

Newsletter



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Principal:
Mrs Heather Hill

From the Principal

Assembly

Our new school captains and vice captains had their first official duties yesterday at assembly. Nic C (Captain) and Andre M (Vice Captain) reminded everyone about appropriate manners at school, and how to politely enter other classrooms. Sophia P (Captain) and Dominique R (Vice Captain) spoke to everyone about care of our property, looking after our new garden areas and helping each other.

We look forward to more input from students at assembly during the year. Elections of House Captains and House Vice Captains will be held shortly. There are also many other student leadership positions available for our Year sixers.

Bushfire Tragedy

The devastating weekend bushfires have affected so many families in Victoria. At assembly I spoke to the children about how we as a school community could help other communities who have been so tragically affected. The children have also discussed in their classroom about ways they can help others. Donations from our children to others in need are the most simple and effective way that we can start to make a difference. The children have been encouraged to give of their own pocket money to show that they care. We will be collecting donations this week on behalf of the students from Murrumbeena Primary School and forwarding them to the Salvation Army, where the money will go directly to the families in greatest need. Other ways that families may also like to donate are through the Red Cross Bushfire Relief Fund <https://www.redcross.org.au/Donations/onlineDonations.asp>. We have heard there is an immediate need for toiletries (soaps, toothpaste, toothbrushes etc). Eliza in 3R is collecting these on behalf of her Girl Guide patrol. Please drop any toiletry donations into 3R (portable 9) this week for delivery to affected families.

Crossing Supervisor farewell

At the end of last year, a group of parents and students farewelled our Dandenong Road crossing supervisor, Rhonda Marden. Rhonda had been working at the crossing for 24 years. She was presented with a vase, flowers and a gift voucher from our school community and parents from Holy Eucharist School. Rhonda has written to the school expressing her appreciation of the gifts and parent support. Thanks to Tony Russell who coordinated with the presentation on behalf of our school.



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Looking Ahead

Thursday 12 February	Fete Meeting 7pm — IRC
Monday 16 February	School Council Meeting
Monday 23 February	Parent Information Evening Levels 1 & 3
Tuesday 24 February	Parent Information Evening Levels 2 & 4
Thursday 5 March	Welcome Picnic
Saturday 21 March	Murrumbeena Primary School Fete
Wednesday 25 March	School Photos

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Allergies

We have many students at our school who have allergic reactions to specific foods. In some cases, their allergies may be life threatening. The school has an Anaphylaxis policy which details the school's practices and procedures that are in place to both help prevent allergic reactions, and deal with one, if it should take place. The teachers undergo training each year in the use of Epipens (adrenaline). We keep detailed information on children who have been diagnosed as at risk of anaphylaxis. Our First Aid officer, Val Henshaw, liaises with parents to ensure we have the full details and the individual anaphylaxis plan and appropriate Epipen.

All children are encouraged to be caring and sensitive to the special needs of others.

Heather Hill



STUDENT BANKING

Please remember to bring your student banking to school every Wednesday.

If you would like to start up a bank account, application forms are available at the school office.

Fete News

MPS Fete 2009 – Jams and Preserves

For any interested parties, the Jams and Preserves team would gratefully accept help in any of the following ways :

1. Donating gold coins or sugar (to Lynne at the office) or packets of frozen berries/fruit (to Fiona at the canteen)
2. Helping Fiona in the canteen on a Tuesday morning to make jams. Each Tuesday morning from 9 – 11.30 beginning 17th of February through till 17th of March, Fiona will be in the canteen and needs helpers to make jams and preserves. No experience necessary!! (Please let her know if you can make it)
3. Making your family's secret and superb relish/chutney/preserve/jam to sell on the Jams and Preserves stall at the MPS fete. You will need to include a list of ingredients and the date bottled. Speak to Fiona if you need ingredients or bottles.
4. Volunteer for an hour or half hour to sell, sell, sell at the Jam and Preserve stall on the day of the fete, March 21st. (see Fiona in the canteen).
5. We need clean glass jars with their labels removed – not all glass jars – but specific kinds, which will hopefully give the produce a uniform neat look, to complement the jars we are purchasing. Some of the jars we want are :
 - St. Dalfour jam jars
 - Heinz – salad cream
 - Heinz – Epicure French Mustard
 - Ocean Spray – Cranberry Jelly
 - Masterfoods – 175g Mustard and horseradish jars (red lid)
 - Baxters – 312g chutney jars
 - Rosies – jam / marmalade jars

Basically, multiples of any small "pretty" jars. Please place in boxes and give to Fiona in the canteen.

BOOK STALL

Please bring your donated books into school. They can be left in the foyer close to the office. For larger collections, ring the co-ordinator, Vivien, on mobile 0428 481 324, to arrange delivery.

FETE CRAFT STALL

Volunteers needed to sew simple children's dress ups, cushions, aprons etc., for the craft stall. Please phone Michelle Hagger on telephone 9504 2699 if you can help. If you have completed craft stall items, please contact me to drop items off at my house for pricing and packaging. Thanks.

A Letter from the Minister

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome back to the start of what promises to be another exciting school year. In Victoria, we are fortunate to have a world-class education system with a strong and vibrant government school system at its core. One of the greatest gifts we can all give our children is the solid foundation of a high-quality education. We are always working hard to improve so that every child can thrive, learn and grow.

Government schools are an important part of their local community. The people who make our schools great places for your child – principals, teachers, staff and school councillors – are dedicated to providing the best education possible for our children.

One of the most effective ways we can do this is by being actively engaged in the education of our children. We can all help our children develop the knowledge, skills and learning strategies they need to engage in lifelong learning. Reading with your child, talking with them about the world around us, and encouraging creative play are all crucial elements of your child's development.

I also encourage you to become actively involved in your child's school community. It helps children achieve the best possible learning outcomes. You can participate in school life, both formally and informally, through volunteering and staying up to date with your children's learning progress through regular contact with their teachers. More information on Victorian government schools can be found at www.education.vic.gov.au or Education Line **ph 1800 809 834** can provide further advice and assistance.

I wish you and your children all the very best for the year ahead.

Hon Bronwyn Pike MP
Minister for Education

2009 DATES TO REMEMBER

February	
Thursday 12	Interschool Sport begins FETE MEETING – in IRC – 7.00pm
Monday 16	School Council
Sunday 22	Weet-bix Tryathlon
Monday 23	Parent Information Evening – Levels 1&3
Tuesday 24	Parent Information Evening – Levels 2&4
Wednesday 25	Swimming Sports Life Education Van arrives
Friday 27	Clean Up Australia Day – Lunchtime activity
March	
Monday 2	Preps at school full days
Thursday 5	Welcome Picnic
Friday 6	Life Education Van departs
Monday 9	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
Saturday 21	SCHOOL FETE
Tuesday 24	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25	Parent Teacher Interviews SCHOOL PHOTOS
Tuesday 31	GRADE 5 CAMP (Tue-Fri) Grade 6 Swimming Intensive
April	
Friday 3	Grade 5 Camp returns End Of Term – 2.30pm finish
Monday 20	Term 2 Begins
May	
Tuesday 12	NAPLAN Writing – Grades 3&5
Wednesday 13	NAPLAN Reading – Grades 3&5
Thursday 14	NAPLAN Numeracy – Grades 3&5
Sunday 17	Education Week
Tuesday 19	BDPSSA Cross Country
June	
Wednesday 3	Zone Cross Country
Friday 5	UN World Environment Day
Monday 8	QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 10	ICAS – Science - Grade 5/6
Friday 12	CURRICULUM DAY – Making the PYP Happen
Saturday 13	CURRICULUM DAY – Making the PYP Happen
Friday 26	End of Term 2 – 2.30pm finish
July	
Monday 13	Term 3 Begins
Friday 31	House Sports – Duncan McKinnon
August	
Tuesday 4	ICAS – English – Grade 5/6
Wednesday 19	ICAS – Maths – Grade 5/6
Tuesday 25	BDPSSA Athletic Sports
September	
Wednesday 9	Zone Athletics
Friday 11	BDPSSA Rugby League
Friday 18	End of Term 3 – 2.30pm finish
October	
Monday 5	Term 4 Begins
Friday 9	SCHOOL CONCERT - Rehearsal in the morning
November	
Tuesday 3	CUP DAY HOLIDAY
Wednesday 18	BDPSSA Hockey
December	
Tuesday 8	Grade 6 Orientation
Monday 14	Grade 6 Final Assembly Grade 6 Graduation
Friday 18	End of Year – 1.30pm finish

Murrumbidgee Kids Café NEWS

Greetings Everyone!! Firstly, thanks to all the wonderful canteen volunteers. I can't tell you how much I appreciate your efforts. I spent my first few days under the guidance of our wonderful Kerry. She will be sorely missed by one and all!! At present, I am concentrating on learning how everything works, but I have plans to gradually introduce new healthy and yummy items. We will have weekly specials from the canteen window, so pop over! This week we will have fresh watermelon slices, packets of rice crackers and 140g tubs of Goulburn Valley diced peaches in mango puree at 50 cents a tub. Finally, the new menu is out this week, so look out for it in the newsletter.

See you at the window soon.

Fiona



Canteen Roster Week 2 and 3, 2009

Wednesday 11th February	
9.30 – 11.30	L. Kovacs <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE!</i>
11.30 – 1.30	S. Delaney; K. Sargentson
Thursday 12th February	
9.30 – 11.30	A. Ozga; T. Sharpe;
11.30 – 1.30	C. Farnan <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</i>
Friday 13th February 2009	
9.30 – 11.30	L. Banducci; J. Ingram
11.30 – 1.30	T. Munn; S. Brumley; T. Russell
Monday 16th February	
9.30 – 11.30	Kerry Teague <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !</i>
11.30 – 1.30	Sandra Myerscough
Wednesday 18th February	
9.30 – 11.30	Jane Pentland
11.30 – 1.30	Kaye Sargentson
Thursday 19th February	
9.30 – 11.30	Clare Mullen
11.30 – 1.30	Helen Farch
Friday 20th February	
9.30 – 11.30	Jenny Brosi; Helen Spooner
11.30 – 1.30	Janie Thompson; Wendy Meers; Justine Scotland

Out Of School Hours Care

Hi everyone! Currently we are booked out in After School Care on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. If you require bookings for these sessions please see us regarding waiting list options or possible vacancies. Thanks. Miranda Boulton.

	Before School Care Breakfast & Activities	After School Care Activities
Wednesday 11 February	Breakfast: Spaghetti on Toast & Milo Activities: Board Games Music Games	Outside Play Art: Paper Bag Puppets Cooking: Bean Taco's Sport: Dodgeball Other: Soccer Tables Game: Octopus
Thursday 12 February	Breakfast: Cereal & Milk Activities: Computers Indoor Cricket	Outside Play Art: Matchstick Art Cooking: Salad Wraps Sport: Volleyball Other: Music and Dancing Game: Mr. Wolf
Friday 13 February	Breakfast: Pancakes & Milo Activities: Celebrity Head Dodgeball	Outside Play Art: Scribble Picture Designs Sport: Mini Golf Other: Outside Free Play Game: Poison Ball
Monday 16 February	Breakfast: Toast & Milo Activities: Domino Express Basketball Knockout	Outside Play Art: Making Wizz Fizz Cooking: Funny Faces Sport: Bombardier Other: Skipping to Music Game: Free Time
Tuesday 17 February	Breakfast: Fresh Fruit & Milo Activities: Free Time Goalie Goalie	Outside Play Art: Friendship Bracelets Cooking: Mini Pizzas Sport: Soffrocrosse Other: Movie Game: Ship Shark Shore

Community Notices**MURRUMBEENA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB****PLAYER REGISTRATION**

Saturday & Sunday morning Auskick
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Registration Dates :

Auskick : Sunday 29th March 2009 – 9:00am to 12:00noon
Under Age Teams : 22nd February 2009 – 9:00am to 12:00noon

Further details from the Registrar :

Mich Uhe : theuhes@optusnet.com.au – 0408 350 073

A copy of our registration form is available on our web page:
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