## IMPORTANT DATES

### MARCH

**Thurs 28**<sup>th</sup>  
Last Day of Term 1 - 2:30pm finish  
*Junior School Council Good Friday Appeal Fundraiser - Casual Dress, gold coin donation.*

- Fri 29<sup>th</sup>  
  Good Friday
- Sat 30<sup>th</sup>  
  Easter Saturday
- Sun 31<sup>st</sup>  
  Easter Sunday

### APRIL

- Mon 15<sup>th</sup>  
  Start of Term 2!
- Mon 15<sup>th</sup> - Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May  
  Bike Ed - Seniors
- Weds 24<sup>th</sup>  
  Geelong West District Cross Country
- Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>  
  ANZAC Day - No School
- Fri 26<sup>th</sup>  
  Curriculum Day - No School
- Tues 30<sup>th</sup>  
  Regional Rehearsal for Victorian State Schools Spectacular

### MAY

- Fri 3<sup>rd</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
- Weds 8<sup>th</sup>  
  History Dress Up Day
- Fri 10<sup>th</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
- Weds 15<sup>th</sup>  
  Preps to IMAX - Melbourne
- Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Weds 16<sup>th</sup>  
  NAPLAN - Writing, Reading & Numeracy
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
- Mon 20<sup>th</sup> - Fri 24<sup>th</sup>  
  Victorian State Schools Spectacular Rehearsal
- Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>  
  Education Week!!
- Fri 24<sup>th</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JO & JMB
- Mon 27<sup>th</sup>  
  North Geelong Divisional Cross Country
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup>  
  Geelong West District Lightning Premiership
- Fri 31<sup>st</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB

### JUNE

- Weds 5<sup>th</sup>  
  Back up day for the Lightning Premiership
- Fri 7<sup>th</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
- Mon 10<sup>th</sup>  
  *Queens Birthday - No School*
- Fri 14<sup>th</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
- Thurs 20<sup>th</sup>  
  Reports to go home
- Fri 21<sup>st</sup>  
  YMCA Gymnastics - JF & JB
- Fri 28<sup>th</sup>  
  Last Day of Term 2 - 2:30pm finish
Our first draft plan for our new play area is finally here! Lots of people took the opportunity to have a look at the Mano market but if you haven’t, I have put smaller copies up around the school – Prep, Middle, Senior’s buildings with the big version, up in the staffroom. Come and have a look and write down any ideas or comments on the sheets provided. Please remember that this is a concept plan – he has taken all the ideas we presented to him and put them all together in this plan. Our next step is to see which parts we can do ourselves at working bees and which parts need expert attention. I hope to see lots of feedback on our sheets.

All Victorians were urged to become a Bully Stopper on the 15th March 2013, the National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence, the Victorian Government launched a major bullying prevention campaign: Bully Stoppers: Make a stand, lend a hand.

The campaign is based on a series of resources available online that empowers students, parents, teachers and principals to ‘make a stand, lend a hand’ and stop bullying. Bully Stoppers supports parents, teachers and principals in working together to make sure schools are safe and supportive places, where bullying is taken seriously and not ignored. Psychologist Andrew Fuller and cyber safety expert Susan Mclean have provided tips and advice to help you support your child if they have been affected by bullying and how to ensure they stay safe online. Learn more by visiting www.education.vic.gov.au/bullystoppers.

Notes have gone home today with our students in P-2 regarding our Active After School Communities Program in term 2. Unfortunately our Badminton coach – Craig – has informed me that he no longer wishes to participate in our program – bad news. The good news is that Lynne from Geelong Softball Association is coming along on Wednesdays to teach us softball instead! Matt will still be coming on Tuesdays to teach us Frisbee too. If you are in P-2 and would like to participate in either one of these programs, please fill in the form and send it back to school by Friday April 19th.

Don’t forget our final assembly for the term is tomorrow - Thursday 28th March at 2pm. We will be awarding our Reach for the Stars Awards for Term 1, announcing our School Captains for Term 2, and drawing our School Captain’s Easter Egg Raffle – Exciting!!!!!

Appreciations to:
- To our parents, students, staff and friends who came along and helped at our Mano Market. It was a great day and the atmosphere around the school was terrific.
- Everyone for a wonderful, full on term. You have all worked hard and need to be congratulated!

Communication is vital – Keep reading the newsletter!

Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!

Let’s keep Unleashing Potential!
Marina Keegan
Principal

Congratulations!

Kade McKenzie (SS) went to the State Little Athletics Championships in Bendigo on the weekend and is very proud of his results!! A big congratulations to Kade for achieving such great results!

Under 10
High Jump 11th
Triple Jump 13th
Long Jump 14th
Library News!

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Book Fair. A huge thank you to Denise McPhee and Mardi Kingston who have organised and run this event for us. The money raised from this goes directly back into the Library in the form of books purchased for students. We love getting new reading material for the children to enjoy.

Please remember to return Library books this week. There will be no borrowing during the remainder of this week due to holidays.

Next term keep an eye out for the following books which are currently being processed.

Jandamarra by Mark Greenwood, illustrated by Terry Denton.

Set in the 1880s in the Kimberely region Jandamarra is the true story of a young Bunuba boy torn between conflicting cultures of his ancestors and employers. He earns the reputation of being a brave young freedom fighter and courageous defender of his country and people.

The Little Eskimo by Davide Cali and illustrated by Maurizio Quarello

The Little Eskimo is a classic tale of the human desire to seek out what we cannot know: what the future holds. It is a story of one little Eskimo boy’s search for his own identity, his future, his place in the grand scheme of things and where he belongs in the world.

Junior School Council

Just a reminder Thursday will be a casual dress day with a gold coin donation. Our school has chosen to participate in Schools for the Kids as part of The Royal Children’s Hospital Good Friday Appeal. It is an exciting opportunity for families and friends to donate towards Victoria’s much loved Hospital. Schools for the Kids lets us raise specifically for much needed equipment and in 2013, our school will be fundraising towards the purchase of a Paediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU) Ultrasound Device which will allow the safe and rapid assessment of little patients.

Thank you,

Miss Barr & Junior School Council

Winners of the Bell Park Auskick Handball Competition

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Winners of the Lolly Jar

**Jar A:**
- Lillian Currie (PB)

**Jar B:**
- Xander Venz (PS)

Congratulations to everyone!!

From the Office

We hope you all have a safe Easter break! We look forward to seeing you all back to start Term 2 with fresh faces and big smiles!
The preps are progressing really well with their Indonesian. They know a greeting song and a colour song in Indonesian. They can answer the question:

Siapa nama kamu?  
Nama saya Mia.

They know the following colours:
merah  
kuning  
jingga  
biru  
hijau

They are also starting to count to five.

Thanks from Mrs Walker