

# NEWSLINE

Tuesday June 9<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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No. 17

## Dates to Remember

### June

#### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

- Statewide Report Writing Day – no students at school on this day

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>

- Rubbish Free Lunch Day

#### Friday 26<sup>th</sup>

- Last day of Term 2

### July

#### Monday 13<sup>th</sup>

- First day of Term 3

**2010 PREP ENROLMENTS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN**

## Acting Principal's Report - Brad Evans

### Statewide Reporting Day

Please note that this Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June is a DEECD Statewide Reporting Day and as such, students are not required at school

### Swine Flu

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

Visit [www.health.vic.gov.au](http://www.health.vic.gov.au)

Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**

Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)

Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their

children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

### State Football Team Selection – Nash

Following an exhaustive selection process, one of our Grade 6 students, Nash, has been selected in the Victorian Primary School's State Football Team. This is an enormous achievement and we congratulate Nash on making the team. He will now travel to Queensland in July to represent Victoria in the National Primary School Carnival. Everyone at 545 wishes him well!

## Parents' Club Report – Wendy Stephenson & Robyn Jones

### Canteen

The canteen roster is as follows:

Term 2	June
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup>	Karen Jackson, Kim Jondahl, Sam Rowley & Kylie Kinder
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup>	Leesa Van Emmerik, Simone Alexander & Amanda Risdale
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup>	Tracy McLindin, Jody Collenette, Andrea Hall & Di Patterson

*Canteen helpers are required from 12.15noon – 1.30pm*

### Sunfruits

As you are aware, Sunfruits are no longer able to be sold through our canteen. However, we have several bulk boxes (1.25kg) available for sale at a cost of \$12.00 per box. Parents can purchase these from the school office.

## School Photographs

School photos were taken at our school last Tuesday with all students participating in class and individual photos. If for some reason your child did not return their envelope to school, parents are still able to obtain a copy of their child's/ren's photograph by contacting Arthur Reed Photography on 03 5243 4390.

## Japanese Word of the Week -

### Di Collins

なんですか

Reading: **nan desu ka**

Meaning: **What is it?**

## Rubbish Free Lunch Day – Term 2

### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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 18<sup>th</sup> June**. 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

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

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 - Xanadu

Xanadu - such a strange word! Most of us probably associate it with the 80's movie of the same name, starring Olivia Newton-John. Perhaps not one of her best roles but there seems to be lots of devoted 'Xanadu' fans out there.

I remember the word Xanadu from studying English Literature in Year 12. The poem 'Kubla Khan' by Samuel Taylor Coleridge depicted the poet's vision of a beautiful summer house built by a powerful Chinese Ruler in Xanadu (a region also called Shangdu).

The word Xanadu has come to mean 'an idyllic, beautiful place' or an 'exotic, luxurious place'. Just thinking about it makes me want to pack my bags and head to tropical Queensland for a few days. In the fast pace of modern life we all need our Xanadu. A quiet and beautiful place where we can retreat from busyness. And it doesn't have to have a luxury price tag. There are so many beautiful places we can go in this State, the Gippsland Lakes, the Great Ocean Road, the Murray River, the Dandenongs, the Alpine Region including stunning towns like Bright, the Grampians – the list goes on.

We are so blessed to live in such a beautiful part of the world. But sometimes in living here, we take it for granted and we get too busy and we forget about the benefits of taking a break. Breathing in the crisp fresh air, listening to the birds, tending a crackling campfire, roughing it – these simple pleasures can be so much fun for families, and they remind us that life doesn't have to be so busy and complicated. On the other hand your Xanadu might be as simple as reading a good book on the back verandah, overlooking the garden.

Whatever it is, I hope we all find an opportunity to get there soon - Til next time – Shelley

### Community News

#### *Pirates Ashore @ the library*

Ahoy matey!! Dress up and come on board for an evening packed full of fun and games at your local library. Make your own pirate eye patch and hat, hear some tall tales, join in the games and enjoy pirate food on the house! Cost is free. Suitable for primary school children. Bookings essential for catering purposes. Enquiries 51423368

Starts at 6.00pm at the following libraries

Heyfield	Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> June	51482644
Maffra	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> June	514771052
Rosedale	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> June	51992547
Sale	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> June	51442258
Yarram	Thu 18 <sup>th</sup> June	51825135
Stratford	Fri 19 <sup>th</sup> June	51456403

#### *Maffra Autism Support Group*

Do you live in Maffra or nearby? Do you have a child or close family member with an autism spectrum disorder? If you would be interested in receiving more information for families, and getting to know other families who have a close member with ASD, then you are invited to an informal get-together at the Maffra Community House, 19 Gibney Street Maffra on Tuesday June 23<sup>rd</sup> from 10am-12noon. For further enquiries please contact Yvonne Waite at Parent to Parent Gippsland on 51 353 131

#### Useful Information

##### Sale Primary School Website

Our weekly newsletter is available at the school's website at [www.saleps.vic.edu.au](http://www.saleps.vic.edu.au). The website is updated every Tuesday afternoon.

##### Term Dates

- Term 1:** 2<sup>nd</sup> February to 3<sup>rd</sup> April
- Term 2:** 20<sup>th</sup> April to 26<sup>th</sup> June
- Term 3:** 13<sup>th</sup> July to 18<sup>th</sup> September
- Term 4:** 5<sup>th</sup> October to 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### School Reports – Separated Parents

Please forward copies of my child/children's reports to the address shown  
Child/ren's names and grades:

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Non-custodial parent's name and postal address

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#### Reports – Separated Parents

In the case of separated parents, each parent is entitled to a copy of their child's interim, mid-year, and final report. To ensure that you receive your copy, please notify the office, or return the reply slip at the end of this Newsline to the office to assist us in updating our mailing list.