

Dear Parents and Community Members,

I hope that you were able to see the photos and videos from our excursion this week to Lake Dewar YMCA. If you thought that the children were having a good time, then you were right – they had an absolute blast. The activities were really well thought out and organised so that the children had to work together to make progress. We had great weather and heaps of fun. Myself and the other teachers were really impressed with the way the day went and we'd certainly consider doing that again!

The Ballarat Orienteering Club (Eureka Orienteers) will be holding an event in Warrenheip on Sunday 3 March and everybody is invited. The event will start at 5pm at the school and will be a "45 min Score event" which means you will have 45 mins to find as many of the 20 checkpoints as you can. You can go it alone, in a group, with the dog. You can run, walk, stroll. It's up to you! You will get some exercise for both your body and your brain.

No special equipment is needed and no pre-registration. Just turn up at the school at 5pm. If you have a smart phone, it is possible to use it to record that you've reached a checkpoint. We will show you how to set this up so bring it along. After their orienteering lessons at school, your child will be an expert and be able to show off their new skills. All welcome to attend.

As part of the Bulldogs Read program, children in the program are being offered a FREE ticket to the Sunday 28 July game at Marvel Stadium – including a child ticket, an adult ticket (for one parent) and train tickets to get you to and from the game. If you would like to go please let me know as soon as possible.

This week I am sending home a bunch of paperwork with all of your family information on it. (Not to new families!) Please take the time to check that we have the right addresses and phone numbers so that we can easily get hold of you if we need to.

On Monday 4 march parents Club will be holding a meeting here at 3.15pm. Please consider coming along to support our wonderful school by being part of the parent Club. The fundraising that they do makes such a difference to all the children at school by subsidising many excursions and incursions sometimes a bit and sometimes all of the cost. This can make a huge difference to all of our families by making it possible to run activities which we would otherwise have to charge you for. The cost of the Life Ed. Van visit will be paid by Parent Club from fundraising money, saving every child \$10. Parents club is an informal gathering, unlike school council, and the more people who can help, the less there is for everyone - "many hands make light work"!

Thanks this week to Alyssa and mum Leisa for not only sending in the recipe for the slice from last week, but a box of the slice too. Teachers have really enjoyed their morning tea this week. As requested I am sending home the recipe for those who want it!!

Have a great weekend, Arthur Lane