Dear Parents,

**Parent Parking**
Essendon Keilor College has contacted us in recent days regarding parents parking in the secondary school car park. Parents are reminded that parking in our school grounds is not allowed for safety reasons. This is also the case for our neighbouring secondary school.

I again stress that it is not appropriate for any parent to park within the school grounds of both the primary and secondary school. Please put greater thought into the safety of students and find a more suitable place to park.

**P-2 Swimming**
Swimming commenced this week for our grade prep to 2 children. The program takes place at the Maribyrnong Aquatic Centre. Children attend daily, with the final session being held next Friday. If your child is involved in the swimming program, please ensure they arrive at school each day with bathers and a towel.

Thank you to Janine Martin for the time she has spent organising this worthwhile program.

**Grade 6 Graduation**
Much preparation is underway for the end of year grade 6 graduation evening. The group is busy rehearsing for the night and have been filming what looks to be very entertaining footage to show to parents.

Make sure you keep the evening of Wednesday 16th December free if you are the parent of one of our talented grade 6 students. Graduation will once again be held in our school hall.

**Christmas Raffle**
Donations are now being sought for the end of year Christmas raffle. Any food, tins, biscuits, bon-bons etc would be appreciated. (Please make sure that items will still be able to be used until January 2016).

Donations can be sent to school with your children, or dropped off at the office.

Kind Regards,
Greg
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29/10/2015

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Georgia, Chelsea and Willow
Grade 3/4 students who recently attended camp at Marysville had many memorable experiences which are detailed in the factual recounts they wrote. We hope that you enjoy reading their reports.

**Black Saturday Boot Camp**

During the second week of term four, Niddrie’s grade 3/4 students enjoyed Marysville’s camp and learnt a lot about the environment whilst they participated in the activities.

The camp is located in Victoria’s countryside and is in a State Forest.

After a two hour bus trip, the 3/4s were sorted into their cabins and then into their groups. The pupils found out that the cabins had been made for the people that were left homeless because of the Black Saturday bushfires. The groups were done randomly so not many people were with their friends however it didn’t seem to be an issue.

At mealtimes, the students followed a slogan that said: ‘Take what you need but eat what you take!’ The food was delicious and most of it was freshly grown there.

The children had night time activities and it was awesome to watch. Even some of the teachers were ‘killing themselves laughing’.

When camp was over, the grades were really looking forward to next year’s camp - especially a girl called Georgia! By Georgia 3/4C

**Camp Marysville**

Last week, Niddrie Primary School’s grade 3/4s went to Camp Marysville which is a great camp!

On the bus to Marysville, all the children had smiles as big as bananas including one very handsome boy called Nathan Manilo.

When the students arrived, they were met by the ‘WA MASTERS’. These group leaders told the children some rules and afterwards everyone watched a video which told them about how they should try not to waste food. ‘TAKE WHAT YOU NEED BUT EAT WHAT YOU TAKE’ is the motto of the camp. Then the kids were shown to their cabins.

After a while, the pupils went to the oval to play some games and they had fun.

Soon after, the kids were split up into groups and over the three days everybody did the following things: rock climbing (must have been scary!), bongo drums, bush walking, hut building, canoeing, making veggie stew with couscous and the low ropes course. All the children had fun in at least one of the activities.

On the second night of the camp, the staff set up a game of ‘Finding Nemo’. Teachers were scattered around the camp and they were all a fish character. The kids had to find Dory at the start and then Dory told them to find Bruce and so on. Overall, the students loved this camp and they wish they could do it again!

By Reporter Nathan 3/4C

**Crazy Camp for Kids**

Grade 3/4 students from Niddrie Primary School went to Camp Marysville (which is an exciting adventure camp) during the second week of term four.

The children had smiles as big as big gorillas as they arrived at school very early in the morning, ready to get on the bus to Marysville.

As they sat down on the bus, they waved their arms for as long as they could and it was such a lovely sight to see. As quick as a flash, the kids arrived at camp and immediately split into their cabins.

Later, they were put into their groups with leaders called wa-masters. The pupils started off doing two activities and then went into the hall to play the ‘Wacky Wombat Games’.

The grade three boys won by ten points and that made their night very happy and they went to sleep hastily, however before sleeping Xavier affectionately said, ‘This is called Crazy Camp for Kids!’

The next day the children did a few more activities and one of the boys declared that someone had stolen his undies and socks!

Suddenly the kids found it was the last day of camp. The last two activities went very quickly and everyone had to hop on the bus to get back to school by three thirty.

When there were about thirty minutes left on the bus, someone started sleeping, sleep punching and even sleep kicking! Unfortunately the campers got back to school fifteen minutes late but everyone was relieved to see their parents after three days away.

Overall, the kids thought it was a fantastic camp and they will be excited to go again next year - including a boy named Mitchell.

By Jack T 3/4C

**Marysville Camp**

From the 12th to the 14th of October, kids from Niddrie Primary School went to Camp Marysville which is about two hours from Melbourne.

Children arrived at school early because they were thrilled to be going to camp. Before they knew it, they were there. They excitedly got off the bus and grabbed a bag then put it in front of the hall.

The video the kids watched next was important because it was about taking what you need to eat and eating what you take.

The activities that the kids did included rock climbing, canoeing, low ropes, hut building, drumming and bush walking.

The food was very nice, so the students wanted more! Overall, the kids had a great time. Some children were tired, but they were still happy.

By Mitchell 3/4Kate

**Marvellous Marysville**

From the 12th to the 14th of October, kids from Niddrie Primary School went to Camp Marysville which is in the Victorian countryside.

Many children came to school early because they were eager to get on the bus and get going. Some students were jumping out of their skin with excitement! Forty-five minutes later, the kids hopped on the bus and before long they were there.

When they arrived, the kids grabbed a bag and put it in front of the dining hall. They then watched a video about not wasting food.

Next, the plan was to play games and then everyone would go to their cabin. Instead, the kids went to their cabin first then played the games.

There were many activities that were included at camp. The three most popular ones were canoeing, rock climbing and low which the kids fell off many times but remained persistent, drums, bush walking and cooking.

After talking to some 3/4s, a survey showed that they thought the accommodation was great.

There were only a few dramas with leeches and bull ants but fortunately everyone survived!

When the kids got on the bus to go back, they were as tired as a bear hibernating! Before long, the bus pulled in and the children were all excited to see their families.

Due to the huge smiles on their faces, it was clear that the students thought this was a camp to remember.

By Erica 3/4 Kate
ropes. All the pupils learnt how to work together and to challenge themselves.
The kids didn’t need to worry about the food because after they tried it they went back for seconds!
Overall, the children had a great experience at Camp Marysville. When the kids were riding home, they were exhausted but excited to go again next year.

Fun at Camp Marysville
In October at Niddrie Primary School, all the 3/4s were ready to go to Camp Marysville. They got to camp on the 12th and left on the 14th.
As everyone was walking to the bus they were talking excitedly.
Two hours later, the kids arrived at Camp Marysville and had a big meeting and watched a video about not wasting food. After that, they went to their cabins and set up.
Then the children set off to their first activity. The activities that they did were rock climbing, canoeing, bush walking, cooking, bongo drums and low ropes. The most popular activity was rock climbing because people faced their fear of heights. The leaders also included night activities and they were called the Wacky Wombat games and a Finding Nemo game on the second night. Everyone wanted to stay on because it was so much fun. Before long, everyone went to their cabins to pack up and return home.

By Mary 3/4 Kate

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Did you know you can have your say as a resident of Moonee Valley City Council?
MVCC has posted the following link to allow the community to express what they would like to see fixed/changed/improved/etc. within our council. As a school, we’ve had our challenges with parking, security on Fullarton road, garden/grounds on Fullarton road, etc. so this is a good opportunity to have your say.
https://www.collaborativemap.com/KeepMVMoving

Happy Hour
Friday the 11th of September from 3 – 4 pm
In the Alcove

Parent Group is asking for donations of food to sell from the parents of students in Prep Nicole which can include but are in no way limited to…cakes, lolly bags, biscuits, slices, muffins, cookies, donuts, popcorn, cupcakes, icy-poles.
Please contact Jess Spring-Brown on 0409 490 353 if you need more information or you are available to help with sales, set-up or pack-up on the day.

Closet Cleanout Clothing Recycling Fundraiser
It’s spring and for many of us that means a bit of spring cleaning! So, if you are doing some clearing out but are not sure what to do with everything, we have the perfect solution. This term we are holding a Closet Cleanout Clothing Recycling Fundraiser. How does it work? Shortly, you will receive a bag and are asked to fill it with clean, wearable clothes, paired shoes, hats, handbags, belts, towels, sheets, pillowcases and soft toys. You can fill extra bags if you like. Bags are to be returned to the parent group room by November 11th. The school will receive 20c per kilo and items are shipped to developing countries to be sold in small communities by local self-employed people. This program is the Australian version of the Bag2School program from the UK.