

# The Cassowary

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## PARENTING

You must have all seen the notice board outside the church on the corner of Doncaster and Blackburn Roads – it displays weekly messages, some witty and some profound. The writer is to be congratulated. Recent one caught my eye and my attention – **“PARENT – A Verb not a Noun”**

Being a good parent is much more than a title which allows one to write in spaces adjacent to Parent(s) Sign Here. It is about nurturing and teaching your children. It is about helping them grow and mature, modelling appropriate behaviours, explaining right from wrong. It is about making them take responsibility according to their age and about encouraging independence of thought and action.

As I look at parent/children interactions on my rounds before and after school I see some good and some not so good parenting behaviour. Almost without exception parent are great nurturers, but problems arise when children demand attention, see the parent as a “slave” and use the parent’s awareness of “public eyes” to get their own way.

Children are not trained dogs, they do not come on command every time. But on the other side of the ledger parents should not have to ask several times for something to be done, they should not be expected to carry children’s bags and belongings when they are of an age where they can carry it themselves – they should not be spoken to in ways that are demeaning or disrespectful.

The behaviour we accept from children at this age is the behaviour that will continue through their teens.

Parenting is a complex and difficult task – just look at the number of books on the subject. To be true most get it right most of the time but in all families there should be time for review – take stock of your relationship with your children. It is easier to make changes now than during adolescence.

## BHPS SCHOOL FETE

It has been many years since Beverley Hills has held a School Fete, 10 years in fact. This year on our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary we have decided to resurrect the Fete – it will be held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> November to coincide with our ‘Back – To’ celebrations.

We are calling on interested people in our community to attend a Meeting on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 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.

## Calendar

May	June
28 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (week 4)	12 <sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Day
4 <sup>th</sup> – Bridges (week 5)	15 <sup>th</sup> – FETE Committee Meeting (7.30pm)
8 <sup>th</sup> – Queens Birthday (Public Holiday)	15 <sup>th</sup> – P & F Meeting
	17 <sup>th</sup> – School Council Meeting



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Principal: **Malcolm Corr**

### SATURDAY BASKETBALL

Team registrations for the Winter Season are due on Saturday June 13<sup>th</sup>. If your child is interested in playing, or will no longer be playing, could you please advise Mrs Nicola as soon as possible to ensure that the correct number of teams is entered so that all children wishing to play are accommodated.

### TRIVIA CHALLENGE

Recently students in Grade 3-6 completed the Epilepsy Foundation's Trivia Challenge written paper. Successful teams will be announced soon. Please encourage your child to return their sponsorship form and money no later than Friday 5<sup>th</sup> June.

### ENTERTAINMENT BOOKS

Last year's Entertainment Books will expire on June 1<sup>st</sup>, so if you want to order the new edition please contact Yasmin Tibb or the school office - cost \$65.00.

### FETE COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 at 7.30pm will be held in the staffroom.

### NEXT MEETING

Next meeting will be held on 15<sup>th</sup> June 2009 in the staffroom.

**President - Susan Kent**

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## School of Music & Performing Arts

Lunchtime Dance & Drama Classes  
(Jazz, Ballet, Contemporary, Hip hop, Classical)

**50%** discount if you have any children learning with Wonnies when you enrol for Dance & Drama classes

No more driving kids to after school classes

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## DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May was a fantastic sunny day, good conditions for a run around Westerfolds Park in Templestowe.

The Cross Country Team arrived at the event on time thanks to the great assistance from Mrs Ginnivan, Mrs Williams, Mrs Lim, Mrs Maclsaac, Mrs Darsas, Mrs Ratcliffe, Mrs Skerry and Mrs Sanquedolce transporting and encouraging all the children, which was greatly appreciated.

All the children supported their team mates displaying excellent school spirit and giving 100% effort to complete the event, and achieved some fantastic results. Well done to all the competitors.

### Individual Results



9/10 Boys Ben W. 21<sup>st</sup>, Daniel R. 34<sup>th</sup>, Lucas T. 38<sup>th</sup>, Lachie S. 41<sup>st</sup>, Samuel J. 44<sup>th</sup>, Jason F. 45<sup>th</sup> and unfortunately Brett did not finish as he was sick.



9/10 Girls Stephanie R. 28<sup>th</sup>, Monique S. 34<sup>th</sup>, Yvonne L. 36<sup>th</sup>, Lauren E. 39<sup>th</sup>, Ally S. 44<sup>th</sup> and Carmen W. 45<sup>th</sup>.



11 Boys Riley G. 6<sup>th</sup>, Johnny N. 17<sup>th</sup>, Nick D. 20<sup>th</sup>, Charles C. 22<sup>nd</sup> and Callum J. 24<sup>th</sup>.



11 Girls Doyun K. 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rachnaa K. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Annalee M. 24<sup>th</sup>, Erica L. 25<sup>th</sup> and Sahar V. 26<sup>th</sup>.

12/13 Boys Leigh M. 5<sup>th</sup>, Tommy W 7<sup>th</sup>, Rhys D. 24<sup>th</sup>, Jason D. 26<sup>th</sup>, Jason L. 27<sup>th</sup> and Andrey C. 28<sup>th</sup>.



12/13 Girls Monique W. 11<sup>th</sup>, Sarah L. 32<sup>nd</sup>, Kalli T. 33<sup>rd</sup> and Victoria D. took a wrong turn and did not finish.



Well done to all competitors and for your training commitment at Kilometre club.



Congratulations to Riley G, Leigh M and Tommy W on reaching Eastern Yarra Zone on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June at Bundoora Park. Good luck and keep training hard!



## special news & events cont.....



Well done Jonathan Hew on your fundraising efforts in the School Fun Run.

Congratulations to 1D for raising the most money and they received a kit of sporting equipment to use at recess and lunchtime.  
Mrs R. Wallace PE Teacher



### **CURRICULUM DAY REMINDER**

This year the first three days of Term 1 (Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2009) were Curriculum (pupil-free) days. Students started school on Monday 2 February 2009. The fourth pupil-free day will be the third-last Friday of Term 2, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June 2009 for student assessment and reporting purposes.

### **STUDENTS REPORTS & PORTFOLIOS**

Teachers are currently writing first semester reports which will be distributed towards the end of June. In 2007 the Department of Education introduced a new reporting format for all schools in Victoria, so what you receive is not our design. With your child's report parents will also receive a Portfolio of student's work covering various areas of the curriculum. The Portfolio provides parents with the opportunity to examine the range of learning activities their children have experienced and to gain a better understanding of their achievements this is our own design.

Parents are asked to give careful consideration to the work presented in the Portfolio, discuss its features with their children and should questions arise bring these to the parent/teacher interview. The Portfolios are an excellent addition to the school's assessment regime and if used appropriately will provide parents with a far greater understanding of children's educational development than has been possible in the past. Teachers have put many hours into the development of Portfolios and also into the reporting system and I congratulate them on the professionalism they have brought to both tasks.

One issue that was debated in the media and no doubt will create lively discussions again at this year is the grading system used in the reports A - E. In the past A's and B's were awarded by schools to students who were industrious high achievers - those students who worked well in class, completed all homework assignments and generally understood the curriculum at their level. Under the new reporting system A's and B's indicate achievement above the expected level and so there will be fewer awarded as a proportion of total grades compared to the past. Most students will receive a C Grade indicating that they are achieving at the expected level; unfortunately the C Grade rating covers a wide range of student achievement from barely satisfactory to very good performance at the required level. Nevertheless when seen as a total package the student portfolio and the new reporting format are a vast improvement on what was used in the past.

Because of the high quality of student outcomes at Beverley Hills our students will receive more A's and B's than many other schools but we will also have a number of parents who consider their children deserving of more than a C. We are constantly looking for ways to acknowledge these students and keep their motivation high.

**Parent/Teacher interviews will be held during the last week of term (22<sup>nd</sup> June – 26<sup>th</sup> June).**

### **ANNIVERSARY CALENDAR**

Please find with this newsletter a complimentary copy of our Anniversary Calendar. During the November Back – To Celebrations a 2010 edition will be sold to the community. Since we had completed the design early we thought we would send home a free copy for 2009