International Baccalaureate
Our school has been an authorised IB World School for two and a half years now and in that time many big changes have occurred at the school. We are due for our evaluation as an IB World School in Term Two of next year. There will be opportunities for parent, staff and student consultation and collaboration in collecting the information we need about our school. As our Primary Years Programme Coordinator, Ms Stafford will be looking after the big picture side of the evaluation but we plan to have input from our whole school community. We will have international visitors in our school to look at how things are going and support the school to really evaluate what we are doing and continue on our journey of improvement.

Working Bee
We have our third working bee for school families coming up on August 28th. There a number of inside and outside jobs to be done so if you receive a letter next week that means it is your families rostered turn to help. Please remember that if this day is a problem for you we are always happy to give families another task on another day. The Environment Meeting to plan this day will be 7pm Tuesday 16th and all parents are welcome.

Parent Information

Congratulations
I would like to thank all the students who went to Landy Field, to represent our school at the District Athletics, yesterday for their splendid behaviour at the event. I was told it was a pleasure to share the day with such principled and caring students. Thank you also to the staff who organised and attended the day. We have some students who will be going on to the next level of competition soon, well done!

Getting along
Sometimes children find social situations challenging or frightening and we work with them at school to build social skills to make things work smoothly. You can also help at home by giving some explicit tips.

1. Remind: Be pre-emptive with your teaching. Before they visit their friends give them a couple of pointers that are relevant to them about their behaviour. “Remember, to say hello quietly and ask the other kids if they’d like to play with you.”

2. Rehearse: It’s useful to practise with kids how they should act in social situations. “Okay, Jeremy tell me what you will say when you go to Grandma’s. Let’s practice saying hello.”

3. Revisit: Give kids feedback after the event but keep it positive and upbeat. “That was great the way you let the other kids lead the way. Your friends love it when you let them be boss.” Kids benefit from being told what works well in terms of their social behaviours, even if their attempts at being good only approximate what you are after. It takes a little time for some kids to get things right!

Have a great week Tessa Calder
Community News

For More Details See the Noticeboard Outside The Office

- **Geelong Indoor Sports**— Kids Parties Cricket, footy, netball, dodge ball, poison ball, soccer and more. You bring the cake we do the rest. ph 52221822 or visit www.geelongindoorsports.com.au
- **Children’s Yoga**— July 26th—September 20th, St David’s Church hall Newtown. $90 term or $15 per session. Innercor Yoga is taking positive and decisive action to combat the problems our children face in society today by offering Yoga to Primary aged students. The benefits the students will acquire are physical fitness, flexibility, self worth and self esteem. Phone 5223 3117 or Email: info@innercor.com.au Web: www.innercor.com.au
- **Otway Gardening**— Rural, Domestic, Commercial contact Dean Charman 0447151585 or e mail otwaygardening@hotmail.com
- **East Belmont Cricket Club Junior Registration Day**, Sunday 11th of September 11am - 1pm Free BBQ for all Children and their Families Teams for all age groups - U/17, U/15, U/13, U/11 Milo have-a-go program for children under 10 For further information contact Brendan Thomas on 0412132595
- **Saint Ignatius College**, Geelong is holding its School Musical Production (High School Musical) on 15th & 16th September which we think will be one of our best!. Ph 52511136

Shop For Your School

Both major supermarket chains are offering rewards to the school for you shopping with them.

**Coles** are once again offering sport for schools vouchers in August until October. Every $10 you spend you receive a sports voucher, bring in your vouchers to the office and we can redeem them for sports equipment for the school.

**Safeway/Woolworths** are now offering Earn and Learn codes. Each time you shop in store you earn a unique code. So bring in the bottom section of your docket with the unique code on it and we can redeem it for new classroom and library resources. It is currently running and will continue until September 18th.

So all the supermarket shopping can help your school receive valuable recourses for the students ask neighbours, friends and grandparents to collect for you also. Please bring all receipts/vouchers to the boxes located at the office.

Student Awards

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Chocolate Drive
All families should now have returned their Cadbury chocolates or the money for them. Unfortunately we still have some outstanding. If you are still to bring your money to the office please do so promptly, so we can finalise this fundraiser.

Fathers Day Stall - Keep Ideas Coming
Our Father’s Day stall is just over 4 weeks away. Please keep those offers of help and ideas coming. There is a box in the office where all info is collected. Even if you cannot help on the day you may be able to make some simple biscuits or truffles, etc., or have some plant cuttings. All ideas will be looked at. Remember it is for our children and the Dads. Thanks again.

Helpers Needed for Stall Please
We are again looking for helpers to volunteer some time to our Father’s Day Stall. If you have a ½ hour, an hour or even more time to spare on Friday, 2nd September 2011, please leave your name and contact phone number with the office, so a roster of helpers can be drawn up. Without your help this stall would not be such a success with the children. Thank you.

Netball Skirts
Our netball teams are seeking green netball skirts. If you have any skirts you no longer require or have outgrown and would be happy to donate please leave them at the school office.

Chocolate Making for Fathers Day Stall
We need helpers on Thursday, 1st September 2011, to help make chocolates. No experience is necessary for making our chocolates; it is the easiest thing to make. You don’t have to stay for long but if you have some time to pop into the staff room from 9.00am that would be greatly appreciated. Again could you leave your name with the office ladies so we have an idea of how many helpers there may be. Thank you.

For your Calendar

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Week commencing 15th August

CANTEEN ROSTER
9am-11.30am
Louise Sanghera
11.30am-1.45pm
Cathy Davidson
SICKBAY ROSTER
Michelle Thomas
Literacy

For the rest of this term, we will be including information about literacy in this section. This will look at how as parents, guardians, grandparents and siblings, you can understand, work with and support a child/ren with developing sound literacy skills.

English is a huge and unique collection of words. It is three times larger in the total number of words than German and six times larger than French. In fact, three out of every four words in the dictionary are foreign born. Many of them are pronounced the same in both languages, for example – camel (Hebrew), zoo (Greek), shampoo (Hindi) and opera (Italian). The English language grows and changes daily with new words (neologisms) form science, technology and our culture.

Interesting facts:

- No word in the English language rhymes with month.
- "Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt".
- The word "set" has more definitions than any other word in the English language.
- "Underground" is the only word in the English language that begins and ends with the letters "und."
- The longest one-syllable word in the English language is "screeched."
- There are only four words in the English language which end in "-dous": Can you work out which ones they are? I will tell you next week.

Can You Help?

We are looking for the following:

- Do you have any old tools for building or garden tools lying around that you don’t use anymore? We would love to give them a new home. As part of our Outdoor Environmental Learning Group, we are starting to work in the gardens, plant an orchard and build new equipment for around our school and would be very grateful if you could help us out. Thank you.

- Hi, our Craft Connections group are making beaded brooches and other things to enter into the Geelong Show and we were wondering if you had some beads or beading equipment lying around don’t really use anymore? If you are also able to help us with our beading technique, we get together on a Thursday afternoon at 2.30 till 3.30 in the new building and can always do with extra help, as it is the first time we have done beading before. Thanks

- Our Prep students are starting a new Unit of Inquiry about Journies and were wondering if anyone had any items that you had purchased on your holidays that you don’t want anymore and that our preps could talk about and discuss. Things like, postcards, dolls, toys, replicas, hats, costumes, etc. We are also looking for travel brochures, if you have any lying about at home. Thank you.

Year 3 and 4 Market Stalls

Thursday 18th August at lunchtime. All children please bring your coins to help us with our non profit group supporting a charity.
Our school is up for our three year International Baccalaureate evaluation. Each week I will go through a part of this process with you. To begin, the following is an extract from the Guide to programme evaluation, which explains why we are having an evaluation.

“The main purposes of the programme evaluation are:
* to assess the implementation of the programmes in each school
* to assist the school in developing and maintaining dynamic programmes that reflect the philosophy
and the programme standards and practices of the IBO.

Programme evaluation is not a re-authorization of the school. It allows the regional office to work closely with the school in its ongoing development of the programmes; it is also an opportunity for the IBO to ensure on a regular basis that the standards and practices of the programmes are being maintained. The IBO recognizes that its programmes are not static systems. They are essentially evolutionary, requiring adjustment and development in the light of experience. The IBO supports schools in all stages of development of the PYP, the MYP and the Diploma Programme by providing documentation, information seminars and professional development events. For the PYP and the MYP, there are organized visits by IBO staff and/or nominated, experienced practitioners. Programme evaluation does not seek to appraise or assess individual teachers or students. It will be successful in achieving its aims only if a multiplicity of stakeholders is included: teachers, programme coordinators, administrators, students, parents, board members.
Programme evaluation occurs between three (3) and five (5) years after official authorization to offer the programme, and every five (5) years thereafter. It involves three important stages.”

Guide to programme evaluation
Published September 2005
International Baccalaureate Organization
Cardiff, Wales.

Environment Meeting
Our Environment Committee are holding a meeting next Tuesday 16th at 7 PM in the staffroom. All new faces welcome to attend, we value everyone's time and input at our meetings and look forward to seeing you there.
On Tuesday I had the pleasure of accompanying the 3-6 district athletics team to Landy Fields. All students are to be commended on their behaviour, it was excellent and many parents commented on it. Everyone tried hard and supported each other; we definitely had the loudest cheer squad. Although the weather wasn’t great, everyone’s spirits remained high, with many students bringing home a collection of ribbons. Congratulations to everyone who participated you all did a great job. All students who will progress on to Zones will be notified in the coming fortnight.

The following people placed in the top three in their event:

**The Relay**
- 12/13 Boys Relay Team 1st
- 12/13 Girls Relay Team 2nd
- 11 Boys Relay Team 3rd
- 11 Girls Relay Team 1st

**Discus Girls**
- 12/13 Sade 1st
- 11 Msendoo 2nd
- 9/10 Brooke 1st

**Boys**
- 11 Kayne 2nd
- 9/10 Samuel T 2nd
- Fabian 3rd

**Triple Jump Girls**
- 9/10 Lucy O 2nd

**Shot Put Girls**
- 12/13 Sade 1st
- 9/10 Laura E 2nd
- Milly 3rd

**Boys**
- 12/13 Sam G 3rd
- 11 Tom L 1st

**High Jump Girls**
- 12/13 Katrina 1st
- 11 Jess 3rd
- 11 Denby 3rd

**Boys**
- 12/13 Blake 1st
- 9/10 Luisa 1st
- 9/10 Lachie D 3rd

**Long Jump Girls**
- 12/13 Sophie 1st

**Boys**
- 12/13 Gus 1st
- 800m Girls
- 12/13 Sophie 2nd
- 11 Katrina 3rd
- 9/10 Denby 1st
- 9/10 Sophia 3rd

**Boys**
- 12/13 Christian 3rd
- 9/10 Noah Q 3rd

**Sprints Girls**
- 12/13 Laura 1st
- 11 Lily

**Boys**
- 12/13 Christian 1st
- 11 Liam 2nd
- 11 Terpase 2nd
- 9/10 Theo 3rd

**200m Boys**
- 11 Azmi 1st
- 9/10 Theo 3rd

**Hurdles Girls**
- 11 Lily 2nd

**Boys**
- 12/13 Blake 2nd