Our Vision Statement: 754 Primary School will maximise opportunities to develop resilient individuals in an ever changing world

Our Mission Statement for 2015-2018: 754 Primary School will aim to develop literate and numerate students through ongoing, structured, student-centred inquiry

Principals note:
Good morning, as we move just beyond the halfway point of the term, every day just seems jam packed with activities both in and out of the classroom. Last Saturday morning I was amazed at the team of people that arrived at the school complete with a “boat” and proceeded to create an enormous hole, place the boat in it and back fill and cover the disturbed ground with sand! What a great job! Thank you so much to all involved and what a fantastic asset to the playground! We have had kids in it, over it and driving it to I’m not sure where!

Facebook! Please check out our school face book page – it is “truly up and about” now. 754 has engaged an external business to manage both our face book site and our school website. Why? This is one of our aspects of communication and it will be a tool for quick and easy notices, plus show casing some of the fantastic stuff that is happening at school. I am “loving” the video clips – so please check it out, like and share it, as we are wanting to share the good news.

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Today we have a group of 15 children going to be involved in a tennis program with the fantastic Yvonne Goolagong. (Don’t think that I won’t be sneaking down to try and meet such an exceptional person). The opportunities to engage with people of this quality, wrapped around all the values involved with team sport is wonderful, and these 15 young people are very lucky indeed.

Tomorrow we have another group of children going to Lucknow Primary to be involved with the Schools Spectacular program. I have not been directly involved in this program before, but all the feedback that I have received is positive and report it is indeed a “spectacular” event. Thanks to Lindy Kennedy and Nick O’Brien for supporting this opportunity for our kids!

What have I learnt now that I have been in the school for just over a month?

- We have some amazing kids at 754 and some that “need work”!
- We have a team of extremely hard working staff, who have the best interest of 754 and all its children at heart!

I am really enjoying my work, but we have much to do! Please feel free any time to come and chat with me – that way we get to know each other better!

Something to Ponder: I am an advocate for the Emotional Intelligence program developed by Wilson McCaskill. He has written a very entertaining book called “Children are NOT made of China”. It is an easy and entertaining read and he offers lots of good advice – Talk straight to kids, tell them the truth! Guide kids towards self-management and developing a capacity to identify a problem and then think of the ways that it may be solved – without doing it for them.

Great to chat – hopefully speak to you face to face soon!

Trudie Nagle
Principal
Term One '3-Way Meetings':
Attached to our Newsletter is an outline of how to make your reservation for our '3-Way Meetings' which are being conducted over Thursday March 10 from 3.40pm through to 8.00pm and Friday March 11 from 08.00am through to 1.00pm.
These sessions are compulsory for you and your child to attend.

Easter Raffle:
We are holding our very popular Easter raffle again this year and are asking for donations to go towards our prizes. Anything Easter related, eggs, toys, crafts, use your imagination and surprise us! All donations should be left at our Office Reception by Friday 4th March. We will be distributing tickets for sale on Monday 7th March and drawing the raffle on the last day of Term 1, Thursday 24th March. All sold tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 23rd March to be in the draw. Class tickets are 50c and tickets for the main draw are $1.
We value your support in all fundraising efforts and welcome assistance of any kind, any time. Many Thanks, The Fundraising Committee

Keep this date free: Trivia Night—Friday March 18:
This is one of our major fundraising events and is a great way to get to know our community.
$100 per table: up to 10 people per table.
6.30pm until 10.00pm.
Book now at our Reception Office. Hurry, as tables sell fast
People can buy individual tickets and will be included on a table. These cost $15.

School Council Elections:
We are due for a change of our School Council and will be calling for nominees for a number of vacancies. If you are interested, please drop in to our Reception Office to complete a nomination form for yourself.
There will not be a need for elections if the numbers of nominees equal the listed vacancies. The term of Office is for a maximum of 2 years.

What is a school council and what does it do?
All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally formed bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within centrally provided guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.
If you are interested please drop into our Reception Office to collect a comprehensive explanation letter and a Self-Nomination form.

Jason Barton
Assistant Principal

Important Notice—Road Resealing Around our School

Cranes Asphalting will be conducting road sealing works on Monday, 7th March. Please arrange to collect your children from the Nicholson Street entrance on this day.
Insecticide treatments
Insecticidal treatments are registered with the Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA), which means they are evaluated as both effective and (relatively) safe. To make sure the product you choose is registered with the TGA, check for the AUST-R number on the label.

Lotion versus shampoo
Products in lotion form seem to be more effective than their equivalent shampoos.

Why isn't it working?
Lice are wily creatures, and they're becoming resistant to conventional insecticides. Resistance can vary region by region. It's an expensive and time-consuming exercise, but the bottom line is if one product isn't working, try another. Other reasons a treatment might fail:
You're not using enough of it to cover the scalp and hair.
You're not repeating the treatment after 7 to 10 days (to kill nits, which often survive the first application).
You're getting reinfested due to head-to-head contact with another person.

Herbal treatments
Herbal head lice treatments contain various combinations of essential oils and herbal extracts. Most haven't been clinically tested or independently assessed for effectiveness or safety. If your child is heavily infested, you might want to try an insecticide-based product before going herbal.

Do they work?
The short answer is maybe. If you're having no luck with insecticide treatments, some herbal treatments are worth a try. Many herbal ingredients have been shown to be effective in lab tests or small clinical trials (though not on children's heads).

Comb and conditioner method
If you don't want to fog your child, the insecticide isn't working, or you just prefer good, old-fashioned elbow-grease to detect and treat light infestations, the comb and conditioner method can also be very effective – if done right. It's very labour intensive and good technique is vital. And if you're using it as your sole treatment method it needs to be carried out at regular intervals for two to three weeks to get rid of all lice and eggs.

Here's how to do it:
Apply any type of thick, white conditioner to dry, brushed (detangled) hair and comb through with a normal comb. The conditioner stuns lice for up to 20 minutes and makes it difficult for them to grip the hair or crawl around.
Systematically comb sections of the hair from the roots to the ends with a head lice comb. Regularly wipe the comb onto a tissue to check for lice and eggs.
Comb every part of your child's head several times.
If you find live lice or nits, you need to treat your child's hair. You can recognise live eggs because they'll pop when you squeeze them. Repeat regularly for two to three weeks.

Which lice comb is best?
There's a bevy of different combs available and you'll probably need to experiment to find the best one for you. Generally your best bet is a comb with metal, cylindrical teeth. Combs with metal, cylindrical teeth are gentle on scalp and hair, and when used with conditioner they remove most lice and most eggs. While more expensive than plastic, they last longer.
Those with plastic teeth are gentle on scalp and hair, and when used with conditioner they remove most lice and some eggs. Metal, flat teeth can damage the hair shaft, and when used with conditioner they remove some lice and few eggs.
Electronic combs (which kill or stun lice with an electric shock) should only be used on dry hair, and remove most lice, but no eggs. They also can't be used on babies and shouldn't be used by people with epilepsy, heart disease, or a pacemaker.

Stay safe
No insecticide or herbal product is completely safe. Both can be toxic if swallowed. Both can cause skin irritation, especially if the skin is sensitive or broken. Use them in a well-ventilated area and apply with gloves.
All products can also cause eye irritation, so use a shower cap or cover the eyes.
Any product containing alcohol/ethanol or that's packaged as an aerosol is highly flammable so don't use it near a naked flame.

Top lice treatment tips
Check for live lice or nits (the live nits will be "cemented" onto the hair shaft and pop if squeezed) before resorting to insecticidal treatment. If you're only mildly affected, the comb and conditioner method is the safest.
Use all treatments as directed. Check how much to use, how long the treatment should be left on and whether to rinse the hair afterwards.
No treatment kills all lice in one hit – you need two applications 7 to 10 days apart. The first treatment kills live lice; the second, the young lice hatched in the interim.
Tell close contacts and report your situation to your kids' school immediately. Synchronised treatment prevents reinfestation. There's no need to treat the whole family if they don't have live lice and eggs, and the risk of transmitting lice by sharing hats, hairbrushes or bed linen is low. To be safe, hot wash (at least 60°C) pillowcases, or dry them on the hot setting in your clothes dryer – heat kills lice and nits.

Whole school NIT CHECK BY THE NIT PICKERS WILL BE ON WEDNESDAY 19th MARCH Bairnsdale P.S
Dear families of children in our Prep to Grade 6 program,

Below, shows the two options helping you and your child to book a 15-minute meeting time with your child's teacher. These sessions are compulsory.

To support this extensive process, no classes will be running on Friday March 11. Students and their family members are only required at school on Friday March 11 if they have an appointment.

We much prefer that you book online, which our Office Reception can help with if you have difficulty. Otherwise, please complete the form below and we will find a suitable time for you.

**Step 1:** Using your Compass Portal to make reservations online *(see page 2 for details)*

**or**

**Step 2:** by returning the booking form below to the Reception Office where we will make the time.

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**Managing a 3-Way Conference using Compass:**

**Making Bookings**
As a family you can make a booking by selecting 'Book Parent/Student/Teacher Interviews' from the Actions button on the Compass home page.
To view the staff member's availability, please click on the staff member's name. This will display their schedule including free slots and already booked slots.

To make a booking select the time that you wish to make the booking, a list of the staff members available at that time will appear in the drop down list. Select the staff member you wish to book, and then click 'Update' to save the booking.

If you do get stuck, please call our Office or drop in where we can show you the steps.

Please only return this section to our Reception Office (if you cannot book online) by ticking the appropriate box. We will then work to find the best solution when comparing to the online reservations. A confirmation time will be sent home with your child.

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**Thursday March 10:**

- 3.40pm–5.00pm
- 5.00pm – 7.00pm
- 7.00pm– 8.00pm

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**Friday March 11:**

- 08.00am-10.00am
- 10.00am-12.00pm
- 12.00pm-1.00pm

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Email Address: ....................................................................................................

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Student Awards
Presented at previous Mondays Assembly

Prep A: Laura Jeanes for being respectful, responsible and helping her peers.
Prep B: Lila Tice for being consistently helpful, respectful and responsible.

1/2 A: Xavier Cook for being a kind and caring class member.
1/2 B: Cooper Ponton for clever thinking and finishing quality work
1/2 C: Jessie Morgan

3/4 A: Abbey Rentch
3/4 B: Amy Kerr for showing resilience as she works through her maths activities.
3/4 C: Nichole Sibal for her positive attitude to all her classwork.

5/6 A: Angus Manuell
5/6 B: Oscar Campbell for his thoughtful and descriptive poem about a ‘special window’.
5/6 C: Jim Healey

Canteen Roster

MARCH

Volunteers welcome
If interested please contact Narelle Morgan

Thurs 3rd: Nikki B.
Frid 4th: Daniel B.

Tues 8th: Edith R.
Wed 9th: Caroline G.
Thurs 10th: Shan H.

Any HOT days with 30° & over—Super Dupers are available for 50c

How to order School Photos.

Aussie School Photos take multiple images of each student on photo day to provide you with more choice and greater value. Order forms and envelopes will come home to you usually 2-3 weeks in advance of photo day.

There are 3 methods available when ordering photo packs:
Place your order on line prior to photo day using the unique WEB LOG-ON CODE printed on your prepayment order form. Tick “Prepaid Web Order” on the order form and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

You can complete the pre payment order form. Include your cash, cheque or credit card payment in the envelope and have your child hand it to our photographer on photo day.

Choose to wait for 5 working days to go on-line to VIEW the images, CHOOSE preferred image, order ‘SET’ pack or create a package to suit.

If you are not purchasing photos or are ordering on-line later, please complete details printed in the ‘pack selection’ on order form and have your child hand envelope to our photographer on photo day.

www.schoolphoto.com.au

SIBLING PHOTOS

Consent / pre payment form will be provided for the eldest child who should be instructed to present it with payment to our photographer at time scheduled for sibling photos.

All queries should be directed to the photos@schoolphoto.com.au
CUSTOMER SERVICE: 0397076655
# After The Bell News

March/April Vacation Care Bookings are now available online for this Program, or maybe one nearby. Go to [www.afterthebell.com.au](http://www.afterthebell.com.au)

### Cooking Club

On Friday we’ll be making pancakes! Yum-o!

### Joke of the Week

Olaf is the coolest character in Frozen in my opinion.

### Feedback

We welcome any feedback or suggestion of things that your children are interested in so that we can develop the program to meet the needs of you and your children.

### Enrolment and Bookings

We always welcome new faces to Before and After Care! 2016 Enrolments can be completed online or by downloading a paper version, or you can pick one up at the OSHC room. Should you need any assistance with the online process, feel free to come and see us and will be happy to help you out with the process.

### Contacts

Booking/Change: enrolment@oshcare4kids.com.au
OSHC: 0488 022 375
Kate – Program Leader
Tennis Day
With Evonne Goolagong

Bairnsdale Hockey Club
Player registration U/11—U/13—U/15—U/18
Wednesday 2nd March from 4pm to 6pm at W.O.R.L.D. Centre, Wallace Street, Bairnsdale
President: Kayla 0434 678 202

Fun Day
Hook in to Hockey
Bairnsdale Hockey Club invites you to join them on March 5th 2016 for Hook in 2 Hockey
9.00am to 10.00am for Primary School Age children.
Come and join in to learn hockey through a combination of skills and small-sided games.
W.O.R.L.D. Centre, Wallace Street, Bairnsdale