

# The Cassowary

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At school the Internet is mostly used to support teaching and learning. At home, however, it is often used differently. Not only is it a study resource for students, but it is increasingly being used as a social space to meet, play and chat. The Internet can be lots of fun.

If you have the Internet at home, encourage your child to show you what they are doing online. If not, see if you can make a time to visit the school to see their work.

At home we recommend you:

- make some time to sit with your child to find out how they are using the Internet and who else is involved in any online activities
- have the computer with Internet access in a shared place in the house – not your child's bedroom
- ask questions when your child shows you what they are doing, such as:
  - how does it work and how do you set it up?
  - who is else is sharing this space or game - did you know them before or “meet” them online?)
  - why is this so enjoyable – what makes it fun?
  - can you see any risks or dangers in the activity - what would you say to warn/inform a younger child?
  - what are you doing to protect yourself or your friends from these potential dangers?
  - when would you inform an adult about an incident that has happened online that concerns you? Discuss why your child might keep it to themselves.

Students can be approached, groomed, and bullied online. They also love to publish information about themselves and their friends in spaces like Myspace, blogs etc.

We recommend they:

- don't use their own name, but develop an online name and use avatars.
- don't share personal details including images of themselves or their friends online.
- password protect any spaces or accounts they have and protect that password.
- don't allow anyone they don't know to join their chat or collaborative space.
- are reminded that any image or comment they put on the Internet is now public (anyone can see, change or use it)

Be respectful online and do not participate in online bullying

The online environment sometimes feels different. The language is different. Sometimes students say things online that they would never say to someone's face.

- being online can make students feel that they are anonymous
- the space or chat they use in leisure time might have explicit language and they will feel they have to be part of it.
- often the online environment has very few adults.

The Internet has some really flashy and tricky ways to lead people into websites they never meant to visit. It is easy for us all to get distracted. Unfocused clicking through websites can lead to inappropriate content.



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## Calendar

JUL	AUG
30 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (Term 3 Session 1) AUG 4 <sup>th</sup> – Soup Day (\$4.00 ) 5 <sup>th</sup> – House Athletics Day (Grades 3-6) 6 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (Term 3 session 2) 7 <sup>th</sup> – EMA Applications Close 10 <sup>th</sup> – Fete Committee Meeting	10 <sup>th</sup> – P&F Meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (Term 3 Session 3) 19 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting 20 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (Term 3 Session 4) 27 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (Term 3 Session 5) 28 <sup>th</sup> – District Athletics Day

### EMA APPLICATIONS

New claims or parents who have claimed an EMA allowance at another school and transferred to Beverley Hills since February are required to lodge an application to the school by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August. Late applications cannot be accepted. A parent or guardian of a primary school student who holds a current pensioner concession or healthcare card / benefit card on the first day of Term 3 (Jul 13<sup>th</sup>) is eligible for payment of EMA.

**NOTE:** Parents who submitted an application at this school in February, and are still eligible are **NOT required to submit a further application.**



## BHOSH Kids

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Could all parents please make sure the office is aware of the days your child/ren will be using the program.

### BEFORE CARE WEEKLY PROGRAM for Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Board Games	Let's Get Physical	Puppet Making	Indoor/Outdoor Games	Mystery Fun

### AFTER CARE WEEKLY PROGRAM for Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cooking In the Hall	Games Indoor / Outdoor	Children's Choice	Creating Craft	Table Tennis In the Hall



Term 3 Fees will be issued next week, please make payment as soon as possible at Beverley Hills Primary School Office or leave with Deidre at Kinder.



### **MYSTERY JARS**

During the months of June & July we will be asking for each family to donate a few jars filled with small items like small toys, nail polish, jewellery, balloons whatever..... value - probably around the \$2 mark. Fill the jars with tinsel, streamers or tissue paper – be creative, get the kids involved. We will have samples at the office for you to see. Start collecting your vegemite, peanut butter and jam jars. The idea of mystery jars is to pick a number out of a hat and you win the jar corresponding with that number.

We need equal amounts of jars for both boys and girls, so if your child is male or female, please make the jar according to their gender. No perishable goods at the moment e.g.; lollies

and chocolates but these can be added to jars closer to the fete date. We are aiming to collect at least 400 jars leading up to the fete. You can now leave them at the School Office.

### **ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS**

Entertainment Books are still available at the school office - cost \$65.00.

### **BHPS SCHOOL FETE COMMITTEE**

We are looking for interested people in our community to attend a Meeting on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 at 7.30pm in the staffroom. If you can't attend the meeting on this date but would like to be part of the committee please leave your name at the school office. In our 50<sup>th</sup> Year we want this Fete to be the best ever at Beverley Hills. With your help we can achieve this.

### **FATHER'S DAY RAFFLE**

Father's Day Raffle will be drawn on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Five tickets will be given to each family to sell for \$1.00 per ticket.

1<sup>st</sup> prize - Vue Cooler Bag – \$49.95

2<sup>nd</sup> prize - 4 pack DVD - \$ 35.95

3<sup>rd</sup> prize - Bunnings Voucher -\$ 20.00

### **FATHER'S DAY STALL**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September. Gifts will be available to purchase from \$1.00 - \$5.00.

### **SOUP DAY**

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August. The soup provided will be minestrone with a bread roll. Please bring your favourite mug or bowl. There will be a competition again for the most interesting mug from all the classes. Order forms will be sent home next week.

### **CHINESE FOOD STALL**

We are looking for interested families to help run our Chinese food stall at the Fete. Families are needed to prepare foods and sell at the stall on Fete day. Please see the office if you can help or know of anyone who can!

### **TRASH 'N' TREASURE**

During the month of August we are collecting for our Trash 'N' Treasure stall. We need toys, furniture, home wares and clothes to be donated. Please make sure that they are in excellent condition so we are able to sell them. Please see the office.

### **BOOKS STALL**

During the month of August we are collecting new and used books and DVD for the Book Stall. We need books and DVDs in good condition to be donated. Please see the office.

### **SPORT TOPS FOR SALE – DISCOUNT**

There are a number of new sport tops, sizes 6 & 8 for sale at the discount price of \$25.00 each. They could be used as warm up tops for Saturday basketball – excellent quality.

### **NEXT MEETING**

Next meeting to be held on 10<sup>th</sup> August 2009 in the staffroom.

**President** - Susan Kent - P.9891-7037

**Secretary** – Eve Darsas – P.9840 2412 **Treasurer** – Yasmin Tibb – P.9842 4875

### **SATURDAY BASKETBALL GRAND FINALS**

Congratulations to all of players and our wonderful coaching panel on an excellent Summer Season. Thank you also to our very keen parents and supporters.

The benefits of being a member of a team extend well beyond the confines of the court and the score assumes far less significance when we consider the many important skills our young players acquire.

All of our teams have once again demonstrated their talents by reaching various stages in the finals series, with four of our teams reaching the Grand Final.

#### BOYS

SPURS (Open)

Coach

Mr Steven Kent

GRAND FINAL – Runners-up

RATTLESNAKES (Under 11)

Coaches –

Mr Andrew Steele & Mr & Mrs Joksic

GRAND FINAL – Runners-Up

#### GIRLS

CHEETAHS (Open)

Coach – Jo Thomas

GRAND FINAL – Runners-up

CRYSTALS (Under 11)

Coach - Mrs Helen Drossinis

SEMI- FINAL

BLUE ICE (Under 9)

Coach – Mrs Margie Hoskins

GRAND FINAL – Runners-up

I am confident that we will all continue to support and encourage our young players and junior referees. We all look forward to an enjoyable and successful Winter Season.

# Tee-Ball Champs!



Last Friday the Beverley Hills P.S. Girls and Mixed Tee-Ball teams hosted St Dominic P.S. for their respective District Grand Finals.

The Mixed Team (Jack, Laz, Naryman, Andrey, Rhys, Rachnaa, Aidan, Jacky, James & Lawrence) managed to extend their unbeaten streak, defeating St Doms 24-15, with all players demonstrating at least one moment of brilliance to rally the team after going behind midway through the game.

The Girls' Team (Melody, Victoria, Olivia, Madison, Sahar, Sarah, Emily L, Emily S, Jacqueline, Erica, Zoe & Emma) went in as underdogs, however managed to pull off an upset in a thrilling 6-5 victory.

All players trained twice a week throughout Term 2, continuing into this term and it has shown on the diamond as they now reap the rewards to their commitment and hard work.

Both teams now move into the Eastern Yarra Zone Semi-Finals. The Girls will play Box Hill North P.S. at home this Friday, first pitch 2pm. The Mixed Team play the winner of Greythorn P.S. and St Francis Xavier, Montmorency next week on a day to be advised.

Congratulations Tee-Ballers!