

NEWSLINE

Tuesday August 11th, 2009

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Dates to Remember

August

Wednesday 12th

- All Grade 4 students to bring their bike to school for bike check

Thursday 13th

- Rubbish Free Lunch Day

Friday 14th

- Rescheduled House Athletics Carnival

Monday 17th

- 7.00pm Issun Booshi afternoon and evening performance

Wednesday 19th

- Issun Booshi afternoon performance
- 7.00pm School Finance Meeting
- 7.30pm School Council Meeting

Monday 24th

- 2.00pm Parents' Club Meeting in the staffroom

Tuesday 25th

- 9.00-10.30 Fathers'/Special Person's Day Gift Wrapping in canteen

Thursday 27th

- 9.00-10.30 Fathers'/Special Person's Day Gift Wrapping in canteen

September

Tuesday 1st

- 9.00-10.30 Fathers'/Special Person's Day Gift Wrapping in canteen

Thursday 3rd

- 9.00-11.00 Fathers'/Special Person's Day stall

2010 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN

Acting Principal's Report – Brad Evans

Influenza H1N1 (Human Swine Flu) Update

Victoria is now in the 'protect' phase of its plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community.

This illness is classified as 'moderate', with the majority of cases being mild. However, five per cent of cases are severe, which means that those affected may require hospitalisation and intensive care. The best defence against all influenza viruses – including H1N1 – remains good hygiene.

We all have a role to play to protect ourselves and others this flu season. Current public advice is

- People with mild flu like illness should stay home.
- People who are moderately unwell with flu like symptoms should call ahead then visit their GP
- Only people who are seriously unwell should visit a hospital emergency department.
- People with mild flu like illness should stay home in voluntary isolation and treat their symptoms as required. Otherwise healthy people with mild flu like symptoms will not be given antiviral therapy and their contacts will not be placed into quarantine.

Your best defence against flu is to wash your hands. Wash them often with soap and water, especially after you cough or sneeze. This is the most effective thing that you can do to fight the flu over the coming months.

Covering your nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing, throw the tissue in a plastic lined rubbish bin after use and avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth.

Bushfire Emergency Aftermath Rebuild

A free telephone counselling service has been established by the government to assist people affected by the Victorian bushfires. Specialist professional counsellors provide 24 hour 7 day support. There is also a telephone call back service. The service is for men and women directly affected by the bushfires 15 years and older, families and friends of those directly affected and emergency service workers and volunteers. To contact the support service call 1300789978.

Head Lice

The issue of head lice is one that all schools actively try and rid themselves of, with varying degrees of success. To successfully manage head lice in schools we need parental support in order for this to happen.

School role

- When the school becomes aware of the prevalence of head lice on a student, all families in the same class are issued with notices informing parents that they need to check their child's hair.



Parent and carer role

- Respond to school issued notices regarding head lice in their child's grade by checking their child's hair
- Ensuring their child does not attend school with untreated head lice

It is also reasonable to expect parents and carers will:

- Regularly (preferably once a week) inspect their child's hair to look for lice or lice eggs (using conditioner and a head lice comb is the easiest and most effective way to do this – see DHS pamphlet which is available at the school office);
- Regularly inspect all household members and then treat them if necessary;
- Notify the school if their child is affected, and advise the school when treatment was started; and
- Notify the parents or carers of your child's friends so they too have the opportunity to detect and treat their children if necessary.

Exclusion under the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001 refers to exclusion of children from school or children's services centres *until the day after appropriate treatment has started*. In the case of head lice, appropriate treatment refers to treatment that removes live lice.

It is essential that if you find head lice or the eggs (nits) you contact the school, so we can follow up with preventative action.

School Council Vacancy

A Parent Position remains vacant on School Council for the second half of 2009. We can simply appoint a parent to this short term vacancy without embarking on any election process. If you wish to express interest in being a member of School Council, please contact me directly as soon as possible – preferably the end of this week. We would like to appoint someone to this position so that they can attend our first Term 3 Meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday 19th August at 7:30 p.m.

School Supervision: Children are supervised between the hours of 8.45am and 3.45pm.

Athletic Carnival – Friday 14th August

We are hoping for better weather conditions for this Friday's rescheduled Athletics Carnival. Thanks to parents who responded to our requests for helpers for the Senior Athletic Carnival last Friday, we hope you are still available, if not, please contact Mrs. Scott tomorrow. We are still in need of more volunteers so please let the office know if you are interested, particularly if the change of date now finds you available to help? The carnival is a keenly anticipated event for all the Grade 3 - 6 students in the school and I know that Mrs Scott has been doing a terrific job fine tuning their skills before the big day. A big thanks to Mrs Scott also for the large number of extra hours she has given in the organising of the Athletic Carnival – a very big task! We look forward to seeing lots of parents on Friday. A return slip is provided at the end of the Newline for parents to indicate if they are now able to assist at the Carnival.

Visitors Policy

All visitors to the school must report to the office to sign in and collect a visitors pass. You will then be required to return your pass and sign out on your departure. Visitors to the school include:

- 1) Parent Helpers in classrooms, canteen or uniform shop.
- 2) Special guests to the school.
- 3) Tradesmen working at the school for a short period.

If you are dropping off or picking up a student in school hours you do not need to complete a visitor pass, however you are expected to complete a late arrival or early departure form as is normally the case. The implementation of the visitor's policy will have great benefits to our school community both in student safety and emergency management procedures.

It would be greatly appreciated if you can fully support this policy.

Enrolments for 2010

Term 3 is the time when we begin finalising enrolments for 2010. It is done now so we can plan our staffing and grade structures for the upcoming year allowing us to continue delivering a wide variety of high quality programs. If you know of families that are intending to enrol at 545, please encourage them to drop in and see us to assist us in finalising our 2010 enrolment numbers, particularly Prep.



Genes for Jeans Day

Congratulations to all involved in last Thursday's Jeans for Genes Fundraiser especially Mrs. Caldwell and her Junior School Councillors. The school raised \$562 which is an outstanding effort!

Issun Booshi

The Middle School students will be busy this week as they rehearse for next week's performances of Issun Booshi. Collins Sensei, Mrs. Candy, Middle School classroom teachers and other specialist teachers and parents have been working tirelessly to support the students. We all look forward to seeing the performances next Monday 17th August and Wednesday 19th August. Tickets are available from the Office.

Gippsland Regional Finals

Good luck to all Senior School students and teachers who are participating in the Gippsland Schools Finals in Football, Mixed Netball and Soccer. The teams have already done a great job to progress to this level of competition having recently won the Sale and District Sports Eisteddfod and we wish them all well at this next level.

Julie Ward's Music Lessons

Parents and students involved in private music lessons with Julie Ward here at school please note: this week's lessons

will be held on **Thursday** due to the Athletic Sports on Friday

Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 3	August
Wed 12 th	Wendy Stephenson, Karen Staplehurst, Jane Abbott & Nikki Fahy
Mon 17 th	Joanne Gains, Susan Currie, Kylie Barnes, Jackie Fitt
Wed 19 th	Lisa Hare, Nicola Finlay, Suzie Shiels, Noleen Anderson, Kristi Johns

Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm

Parents' Club Meeting

The next Parents' Club meeting will be held on Monday August 24th at 2.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is most welcome and encouraged to attend.

Father's/Special Person's Day Stall

On Thursday September 3rd Parents' Club are running our annual Father's Day/Special Person's Day stall. This year we are asking parents of the Grade 3 and 4 students to assist with the preparation and running of the stall. However, any parents with students in other grades are more than welcome to assist. Gift wrapping mornings will be held on Tuesday August 25th, Thursday August 27th and Tuesday September 1st from 9.00am-10.30am in the canteen.

Group Photographs.

Group Photos taken of the 2009 Junior School Council, Band, House Captains, Music Captains, Taiko and Maypole late last term have now arrived at school and are currently on display in the school foyer. These photographs are available for purchase at a cost of \$15 each. If any parents are interested in purchasing a group photograph you will need to make payment at the office and write the student's name under the appropriate photograph where indicated.

Closing date for ordering will be Wednesday August 19th.

Bike Education for Grade 4 students

Rod Smith & Elise Hanley

Bike Education Coordinators



As part of the school curriculum, the Bike Ed Bicycle Safety Course will be taught to students in Year 4 over a two week period beginning on Tuesday the 25th of August. The Bike Ed course, developed by the Road Traffic Authority, trains children how to ride bicycles safely on roads and on paths.

Each child will need a bicycle and an approved helmet, both in serviceable condition. Tomorrow, **Wednesday August 12th** arrangements have been made to check the children's bicycles and helmets and a written report on their condition will be provided to you. It will be necessary for your child's bicycle and helmet to be brought to the school on this day.

545 House Athletics Carnival

Staci Scott – PE Coordinator

As you will all be aware, our House Athletics Carnival was postponed last Friday due to bad weather. Our new carnival date is this **Friday August 14th**.

For our Athletics Carnival to run smoothly and on time, we still require parent assistance. Thank you so much to all of the parents who put their hand up to help us out last Friday. If you are still able to assist us in some way on the day, or alternatively, are now free to help out on Friday August 14th, that would be fantastic, simply fill in the slip at the end of this Newline.

To those parents who were able to help but now cannot due to work and/or other commitments, we ask that you let us know so that we can replace you. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you in the future.

Japanese News – Di Collins

Japanese Word of the Week –

The Japanese word of the week for next week is *だめです*

Reading: dame desu

Meaning: that's no good/don't do that

Japanese Musical: Issun Booshi

The middle and specialist teams are very excited to announce that the middle school will be staging the musical Issun Booshi again this year. Issun Booshi can be likened to a



Japanese version of Tom Thumb. All students in the middle school will be involved in the production. There are 10 Japanese songs, taiko drumming, dancing, live music, the actors speak in Japanese,

and English narration clarifies the story for the audience. It promises to be an exciting and unique event. The production will be staged 3 times: the afternoon of Monday 17th August for the students at 545 and the evening of the 17th and the afternoon of Wednesday 19th of August for the families of middle school students. Families should mark these dates in their calendars as this is an event not to be missed.

Issun Booshi Tickets

Tickets to the Monday night performance of Issun Booshi are selling fast. Some people who sent in an expression of interest for tickets to a performance do not seem to have purchased the tickets yet. Please do so as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. A reminder to come to our Wednesday afternoon matinee performance if possible to allow all those who can only come Monday night to do so.

Wanted for Issun Booshi

We are in need of plain style business shirts to use as costumes in our upcoming Issun Booshi production. If you have any unwanted shirts in good condition – please send them to the school office by tomorrow if possible.

Rubbish Free Lunch Day – Term 3

It is time for our once a term Rubbish Free Lunch Day. We are encouraging students to include absolutely **NO** wrappers in their lunch boxes on **Thursday 13th August**. We are aiming to have no rubbish at our school on this nominated day in an attempt to reduce the waste we create. Teachers will promote this day with their class, and there may even be rewards for those students who manage to bring their lunches free of wrappers! You may wish to take this opportunity to discuss the importance of reducing waste in our environment with your child/ren. Thank-you for your support.

Chaplain's ABC - Zenith

Well I've arrived at the last letter of the alphabet, and will have to come up with something new for next time! Today I've chosen to look at the word Zenith which is, apparently, the highest visible point of the sky that is directly above the observer. The sky is one of those magnificent mysteries. We can gaze up at the varying shades of blue, and watch clouds

of all sizes, shapes and textures, tumble across our view. Then there are the amazing sunrises and sunsets that greet us each morning, and celebrate the close of the day. Sometimes the evenings are the most spectacular. Friends of ours have a farm at Traralgon South and were virtually burnt out during the fires. We went out to visit one night. It was almost eerie walking around in the dark with ghostly blackened trees and burnt silhouettes. I happened to look up at the sky and the Milky Way was at its most brilliant. I felt like I could almost reach up and touch it. Safe from the town lights, it was free to sparkle like a million beacons over the struggling farm. It seemed to buoy that sense of hope that the farm would survive and go on. The word Zenith can also describe high points in our lives. Mountain-top experiences, achievement of goals, happy times in our personal lives, successes in our professional lives. Perhaps it's a reminder to us to keep looking up, keep looking for purpose and fulfillment, and ways that we can contribute to other people's Zenith moments. Til next time - Shelley (Chaplain)

Walking School Bus – Jim Goode, Wellington Shire Walking School Bus Coordinator

Peter Southall leads the Montgomery Street Walking School Bus. He needs a second volunteer to assist him. The volunteer will not need to commit to every day. If anyone who lives in the area would be interested in assisting with the Walking School Bus please phone Jim Goode on 0427 497 793. New students are always welcome to walk too!!

Community News

WSNN Inc. Wellington Special Needs Network Inc.

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We cover a general range of disabilities and do not specialize in one particular special need. We offer support, social get-togethers, and information to families who may be interested. We have a newsletter usually once a month and invite consumers to send information they may wish to share. We have guest speakers of interest when we can.

We support and seek out information for families/carers/service providers which may be of interest to folks. Our next meeting will be held on **Monday August 17th, 2009 – Annual General Meeting**

Schedule is commence @ 6:30pm @ Legends for dinner followed by guest speaker, Deb Brown, who will be speaking about Challenging Behaviours.

For more information contact Anita on Ph: 51 444 408 or email bennell@vic.australis.com.au

Wellington Primary Care Partnership Information Session

Parents, grandparents and carers of young children are invited to an information and discussion session on building healthy, happy children. There will be updates on changes to the Maternal & Child Health, 10 key ages and stages check and facilitate a discussion of nutrition and healthy eating for families. The session will take place on Thursday August 20th from 10am-12.30pm at the Sale Baptist Church, Princes Highway Sale. Childcare will be available. Please rsvp by Monday August 17th to Community Services reception on 51438800. Morning tea will be provided at 10am. For further information please contact Olivia Wharton at the Wellington Primary Care Partnership on 51438868.

House Athletic Sports Grades 3-6 Friday August 14th, 2009

Please return this form to the office by tomorrow, Wednesday 12th August, 2009

I am able to assist at the House Athletic Sports on Friday August 14th, 2009

Name: _____ Child's Name & Grade _____ Phone No: _____

Special Weekly Awards

Special Weekly Awards were presented to these children at assembly on Monday August 10th

Grade	Name	Reason
PS	Dylan	For his fantastic reading
PJ	Zane	For his great work in maths
	Lily	For her excellent work habits
JJ	Elvin	For working with his team to create a fantastic story about space
JA	Olivia	For consistently producing work of a high standard
JB	Aiden	For always putting so much effort into his writing
	Tahlia	For her fantastic effort with the computers
JC	Tom	For being an all round superstar
JGI	Isaak	For the great improvement with his reading
	Kurt	For his creative approach to all of his work
JGO	Maddy	For her excellent story map of Babette Cole
JPC	Curtis	For his great listening and for doing his best with his work
MSP	Kate	For her excellent work during the Margaret Wild author study
MH	Tom	For being a positive role model to others
MW	Jaide	For her wonderful work and ideas about Margaret Wild
MB	Wilmari	For her fantastic enthusiasm and efforts with Lucinda
MC	Jaun	For his outstanding efforts in maths this year
	Tilly	For her bright, cheery personality and for always including others
MS	Ruby	For her excellent writing piece 'A Picture of my Sister'
MT	Rebecca	For her wonderful recipe of Date and Banana Scones – Yum
SB	Lara	For being a wonderful role model in SB
SL	Shenae	For lighting up our day with her wonderful smile
SP	Justin	For showing his leadership skills in assisting a new student
	Nick	For being such a wonderful and caring member of SP
SJ	Taylah	For her fantastic attitude to work
SS	Theo	For being involved in school assembly

Useful Information

Sale Primary School Website

Our weekly newsletter is available at the school's website at www.saleps.vic.edu.au. The website is updated every Tuesday afternoon.

Term Dates

Term 3: 13th July to 18th September

Term 4: 5th October to 18th December

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday and Wednesday morning from 8.40am to 9.20am.

Canteen

Canteen operates every Monday and Wednesday.