy. Do the right thing be aware and be patient.

Signs are placed around school precincts to protect our kids.

Police will enforce breaches of the road rules.

A message from your local police.
Healthy Eating & Nutrition Workshop

Guest Speaker – Tania

9.15am Wednesday March 13, 2013

As part of our ‘Family Engagement Program’ we have been fortunate enough to organise a visit from Tania Sangiorgio. Tania will be delivering a very informative and interesting presentation on Nutrition for children. The presentation will cover topics such as children with allergies, how to read food labels, sugar and its various names, presenting food in an attractive manner. Also a collection of handouts, including Recipe ideas will be provided to all attendees. Question time will be provided at the end for all participants. The session will be held in the school Library, and is expected to run for approximately 60 minutes. The presentation has been fully funded by the school so will come at no cost to those families who attend. For the purposes of organising the take home packs, please fill out the return slip below detailing all those attending, and any specific topics you may wish to focus on. All attendees should sign in at the Office and then make their way to the Library for a 9.15am start. If you have any questions or queries regarding this session please speak to either Michelle Sheppard or Paula Ainsworth at the school.

PLEASE RETURN SLIP BELOW TO THE OFFICE BY WEDNESDAY MARCH 6, 2013.

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Guest Speaker

Healthy Eating & Nutrition Workshop

9.15am Wednesday March 13, 2013

Parent/Family & Friends Attending:

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Topics of Interest: .............................................................................................
SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS ON Wednesday 6th March 2013

Dear Parents,

On the above date, School photos will be taken at your school. Order envelopes either have been or will be distributed to all pupils. It is important that instructions are followed in order to save confusion and disappointment.

PLEASE NOTE: All orders received after photography day will incur a reorder fee.

1. Select your preferred package from the options printed on the flyer provided (which is enclosed in the order envelope). A class photo is included in all packages.

2. You must complete a separate order envelope for each purchasing child. Clearly mark the package and gifts you wish to purchase in the space provided using a black or blue ball point pen, complete all your contact details and enclose the correct payment using one of the options listed below.

CASH - Please enclose exact monies as no change is available. If paying for additional siblings in one envelope, please note which envelope payment was made.

CHEQUE - Please print name, address and telephone on rear of cheque. If payment is declined by your bank, then dishonour fees will apply. Please allow 60 days for your cheque payment to be finalized. PLEASE MAKE CHEQUES PAYABLE TO: ADVANCEDLIFE

CREDIT CARD - payments can only be made on-line. An order envelope must be completed and returned to your school prior to photo day. If paying for more than one student or additional family photos, one transaction can be made by adding up the total of all order envelopes and recording the receipt number on all ordering envelopes.

Online Instructions: Go to: www.advancedlife.com.au
   Click on online payments and re-orders, click on proceed
   Enter the three letter online payment code (ie: SCH), then click OK
   Enter your information and payment details
   Click on next to process payment.
   Check your payment details, then click on submit payment,
   A confirmation page will appear, record receipt number on order envelope where indicated under payment details: "online receipt number"

**Please note that a $1 surcharge will apply to the transaction.

• SIBLING Order Envelopes can be collected from the school office and returned prior to photo day

Kind Regards,
ADVANCEDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHY
21 Bridge Street, Bulleen, 3105  Phone 03 9852 1133  Fax 03 9852 1433  Email: info@advancedlifevlc.com.au
Glenroy College School Tours

Come for a school tour to see what it’s like at Glenroy College

Every Thursday at 9.30

Book at the General Office on 9304 0400 or email on glenroy.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au
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School Holidays

NOTICES SENT HOME
- **School Photos**
- **3/4 Easter Excursion**
- **Prep Special Person Day**
- **After School Care Survey**