Last Saturday 17 of our year 4, 5 and 6 students performed in the Victorian State Schools Spectacular at Hi Sense Arena. I had the pleasure of being part of the audience at the matinee performance and it truly was spectacular- 1,000 members of the massed choir, 1500 massed dancers, ensemble dancers, principal dancers, principal singers, the Victorian School Choir, musicians and technical support personnel- all students at Victorian Government Schools. For our students to be part of something so large- likened by musical director, Chong Lim, to the opening ceremony of an Olympic Games—was certainly a great experience, the memories of which they will keep for a lifetime. Mr Lim says, “As a professional it’s such an incredible experience- the whole process takes months and months and schools all over Victoria work extremely hard to make it come together. It’s bigger than anything I’ve done-it’s of Olympic proportions.” (Sunday Herald Sun Sept 13th 2015 p20)

The entire show will be screened on Channel 7 on Saturday December 5th at 7pm.

Opportunities such as this for our students rely on the commitment of the staff who give so generously of their time. A huge thankyou to Mrs Reardon for her overall co-ordination of our student’s involvement, for all of the lunchtime rehearsals and for taking the children in to the city for the four whole day rehearsals and for the whole day performance last Saturday. Thanks also to Miss Round and Mrs Fleming for their support and involvement throughout the rehearsal and performance times. Thanks also to all the parents who so enthusiastically supported their child’s participation in the Spectacular.

This Friday is our own school spectacular- the Annual Concert at the Seaford Community Hall. The children have been practicing hard to ensure some great performances for you all to enjoy. The concert is set to start at 10 am and should finish at about 12 noon. Due to renovations at the Community centre, parents are asked to enter through the side door on the Kananook Creek side. If you need disabled access, then please enter on the Broughton St side. You may collect your child at the end of the concert, provided you have signed them out with the class teachers.

Children who are not collected at the concert will come back to school and be dismissed at 2:30.

Term 4 will commence on Monday October 5th. Some major events that will occur during term 4 include the year 5 and 6 camp to Coonawarra in Gippsland, the year 2 Sleepover and excursion to Myuna Farm, the year prep/1 BBQ and fun night, the Hallowe’en fun day, Gala Sports, Kids Carnival, Prep – year 4 swimming, Graduation and Big Day Out. We will also be having a visit from the Minister for Education, Mr James Merlino on Friday October 23rd where we have the opportunity to put our case for additional funding to complete Stage 2 of our school building Master Plan.

I wish you all a safe vacation break and look forward to seeing you all at the commencement of term 4

Regards

Michael
CELEBRATING OUR CHILDREN’S ACHIEVEMENTS

Noel, Taylah, Hind, Dexter, Briley, Crystal, Skyla, Rami, Taj, Jon, Aaron, Seth, Amy, Cooper and Madison received their Values Awards at assembly on Friday.

Amy, Brody, Jude, Meija, Addison, Molly, Jack received their Artist of the month awards at assembly last Friday.

Annabelle, Rebecca, Meija, Audrey, Crystal, Paige, Hannah, Caiden and Zach received their Fitness Club awards at assembly last Friday.

Bailey received a Dollarmites award from the Commonwealth Bank for banking consistently into his bank account.

Josh shared his Coaches award for 2015 from the Skye United F.C. with us at assembly last Friday.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Displayed on the Noticeboard in the front foyer of the Office.

- Skyed for Sport Birthday Parties Frankston
- Junior Netball & Football Academy also Youngsters Football Academy—Syked for Sports.
- Romsey Primary School 150 Years celebrations Saturday October 24th 2015 10 a.m. till 4 p.m.
- Parent workshops—Living With Teens, It’s Ok to Talk and Chat About Parenting, Teens and Social Media
- School Holiday Program Frankston Library.
School holiday ideas for the family

Create a list with the children of indoor and outdoor activities that could be done over the school holidays and take it in turns choosing something. See how long you can make the list and stick it up in a place where it is easily accessible to add to and choose from.

Here are some ideas:

- Play board games together as a family. Choose one that you all need to learn the rules for. Maybe select one at a market or an op-shop or ask a friend to do a swap for the holidays.
- Have a conversation night with the children. Sit and remember fun things you did and holidays you went on together. Get out the old photos to help with this.
- Take turns adding a sentence to a story that you make up or go around the circle adding only one word each to make up a silly story.
- Play cards together. Snap, Uno, or a game called ‘Snorta’ is a fun one involving animal noises.
- Hire DVD’s that you appreciated when you were younger and introduce the children to them. Wizard of Oz, Neverending Story, E. T., Benji and Lassie.
- Do a jigsaw puzzle together and put it aside if it is not finished, to continue another time. When it is finished glue it on a board to hang in the bedroom as a piece of work accomplished together.
- Make dessert with the children. They will have a great time making a frog-in-a-pond or a crazy decorated cake.
- Build a model, play Lego or immerse yourself in the child’s world some other way for the night.
- Plan and build a vegetable patch to be ready to eat from next term.
- Go bike riding
- Throw a Frisbee or kick a ball at a park together

A family spending time talking and playing together allows the children to form good connections and bonds with their parents and other family members that assist them through life whenever they encounter difficulties later on in life.
BUNNINGS SAUSAGE SIZZLE

Bunnings in Spring is just the place to earn us lots of lovely fundraising dollars!

So.....

Saturday 17th October is our second Bunnings sausage sizzle for 2015 and we are ASKING for volunteers to give us a hand. The good news is – if LOTS of people volunteer, then no-one has to be there for more than an hour. And that would be WONDERFUL.

If you’ve been a bit shy to offer assistance in the past, now would be a really great time to put your hand up.

There will be a roster in the office in term 4, with reminder slips for you to take away. Please give some thought to helping out – your efforts are always deeply appreciated and all of the children benefit from the extra funds such events raise!