Dear students, parents and friends,

I hope you and your family had a relaxing time on Cup Day enjoying the beautiful spring weather. From the number of tired faces I saw on Wednesday morning it appears many families had a very busy long weekend. We had a small group of students on Monday who had a wonderful day together participating in various Cup themed activities with Madame Marshall.

Last Friday afternoon the 2/3K students worked like a team of ants in the yard getting many jobs done during their class working bee. With the help of lots of parents they managed to spread heaps of mulch across the gardens at the front of the school, weed other gardens, sweep the paths and remove cobwebs from around the classrooms. It truly was a great team effort. Well done 2/3K, Mrs King and the following families and friends: Lacala, Irving/McDougall, Thomson, King, Davies, Mullens, Rewse/Menier, Sullivan/Lane.

Good luck to all the P-2 students who are heading up to Upper Yarra Secondary tomorrow for their sports day combined with many other students from Yarra Valley schools. Let’s hope the weather is in the favour.

Finally, next week is going to be a busy week at the school. Don’t forget to come along to the Jump Off event next Monday afternoon and support our students for the afternoon. You may even like to join in! On Wednesday the whole school will be participating in a Remembrance Day service at the cenotaph and later that day we will all be walking to Mont De Lancey for the Grand Opening of the 2nd Wandin Yallock Art Exhibition. The students and Mrs Myring have had their creativity flowing all year and it’s now time for the rest of us to adore the wonderful artistic talents of our students. Like last year, students will need to be collected from MDL from 3.30pm. Hope to see you there.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Trevor Vass
Wandin Yallock’s Jump Rope for Heart Jump Off Day.

To celebrate our school’s involvement in the Heart Foundation’s Jump Rope for Heart physical activity and fundraising program, we will be holding a Jump Off day this coming Monday the 9th of November where all of our students can showcase the skills they have developed during the course of the program. We will be starting a very special event from 2.00pm and all parents, grandparents and family friends are most welcome to join us. Students can wear “skipping appropriate” free dress on the day in exchange for a $2.00 donation to the Heart Foundation. It would also be very helpful if they could bring along their own skipping ropes from home to ensure we have enough for everyone to participate. A huge thank-you must go to those students who have already registered on our school’s online website which can be found at jumprope.everydayhero.com.au/wandinyallock. At this stage almost $200 has been raised and it’s still not too late for students to register. Some families may choose to fundraise offline instead using the sponsor cards that were handed out several weeks ago. If you would like a new one they are available from the office. All of the money raised will go directly to the Heart Foundation to help fund ground breaking research into the causes and treatment of heart disease, patient care and support. Every dollar counts! If you have any further questions please see me.

Yours in skipping, fun and fitness,
Sue Marshall Jump Rope For Heart co-ordinator.

FEEL GOOD PARENTING
Monday 16th Nov, 7 – 9pm
Wandin Yallock Primary School Multi-purpose Room.

Parents: Escape from the house and join us for a relaxed evening that hopes to be informative and encouraging as you bring up great kids. No cost.
Presented by Michelle Watson (School Chaplain)

Asbestos Audit

Earlier this week an Asbestos Audit was carried out at the school. The Dep. Of Education is undertaking audits of all schools. The auditors inspected every building at the school, including portable items that commonly contain asbestos. During the audit, the inspectors gave our school the all clear apart from one very small area in the Admin. building which they believe may be asbestos containing material. No asbestos exists in any of the teaching and learning areas at the school. A sample of the material has been taken to confirm whether or not it contains asbestos. We will know the results within the month. As a result of the potential presence of asbestos, the inspectors, by law, have installed blue warning labels at the entrance to the Admin. building to identify contractors to the potential presence of asbestos. If the test comes back negative, the blue labels will be removed. The risk of this material being disturbed by students or visitors to the school is extremely low. However, as a precaution we will carry out some minor works to completely enclose the area to eliminate the possibility of students interfering with the suspect material. Please call the school if you have any concerns about this issue.