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## Respect Honesty Pride Success

***The illiterate of the 21<sup>st</sup> century will not be those who cannot read and write, but those who cannot learn, unlearn and relearn.***

***Alvin Toffler***

It was a privilege to spend the weekend and earlier this week at a conference with colleagues from schools across our network to work collectively on school improvement.

The main focus was on leadership for powerful learning and was based upon global research. As we enter our new strategic plan that will guide our school over the next four years, we ensure that along- side the academic targets we will safeguard also the emotional well- being of our children. This is why the Kids Matter strategy will play a powerful role as we implement the different stages over the next four years. This strategy holds our children at the centre of all school based decisions and is our moral purpose.

At a school level our focus is to continue to improve teaching and learning by setting clear objectives that influence classroom practice. At a local level, we wish to improve opportunities for all children across our network in government schools by collaborating with other schools and local communities.

Teachers have such an influential role in preparing our students for the future....for jobs that don't even exist yet. We need our students to be curious, creative, collaborative, excellent communicators, critical thinkers who can make connections and are able to solve real world problems. These are the skills they will need to enter the workforce in the future. As our children set forth into a rapidly changing world we know education has the power to change lives and shape the future. It is indeed a challenge but also a great privilege to be in a role that really can make a difference in the lives of so many.

### **Car Park and School Crossing**

I would like to remind parents that the staff carpark is out of bounds to children and the wider community as a walk through. We have cars and vans coming in and out for deliveries as well as staff leaving at various times throughout the day for meetings. It is a safety issue. I have asked parents not to walk their little ones through the carpark to no avail. I have also had staff members who supervise the carpark to keep our children safe, abused by parents! This is unacceptable. The main gates will be locked at the peak traffic time in the afternoon. This is to ensure the safety of our children who receive confused messages when parents walk them through the carpark when they know it is out of bounds.

I again ask parents to be great role models for their children by walking their children across the road at the supervised crossing. Once again, it is sending mixed messages to our children as they know they need to cross at the crossing as a safety measure. I witnessed first- hand last week a mother calling to her child from across the road. The child was about to dash across the road in front of on- coming traffic. If I hadn't seen the incident and called out to the child to stop, a tragedy was imminent. The school has notified local police who will be patrolling the front and back of the school in unmarked police cars. Please support the school in keeping your child and the safety of all children a priority.

***Barb.***



# dates to Remember

## JUNE

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
1	2	3	4	5 Interschool sport @ Roxburgh Rise	6/7
8 Queen's Birthday Holiday	9	10	11	12 Interschool sport V MHPS (Home)  Assembly Prep/Yr 3  Last day for special lunch orders (16th)	13/14
15 Prep Incursion Farmyard Friends	16 Canteen's Special Lunch day	17	18	19 Interschool sport V G'vale (home)  Newsletter on line  Casual Clothes Day	20/21
22 3.30 	23	24	25	26 Whole school as- sembly @ 2pm  Early dismissal @ 2.30pm	27/28 <b>School holidays for 2 weeks.</b>

## JULY

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Sat / Sun
13 <b>CURRICULUM DAY</b>	14 Classes return for Term 3.	15	16	17	18/19



## CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

Parents who hold a valid health care / concession card may be eligible for an allowance of \$125.00 which will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child. Please collect a form from the office. These forms need to be returned (with your health care / concession card) to the Office no later than Thursday, June 25.

ملاحظة هامة:

مساعدة مالية للمخيمات, و الرياضة و الرحلات

الاباء الذين يحملون بطاقة الكونسيشن الصالحة قد يكون مؤهلا للحصول على مساعدة مالية (125.00) دولار. سيتم دفع المبلغ الى المدرسة للاستخدام نحو النفقات المتعلقة بالمخيمات و الرحلات, او الانشطة الرياضية لصالح طفلك. الاستمارة متوفرة في مكتب المدرسة.



# Canteen's Tropical Day

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June

Lunch packs will cost a total of \$7.00 each

Please fill in the slip provided below and return your order with the correct money no later than **Friday 12<sup>th</sup>**

**June – No orders will be accepted after this date!** The canteen ladies have to pre order the food on Friday 12<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your child's name and room number are clearly marked on the order form.

**NO OTHER LUNCH ORDERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON THIS DAY**

**THE CANTEEN WILL BE OPEN FOR RECESS AND LUNCH COUNTER SALES**

Please use separate order forms for each child in a brown paper lunch bag, and place in classrooms lunch tub.



Casual Day

Friday June 19<sup>th</sup>

Come dressed up in your favourite outfit that is suitable for school.

All money raised will be going towards the fans. So far this year we have raised over \$500! Let's all continue that wonderful effort! Bring as much loose change that you can spare.

Raffle tickets to be given to each child that contributes and a special prize will be awarded by the end of the day.



KidsMatter is unique because it brings together all the most important people in a child's life - ***especially families!*** Research clearly shows that children who have healthy minds are better able to meet life's challenges. They are also better learners and have stronger relationships.

Good healthy minds in childhood lays the foundations for the future.

## Learning

Children start to learn from the time they are born. They need an environment that stimulates learning and development to reach their full potential.

Adults play a vital role in supporting children's learning every day. When children begin school, it can be difficult for parents to know how much help to offer without giving them all the answers, particularly when it comes to schoolwork.

Parents, carers and school staff can promote children's cognitive development by 'scaffolding' children's thinking. Scaffolding involves supporting children as they attempt tasks that stretch their abilities just beyond what they can already do by themselves. Children can generally do more difficult things with an adult than they can do on their own. It is important that the tasks you give children are challenging enough to engage them but not so difficult that they can't succeed without your help. Scaffolding can involve explaining the goal of the task to the child, demonstrating how the task should be done and helping the child to complete the most difficult parts. This type of support from a more capable person helps children to think things through so that they learn more effectively.

In the following example, the father of a six-year old boy uses scaffolding to help him complete more of a jigsaw puzzle than he would be able to complete on his own.

Example of a thinking and learning task		
What the parent or carer says	How it helps	What the child learns
"What we need to do here, Jacques, is put all of these pieces together to make the picture on this box."	Explains the goal of the task	Purposeful thinking
"Let's start with the pieces for the corners and the edges. Can you see any pieces with the yellow sun on them?"	Demonstrates how the task should be done	Attention and planning
"Well done. Now, can you see any of these pieces that might fit together?"	Helps the child to complete the most difficult parts	Recognising patterns and organising
"That's right. Now you have a go yourself"	Supports child to try it independently	Problem solving incorporating the steps above

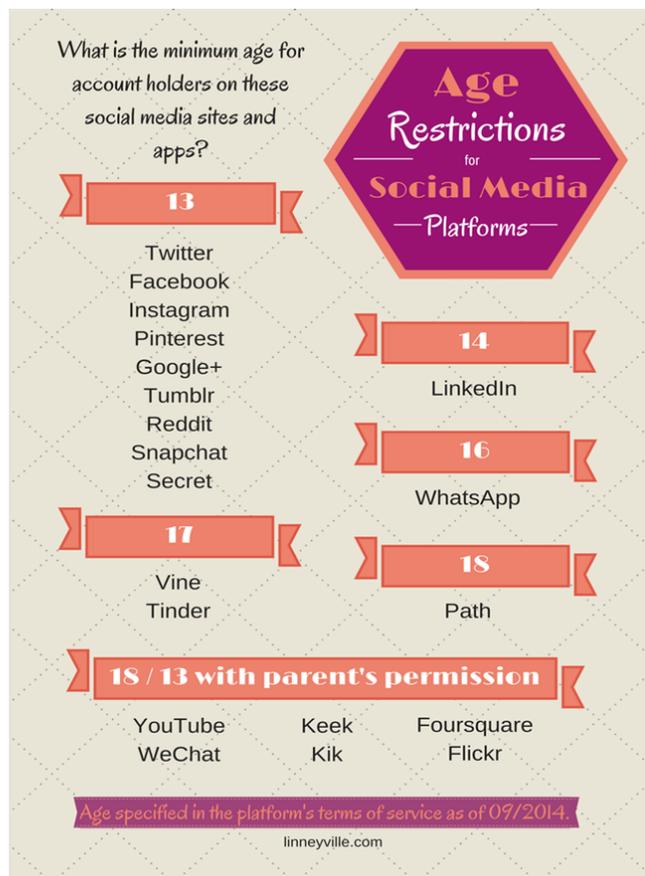
## How old should your child be before they start using Social Media?

Here are the minimum ages that social media websites require children to be before they can sign up for an account. This is to limit exposure to inappropriate content and also to comply with the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act ([COPPA](#)), which prevents companies from collecting certain information from children under 13.

If your child is not on a social media site then they cannot see or come across inappropriate pictures and words and will not give out personal information.

**Legally your child should not have accounts for any of these sites until they reach the legal age required by the site.**

Aside from this, 13 is generally the age when children start developing an understanding of the world around them and, have a better sense of what's appropriate to share online.



Source: [Linneyville. Social media apps image via Shutterstock.](#)

### OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

#### Vacation Care.

Vacation Care Brochures are available now and bookings will be taken from the multi-purpose room from Monday 8<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June after 4.00pm.

Excursions are limited to 48 children; avoid disappointment and book during the above dates; bookings received after these dates incur a \$5.00 per day per child late booking fee.

#### Curriculum Day Monday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

We will be offering an in-house program for the day consisting of serviced experiences and activities and child initiated play. We are supplying bread rolls for lunch and fruit for afternoon tea or you can bring your own in from home if you prefer. Morning tea is not supplied; bring this in from home.

The cost for the day is \$45.00 per child less your Centrelink entitlements. In order for us to operate for the day, we must have more than 25 children in attendance.

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, 2015



# Blue Light Disco

## Footy Themed



### What is a Blue Light Disco

It's a fun kids disco run by the Craigieburn Police in conjunction with the CFA, SES and Craigieburn First Responders first aid group. Everyone involved in the event is required to go through Working with Children and a Victoria Police Records checks to ensure a safe environment for all.

Children in grades 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to attend the Blue Light Disco held at the  
**Craigieburn Primary School Hall**  
**87-91 Grand Boulevard, Craigieburn**  
**6.30 until 8.30 pm**

The entry fee covers heaps of raffle prizes and give aways.



**All children attending are required to be dropped off and collected by an adult. No exceptions. For the safety and welfare of everyone this is a lock out event with no access permitted by the public or parents until pick up time when parents will be allowed onto the dance floor to collect their kids. Early collection of children must be arranged with police supervisors prior to the event.**

### **The cost of this event is \$7**

Money raised will be donated back to worthy community initiatives and programs for youth. **Food and drinks will be on sale at the school canteen.** There will be a cloak room operating if a child wishes to leave their jacket or other items while dancing. No bags are allowed in the gym.

### Tips for a FUN Blue Light

**Come early.** There is expected to be a large line.

**Bring the correct change.**

**There will be an express lane for the correct change to get you in the door quicker. \$7.....\$7.....\$7.....\$7**

**No hats or caps** – they only end up being used in games of keepings off.

When party rock anthem starts there will be prizes for shuffling.....

**Have FUN.**

### Parents

Car Pool, Car Pool, Car Pool.....

Please call the parents of your kid's friends, if you can arrange to drop off and collect other kids as well as your own it will reduce traffic congestion in the car park.

Please contact Sergeant Dale Wesselman  
at the Police Station  
if you have any queries on 9303 4433.

