As you may have heard in the media lately there is a lot of concern about the number of children arriving at schools across Victoria early in the morning before yard supervision begins at 8:45am. While we operate a breakfast program for our students before our school day begins, this program does not start until 8:30am and staff who are assisting in the program each morning stay in the BER building during this time. At our school 2 staff members begin supervising the playground areas between 8:45-9:00 each morning. To assist us in keeping your child safe while they are at school we ask that they don’t arrive at school prior to breakfast club beginning if they are wanting to be part of the program or before 8:45 if they don’t wish to have breakfast at school.

Now that our Prep students have begun at school full time, attending school 5 days of the week, it’s timely for us to remember how important it is for all our students to get the right amount of sleep each night so they are ready for learning at school. Current research has found that children need about 10 hours of sleep each night from around 7:30pm. As parents two things that you can do to help make sure your child gets enough sleep are putting them to bed and getting them up at the same time each day, helping them to wind down about an hour before they go to bed – turn off the TV and I-Pads and encourage quiet activities.

This week we will introduce to you the 5th Habit – Seek First to Understand then to be Understood. When we seek first to understand then to be understood we listen to the ideas and feelings of others. We try to see things from the viewpoints of others and listen without interrupting. We are confident in voicing our ideas.

I have received notification from Mr Darren Young that he wished to resign from teaching and therefore cease to work at Stevensville Primary School. We wish Mr Young all the best in his future endeavours and thank him for the service that he has provided to both Stevensville Primary School and the Department of Education and Training. From the beginning of next term Mrs Nancy Baykara will return to teach the Grade 3/4 class until the end of the year.

Don’t forget that next Monday 14th March is a public holiday so no students are required at school.

Regards,
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Term 1 Program - New Families Welcome!

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Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF)

Do you have a current Health Care Card or Pension Card?

You may be eligible for the CSEF payment which will pay for all your children’s excursions and activities during the year. Please bring your Health Care Card or Pension Card to the office and you will be able to complete an application form.

Applications are closing soon.

Community Week Special Lunch Day

Pizza & Juice!

Tuesday 22\(^{nd}\) March

$5.50

Please Note:
There will be no other lunch orders available on this day. Only the Special Lunch Menu.

Order forms are available from the office.
Last day to order is Thursday 17\(^{th}\) March.

NO LATE ORDERS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Homework Club

Well done to all those students putting first things first and attending Homework Club on Wednesdays after school.

Students who attend Homework Club are required to bring their homework, readers, spelling words, writing or any work they need to finish. Homework club runs from 3.30pm to 4.15pm every Wednesday in Room 1.

Brimbank City Council is offering a homework program for any students who require assistance. It is run at Westvale Community Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 3.30pm to 5.00pm.

If your child needs additional help with reading, writing, maths or EAL, please see Mei in the Community Hub or Jessica Blair in Room 1. An information flyer is attached to this newsletter.

Thank you.
Leaders of the Week
To be presented at Assembly this Friday. Assembly Hosts - 3/4H

Prep C  Psalms Loloa  3/4F  Savreen Kaur
Prep M  Lynda Truong  3/4H  Samuel Wilberforce
1/2A  Aiden Tjung  3/4Y  Harman Kaur
1/2B  Anh-Kiet Do  5/6B  Ryan Smillie
1/2C  Sophie Hillery  5/6M  Amie Luong
Art  Cooper Batson  5/6S
Italian  Sairas Tlu Mang  PE  Tiffany Tran

Reading Recovery  Ama Neemia

Cuppa & Chat Parent Support Group
Every Thursday at 9.15am
All parents are welcome to come for a chat and some yummy and/or healthy morning tea.
See Kate in the BER Building.

Habit 5
Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

I listen to others’ ideas and feelings. I try to see things from their viewpoints. I listen to others without interrupting. I am confident in voicing my ideas.
Green Day - Monday March 21st

Green Day is a gardening day working bee, where each grade will have a one hour timeslot where they will be tidying, mulching and watering their own garden area, in preparation for planting in Term 2. In next week’s newsletter we will include a map and timetable for each grade.

Parents are more than welcome to come along and assist their child’s grade. It would be helpful if students could bring a bucket and a pair of gardening gloves from home. Students are encouraged to wear green in celebration of Green Day.

Harmony Day - Tuesday March 22nd

Harmony Day is held each year on 21st March. Stevensville Primary School will be celebrating Harmony Day on Tuesday the 22nd of March.

It’s a day to celebrate our cultural diversity. It’s about inclusiveness, respect and a sense of belonging for everyone.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs.

Theme for 2016 is “Our diversity is our strength, because together we…”

All students to be encouraged to wear something orange, which is the colour that is used to celebrate Harmony Day. Mei is planning a multicultural lunch in the BER building and we will be asking parents and teachers to contribute a plate of something that represents their country of origin. See next page for more information. The canteen will have a pizza & juice lunch for the students on this day.

Market Day - Wednesday March 23rd, 2.30 - 3.30pm

As part of their Math and Inquiry topics, the 5/6 students are organising and running a school Market Day. All classes from Prep to Grade 6 will have their own stall, where they will sell items or have games to play. The purpose of the Market Day is for the 5/6 students to apply their new knowledge of Economics and Financial Math in a real life setting. They aim to raise money to purchase soccer goals for the oval.

We would love to see as many parents attend as possible. Please come along and support our students in their market endeavours.