Dear Parents,

Another incredibly busy week has just passed and with so many activities happening within our school and with sporting events, finals and catching up with friends and family on weekends, do we ever get the chance to just slow down and rest?

Jocelyn Evans very kindly organised for some of our teachers to listen to Kathy Walker last Thursday evening at Glen Eira Town Hall. Having first seen Kathy speak in 2006, I relish everything she has to say. Kathy has been a child psychologist, an early childhood educator, lecturer at university, author of books, publications and journals and co-developer of a play based curriculum that has been adopted throughout many schools in Melbourne and Australia. At APS we have adopted various elements of the play based curriculum in Foundation, Level 2 and Level 4 with increasing components of an investigative methodology. What Kathy says from her vast research in early childhood, leads to future proofing your children. In 2006, Kathy wrote a book titled, “What’s the Hurry?” and she questions the need for parents to over schedule their children’s lives. Kathy talked about parents robbing their children of anticipation and waiting until they are ready or old enough to experience something; very similar to the joys of playing a pass the parcel game in a party. Kathy also talked about parents feeling pressured to be their children’s friend and the difficulty in saying “No” to constant demands. Parents should feel empowered to be able to say no to their children. Parents can get overwhelmed in school holidays when children complain of being bored and asking what are we doing today? It’s actually okay to let your children be bored, because then they learn to amuse themselves, to create and to use their imagination. If we always provide a solution, for example we are going here, then we are doing this, the children then never have the opportunity to problem solve for themselves. Kathy talked about a birthday party in Sydney where all the children received presents, not just the birthday child, because the parents didn’t want the invited children to disappointed or left out. Families who give presents to all children so they don’t feel bad are compromising the development of resiliency. You learn to be emotionally resilient when you feel a bit put out, you are also allowed to feel angry with someone who you love. Kids need authentic opportunities to feel authentic emotions.

Anyone interested in finding out more about what Kathy has to say on childhood development please click on the following link which will take you to her Early Life foundations website. I am hoping to engage Kathy for a parent evening towards the end of Term 3.


Student Led Conferences held on Monday 29 July

Our school was buzzing with excitement on Monday as the children were anticipating showcasing their learning through the Student Led Conferences. I would like to extend a huge thank you to all students and parents for their participation in the Student Led Conferences. It was a delight to watch our students sharing their achievements and talking about the goals that will help to shape their future learning. Through providing our students with a ‘voice’ in their learning, the Student Led Conferences build a strong platform for further empowering our students.

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Stemming from this empowerment, we aim to cement a culture of high achievement across the school. We hope you were proud of your child/ren’s many achievements and through these conferences you have a strong sense of your child’s progress against the expected curriculum standards as well as their future learning opportunities. On behalf of our school community, I would like to thank our wonderfully dedicated teachers who worked so hard to facilitate the Conferences in support of all of their students. Our teachers have such a strong commitment to the individual needs of their students and I commend their ongoing efforts to ensure our classrooms engage and support the individual learning needs of all students.

Just a further reminder to parents that should you ever have concerns about your children’s learning or wish to share something with the teacher or would like a quick chat, our teachers are always approachable and you may schedule a time with them at any time. Please don’t wait for a formal opportunity. Just as my door is always open for you to pop in and chat.

International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS)
In excess of 70 students will be sitting English tests this week at school and over 70 students will be sitting Maths tests in 2 weeks as part of the International Competitions & Assessments for Schools (ICAS) program. The ICAS tests are open to schools across Australasia and they provide participating students with challenging opportunities to utilise their skill sets and display higher order thinking in specific areas. Please be mindful that these tests are quite difficult and challenging for the majority of students and I am incredibly proud of the students for having a go. On behalf of our school community I would like to wish our students all the very best with these tests and extend a very big thank you to Mr Cracknell for all his organisation and implementation of the ICAS. The results of these won’t be out for some time but I look forward to presenting certificates to students in the not too distant future.

Enjoy your long service Mrs Pearse!
Jennie Pearse will be commencing her long service leave from August 9th until the end of Term and on behalf of the school community we wish her safe and enjoyable travels. Whilst 2P will dearly miss Mrs Pearse we have engaged Jennifer Hemingway to teach 2P in Mrs Pearse’s absence. Jennifer is a highly experienced teacher and well known to the students. We look forward to hearing all about Jennie’s travels upon her return.

Level 4 and 6 HoopTime
Levels 4 and 6 will both experience HoopTime Gala days next week (see all the details on pages 12 and 13 of today’s newsletter) and I wish them all the very best in their jumps, dunks, passes and overall excellent sportsmanship that our students are renowned for.

School Council Sub-committees
Just a reminder to councillors that our next round of sub-committees will be held next week and if any parents wish to raise any matters or concerns to help improve our school, you are most welcome to attend these sub-committee meetings. Agendas will be emailed out at the start of the week.

- Finance: Wednesday 7th August 8.00am in Rochelle’s office
- Curriculum: Thursday 8th August 8.00am in the Library
- Facilities: Friday: 9th August 8.00am in Rochelle’s office

Have a wonderful week everyone.

Warm regards,

Rochelle Cukier
Principal
Skooville
Over the past couple of weeks I have been working with the Level 2 and 4 students in ICT setting up their Skooville accounts. Level 6 and eventually Foundation students will also be linked in to Skooville as well. It is a great school based social media website that focuses on communication with peers in a positive and safe way. There is a very strong emphasis on Cybersafety and respect for others online and is a great way to have students learn good habits for the online world. Ask your child to give you a little tour once they receive their username and password. Follow this link to the website Skooville.

Premiers’ Reading Challenge
Just a reminder that the Premiers’ Reading Challenge finishes at the end of August, so all the students in levels 2-6 should be working towards their required amount of books. We have been checking these in ICT so I am sure that all students know their username and password, and how to add books. During Book Week I will be asking parents to send a message to their child’s classroom teacher confirming that they have read the books entered on the website, in order to complete the challenge.

Book Week
Speaking of Book Week, it is just around the corner, coming up on August 19 – 23. The theme for this year is “Read Across the Universe” and we have some fantastic activities planned for the week, including the Book Fair, musical performances and the Book Parade. Look out for more details in coming weeks.

EnviroWeek
Immediately following Book Week we will be having EnviroWeek, where all the classes will be taking on a range of Sustainability Challenges. Here is a link to the EnviroWeek website, run by Cool Australia. We are very fortunate to have the founder and CEO of Cool Australia coming to our school in a couple of weeks’ time to be Principal for a day. I will certainly be asking him to give us a few ideas for our Green Team whilst he is here.

Assistant Principal

Green Team Excursion

Last Friday the Green Team (minus the level 4’s who had an incursion) went to the Glen Iris Wetlands for our annual Tree Planting day which is organised by Stonnington Council. We had a lovely day and worked with the Green Team from Malvern Primary to plant over 3000 native trees, shrubs and grasses. The long term project is to revegetate sections of this parkland to restore it to its natural state.

We looked at past plantings that the Green Team has done over the past few years and the children were excited to see how quickly the plants had grown, and how much the area was starting to look like a real forest community. Thanks to Katherine Cocks the Environmental Education Officer at Stonnington Council and the parks staff at the council for their great support for this project.

Reading Eggs Award
Congratulations to Jaxsen Farah in 2A for receiving a Certificate of Achievement in Reading Eggs for completing 72 reading activities this year. This certificate will be presented to Jaxsen at next week’s assembly.

Malcolm Dow
Assistant Principal
Hi everyone,

Please take note and take action where you can of the following over the next few weeks:

- **Last and Final call for the Scout Raffle** – We have been able to extend our deadline to **tomorrow August 2**.
- **ASG NEiTA Awards for Inspirational Educators** – nominations have closed. Thank you to the students and parents who nominated a teacher.
- **The Chocolate Drive** – look out for some bright faces in the playground when your child brings home a box later this month.

**The Scout Raffle** – Thank you so much to all the families and friends of Armadale who have bought tickets to help ‘green APS’ (i.e. more synthetic grass for playground areas along with seating and shade provisions). So far only half our families have responded. We have been able to extend the deadline, so for those who have forgotten to hand their stubs and monies in please do so this afternoon or tomorrow by end of day.

**Nominations have closed for the NEiTA Awards** – Thank you again to the students and families who took the time to reflect on the types of things their current or past teacher deserve a ‘You Can Do It! Award’ for.

**The Chocolate Drive** – What can we say? Every child’s dream! Dads are great selling agents for this fundraiser when they take them to work. Our kids sell them to all the neighbours in the street and who doesn’t have a chocolate fiend in their extended family? More on this later.

**Mish McGrory and Brigid Warwick**
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PFA Co-Presidents

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**Cooking Club**

Cooking Club will be starting again soon!
It will be held in the staffroom on
Wednesdays from
3.45 -5.30pm and is open to all students
in Level 4 and Level 6. The cost for 4
after school sessions is $45.00.

We are now taking expressions of interest. We will give priority to students who have not participated before. Please complete the form below and return it to the office by Friday 9 August.

**The Term 3 dates are:**
- Wednesday August 14
- Wednesday August 21
- Wednesday August 28
- Wednesday September 4

Please contact Mrs Evans (2E), Pippa (OP) or Jen (OJ) if you have any questions

**Cooking Club expression of interest**

Child’s name: _____________________
Class: ______
Have you participated before?: Yes / No
Please return to the office by Friday 9 August

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**Sports News**

**L4 & 6 Hooptime Basketball**

A reminder to the Level 4 and Level 6 children of next week’s Hooptime Basketball gala days. Information was sent home with the children today and is attached to today’s newsletter.
- Level 4 students on Wednesday 7 August and
- Level 6 students on Friday 9 August.

**Peter Cracknell**
Sports Co-ordinator

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**Foundation Bulletin**

This week’s Level 1 bulletin for Foundation parents is on the website under your child’s class in the Students tab or click [here](#).

**2014 Enrolments**

A reminder to all parents with a child due to start school next year that all sibling enrolments need to be submitted to the office as soon as possible.

Please come to the office and collect an enrolment form.

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**Enrolment**

We will need lots of parent support on each of the Gala Days - please complete the tear off slip on pages 12 & 13 if you can help.

And read each of the house reports from the House Athletics on pages 8-11 of this newsletter.
Performing Arts News

Performing Arts Award: 4S - for their excellent story telling and for building their performance skills.

Choir 2013

Choir begins at 8:15am on Friday. Senior Choir is in the Performing Arts room. Junior Choir is in the Science Room.

Early Choir Arrivals

A reminder to parents to not drop off choir members before 8.10am as the Performing Arts studio and Science room will be locked and your children cannot be supervised.

If you need to bring your child to school before 8.10am please make arrangements for them to go to OOSHC.

Assembly Performances

If you would like to perform in Assembly this term please see me at recess on WEDNESDAYS to arrange a performance.

After School Music Tuition – Information provided at the office.

Till next week.

Lauren Rich
Performing Arts Co-ordinator
Email: rich.lauren.l@edumail.vic.gov.au

Visual Arts News

Rightside T-Shirt Design Competition - Winning Designs

The winners of the Rightside T-Shirt competition have been selected! A very big congratulations to Eliza Motion from 6Z and Charlie Atkins from 0J. All designs were considered carefully by professionals in Melbourne, and a panel of experts from the USA. Well done to everyone, I’m sure the selection process was very tough. You are all very talented and creative when it comes to Visual Arts!

Order forms will be distributed to each class in the next couple of weeks. You can choose between the two designs and there are different sizes, including XS, S, M and L. There will also be an adult size for parents.

Armadale Primary School is trying to do all we can to care for the environment and this is one way we thought we could get our message out there. Purchasing one of these t-shirt not only raises money for Armadale Primary School’s Art Department but it will also help spread awareness that we can make a difference and should be doing all we can to care for our environment.

Art Smocks

It is really important for everyone to have their own art smocks, to protect your clothing from getting stained and/dirty. Please ensure smocks are thick enough to prevent paint from coming through onto clothing, cotton smocks are not the best when working with wet media. If you do not have an Art Smock you can purchase one at the uniform shop in Kew.

No Need for Newspapers this Term

Thank you for bringing in Newspapers during Term 1 and 2. We now have a huge supply, so at this stage, we won’t be needing any old newspapers from home. Thanks again!

Visual Artist of the Week

Rhiannon David 2J

For the exceptional leaf she made from wire. She paid attention to detail and showed a high degree of skill when bending the wire.

Visual Art Class of the Week 6Z

For the creativity they displayed during the Clay for Kids Workshop! Your sculptures look fantastic!

Lucy Gorman
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
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<th>Name</th>
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<td>Billie Nezos 0J</td>
<td>For showing confidence and persistence when learning new dance moves during the Footsteps program.</td>
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<td>Lucie Armstrong 0P</td>
<td>For working hard to make her panda stand up by itself. You were very persistent Lucie!</td>
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<td>Indi Officer 2A</td>
<td>For having a HUGE smile on her face and confidently discussing her achievements so far this year, explaining each piece of work in her portfolio to her mum, and discussing what goals she would like to work towards next.</td>
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<td>Harry Stewart 2A</td>
<td>For being proud of all the hard word he has done so far this year and confidently presenting his portfolio to his mum as well as answering his brothers questions about what it is like to be a grade one student at Armadale Primary School.</td>
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<td>Charlie Motion 2E</td>
<td>For demonstrating great persistence and confidence when approaching more difficult Numeracy activities.</td>
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<td>Riley Thompson 2J</td>
<td>For putting in a great effort to write a thorough conclusion in our yeast CO2 experiment. You are a scientist! Keep putting in the good efforts Riley!</td>
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<td>Violet Johnston 2P</td>
<td>For her continual thoughtfulness towards her classmates and her teacher. Such a lovely quality.</td>
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<td>Chloe D'Cruz 2S</td>
<td>For her thoughtful and imaginative story titled 'The Snow Disaster'. Keep up with your wonderful writing efforts Chloe!</td>
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<td>Katija Sucic 4B</td>
<td>For demonstrating control and correct technique when participating in Tri Skills last week. Your concentration was really impressive Katija!</td>
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<td>Ella De Hennin 4C</td>
<td>For always having a great smile for everyone and approaching her learning with a positive attitude and persistence.</td>
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<td>Max Officer 4C</td>
<td>For the fantastic contributions he makes towards our class discussions and for always loving new challenges!</td>
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<td>Flossie Corsham 4F</td>
<td>For always bringing an enthusiastic attitude to her learning, and positive and concerted effort when working on learning activities</td>
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<td>Sienna Gee 4W</td>
<td>For speaking clearly and showing great confidence when presenting her Student Portfolio – well done Sienna!</td>
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<td>Ava Nielsen 6N</td>
<td>For having a positive attitude towards her work, her friends and all school activities. Well done Ava, you're always so happy and cheerful!</td>
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<td>George Giannakarios 6N</td>
<td>For making good choices, for being respectful and for trying to do his best in all activities. Keep it up, George!</td>
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<td>Nathan Hoorbakht 6W</td>
<td>For demonstrating enthusiasm and for working co-operatively in small groups to create a Solar Powered Boat. Well done!</td>
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<td>Charlotte Sorger 6Z</td>
<td>For preparing and presenting a fantastic digital portfolio for your student led conference. You were very confident in your presentation and included excellent work samples. Well done Charlotte!</td>
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<td>Liadan Robinson 6Z</td>
<td>For preparing and presenting a fantastic digital portfolio for your student led conference. You were very confident in your presentation and included excellent work samples. Well done Liadan!</td>
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Italian Day at Armadale Primary School
Friday 30 August 2013

Italian songs, Italian performers, cooking, singing, art activities, gelati van, dancing and much more... these are just some of the activities planned for our Italian day.

Ciao a tutti
We are again calling on parents to offer their time to help with activities on the day.

It will be a fantastic whole school community event where you can participate and offer your assistance. The timetable for the day is listed below. Any time you can spare to assist would be greatly appreciated.

♦ 9.00-9.45am - assembly
♦ 10.30-11.00am - activities (parent help required)
♦ 11.00-11.30am recess
♦ 11.30am-12.30pm - activities (parent help required)
♦ 12.30- 1.30pm lunchtime (parent help required to help with gelati distribution)
♦ 1.30-3.30pm (parent help required)

Please complete the form below and hand in to your class teacher, or email me directly at vampatella.vita.v@edumail.vic.gov.au

Grazie mille
Vita Vampatella
Languages Co-ordinator

ITALIAN DAY HELP REQUEST

I am interested in helping on Italian Day Friday 30 August.

Name ___________________________________________ Mobile no. _______________________

My child/ren's name/s and class ______________________________________________________

I am available at the following time/s: __________________________
Speedy DENSHAM

On the 16th of July 2013 Densham and all the other houses participated in the level 4 & 6 House Athletics. All of the Densham did really well on and off the track in each event also and cheered on everyone.

Everyone in our house came dressed in blue and looked AMAZING!!!! At the end of the day we presented our chant and a dance routine to a song. After all the presentation’s the winning house was presented. DENSHAM WON!!! Great work Team! By Toby Yeats, Millie Sweeney Densham House Captains

We are Densham we are blue we are here to beat you. We are Densham we not slow we will show you we are pro c’mon Densham let’s go go go go. C’mon Densham were winning the race c’mon Densham we’re picking up the pace. Densham coming in first place. Winning gold since 1903 Densham is the one for me Gooooo Densham!!!!!!!!!!!!!
MUNRO House Athletics FUN

The house athletics were held on Tuesday 16th July at Duncan McKinnon. All 4 of the houses, Densham, Munro, Rose and Northcote participated very well. Although the winners were Densham, and Munro came second, Munro did a fantastic job and had great techniques in all events. All the best to the students who made it through to the District Athletics. Congratulations to all our Level 4 and 6 team members on remembering to wear your house colours and bring along lots of banners. You all looked great! The levels 6s did a fantastic job on remembering the Munro routine and chant at our house presentations. Special thanks to all the parents and teachers who helped make the day a huge success. Great effort Munro!

Munro is the best by far, we are all superstars. When we run we do it right, we will jump with all our might. Munro’s here to succeed, we have all the strength and speed. GO MUNRO!

By Tilly.B and George.G Munro House Captains
GO
NORTHCOTE

Northcote was an amazing house throughout the whole day at Duncan McKinnon Athletics Track for our House Sports. Everyone in our house did their best and were very supportive and encouraged one another in all eight events.

At the end of the day, the level six performance and chant was a huge success. The level fours were as good if not better than the level sixes and cheered us on through our performance.

Thank you to all the parents who supported us throughout the day. Also, a big thank you to all the teachers and parents for running the activities. It was a highlight of the year so far. Go Northcote!

The Northcote chant:
Northcote, Northcote we are the best we’re way better than the rest. You can’t beat us, no you can’t when you here this awesome chant.

By Sol and Jemima Northcote House Captains
Super House Athletics Day

On Tuesday, 16th July, Armadale PS held the Level 4 and 6 House Athletics Day. All the children rotated around the track to do eight individual events. Everyone from Rose were fantastic and really did their best. At the very end of the fun day every house performed a chant and song at a special presentation. Rose performed ‘We’re happy little Vegemites’ but we changed the words. Our song was party rock anthem and we also changed the words. All of Rose performed really well, good work on coming third. Thank you to all teachers and parents for helping make the sports an exciting day!

_We’re happy little Rose people as happy as can be. We eat other houses for breakfast, lunch and tea. We grow faster and stronger every single day because we are R-O-S-E better than you can be. Faster than you can see. Go Rose Go Rose._

*By Eddie and Darcy  Rose House Captains*
HOOPTIME BASKETBALL GALA DAY – LEVEL 4
Wednesday 7th August

As part of our P.E. & Sport Education program, all children from Level 4 will be participating in an exciting Hooptime Basketball Gala Day to be held on Wednesday 7th August. Children will be involved in a series of fun round robin games with other schools in our district.

Date:       Wednesday 7th August
Venue:     Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre
Departure:  9:00 am Sharp (Children to be at school at 8:55am)
Travel:     Bus
Return:     approximately 3:20 pm
Cost & Permission: Covered in the Term 3 Excursion Levy

Children require
* Trackpants, shorts, school blue polo, runners and school windcheater/jacket
  (Coat should also be brought if cold)
* Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reuseable containers (a plastic water bottle is also needed.)
* School bag or sports bag.

Parent Assistance Urgently Needed
We also need parents to assist with supervision of teams throughout the day. Please complete the slip below if you can help and return to your class teacher by Monday 5th August. We need at least two parents to assist from each class. Parents assisting are welcome to come on the bus.

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

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HOOPTIME BASKETBALL GALA DAY PARENT ASSISTANCE
Please return to your child’s class teacher by Monday 5th August if you can assist

PARENT ASSISTANCE     YES, I can assist on Wednesday 7th August with supervision at the L4 basketball gala day. I will/will not be travelling on the bus (please circle)

Name.................................................. Phone No........................................

Child’s Name.................................. Grade..................................
Dear Parents,

As part of our P.E. & Sport Education program, all children from Level 6 will be participating in an exciting Hooptime Basketball Gala Day to be held on Friday 9th August. Children will be involved in a series of fun round robin games with other schools in our district.

Date:          Friday 9th August
Venue:        Melbourne Sports & Aquatic Centre
Departure:    8:55 am Sharp (Children to be at school by 8:50 am)
Travel:       Bus
Return:       approximately 3:20 pm
Cost & Permission: Covered in the Term 3 Excursion Levy

Children require
- shorts, school sports polo top, runners and school windcheater/jacket
  (Coat should also be brought if cold)
- Playlunch, lunch and drink/s in reusable containers (a plastic water bottle is also needed.)
- School bag or sports bag.

Parent Assistance Urgently Needed
We also need parents to assist with supervision of teams throughout the day. Please complete the slip below if you can help and return to your class teacher by Tuesday 6th August. **We need at least two parents to assist from each class.** Parents assisting are welcome to come on the bus.

We look forward to a fun day.

Peter Cracknell (Sports Convenor)

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**HOOPTIME BASKETBALL GALA DAY PARENT ASSISTANCE**

*Please return to your child’s class teacher by Tuesday 6th August if you can assist*

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PARENT ASSISTANCE YES, I can assist on Friday 9th August with supervision of a team at the L6 basketball gala day. I will/will not be travelling on the bus (please circle)

Name .................................................. Phone No. .....................................

Child’s Name ........................................ Grade ........................................
REBECCA THOMPSON

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