

# Newsletter



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Principal:  
Mrs Heather Hill

## From the Principal

### Welcome Picnic

Thank you to all families who attended the picnic last Thursday. It was a chilly evening, but seemed to be enjoyed by all who came.

### Parent Teacher Discussions

Parent/teacher discussions will be held on Tuesday 24 March and Wednesday 25 March 2009. Information is included with this newsletter. Please complete the tear off slip and return to school as soon as possible so that your interview time can be confirmed.

### Professional Development

Professional learning plays an important part in our staff development, and equips our teachers with skills and knowledge which will provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

As you are aware, there were three professional learning days (curriculum days) at the start of the year, which involved a range of activities, from planning to developing essential agreements to visiting aspects of the IB Primary Years Program.

Throughout the year, there is an ongoing focus on professional learning, and a range of ways in which this takes place. Our teachers are regularly engaged in the school's 'Professional Learning and Sharing' program in which they are released from the classroom for short periods to visit other classrooms, meet with other teachers to share new skills or visit other schools.

We also have a small group of teachers who were awarded 'Teacher Professional Leave' this year in which to further investigate best practice in inquiry learning. This is a DEECD initiative which enables the teachers to take 20 days leave throughout the year. Another teacher is training in Maths intervention, which will enable her to provide a program to Year 1 students with specific needs in their Maths learning.

The school also provides a Professional Development Scholarship, available on application for all teachers, which can support professional learning linked to personal and school needs.

These initiatives are supported by regular in-house professional learning in staff meetings, attendance at network meetings, regional professional development programs and conferences. When teachers are participating in professional learning, we aim to replace them with support teachers from within the school or

with regular relief teachers, so that classroom programs can continue with minimal disruption.

Heather Hill

## News from the IRC

### Connect

The Victorian government has developed a website for students called 'Connect'. This is 'A learning environment connecting you to quality assured websites and online resources.' Students who have had the opportunity to explore the website in their IRC session found that it contained many interesting and worthwhile sites. Connect for primary school students can be found at [www.education.vic.gov.au/primary](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/primary)

### Lost Books

There are a number of books which have been returned to the IRC which do not belong to our library. If you have an outstanding book from a local library and cannot find it you may want to drop into the IRC to see if it has been returned to us by mistake.

### Victorian Premier's Reading Challenge

I have again had an overwhelming response to the Premier's Reading challenge which is fantastic. Please be patient while I process student accounts, this does take some time. Students will receive their account details before the end of the term. In the meantime keep a record of any books read, ready to enter when their account becomes available. All PRC permission forms are due back by this Friday 14 March.

Angela Houghton

## Looking Ahead

Saturday 21 March	MPS Fete
Tuesday 24 March	Parent Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25 March	School Photos Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 31 March- Friday 3 April	Grade 5 Camp
Friday 3 April	End of Term One Students Dismissed 2.30pm

## Fete News

### Pre-Loved Clothing

Thank you to all those people who have donated goods to this stall. We do not need any more clothing or toys as we are over-run with donations. Thanks again, Trudie.

### Book Stall WANTED!

Thank you for all the donations of books that we have received so far. I am short of cook books and self-help/lifestyle books. If you have any surplus editions, they will, as always, be gratefully accepted.

### Craft Stall

There will be a meeting on Friday March 13 at 10.00am at Michelle Hagger's home: 6 Gerald Street, Murrumbena (telephone 9504 2699). We will be pricing and packaging the goods for sale. If you have any finished craft items, please drop them off as soon as possible. Thanks, Michelle.

### Cakes, Cookies & Slices

As most of you are aware, we always have a Cake Stall at the Fete with lots of delicious goodies baked by parents, to increase our fund raising efforts. Next week, I will be sending home a Cake Stall Package with your child, which will comprise:

- 1 paper plate
- 1 plastic bag & tie
- 1 label (to list ingredients)
- Instructions for packaging & delivery
- Recipe suggestions.

The Cake Stall is entirely dependant on the goodwill of families to bank an item or more (if you wish) for the stall. Donations can be cakes, biscuits, cookies, muffins, cup cakes, scones, slices or anything sweet that you can think of.

It is a local council requirement that all the food be cooked. We are not allowed to sell anything with cream, custard or cream cheese.

I urge you all to put your baking skills to the test and make a contribution.

I have included the recipe suggestions for those who may want some ideas in advance.

Thanking you in anticipation of your assistance and support.

Helen Crockett - 0431 614 704

Cake Stall Co-ordinator

## Recipe Suggestions

### Banana Cake

110g butter	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon vanilla
$\frac{2}{3}$ cup sugar	3 medium bananas
Pinch of grated lemon rind	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups of self raising flour
2 eggs	pinch salt, 1 teaspoon bicarbonate soda

Cream the butter, sugar, vanilla and lemon. Beat in the eggs. Mash the bananas thoroughly and add to mixture. Fold in sifted flour, salt and bicarbonate of soda. Bake in 8 inch lined cake tin in moderate oven for 50 mins.

### Triple Choc Fudge

1 packet of chocolate cake mix	1 packet of Cottrees chocolate pudding mix
2 cups milk	$\frac{1}{2}$ a packet of milk or dark choc chips

Mix all ingredients above and pour into greased lamington tin. Cook in oven 180 °C for 35 minutes. Slice in small rectangles to serve.

### Jam Filled Muffins

$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups self raising flour	1 teaspoon vanilla essence
$\frac{2}{3}$ cup caster sugar	100g melted butter
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk	muffin tin with 12 holes
2 eggs	

Sift flour and add sugar. Make well in centre and pour in combined milk, eggs, vanilla and cooled melted butter. Mix together till just combined. Divide half the mixture among the muffin holes. Place half a teaspoon of jam into the centre of each muffin and cover with remaining batter. Cook 200 °C, 20-25mins

### Double Choc Chip Muffins

$2\frac{1}{2}$ cups self raising flour	$\frac{3}{4}$ cup firmly packed brown sugar
$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa	1 cup white choc chips
$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bicarbonate soda	1 cup milk choc chips
2 eggs	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups milk
100g melted butter	

Sift flour, cocoa and soda into a large bowl. Stir in sugar and  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup each of choc bits. Make well in centre and pour in combined milk, eggs and cooled butter. Fold gently. Divide batter among 12 muffin holes and sprinkle with remaining choc bits. Hot oven 200 °C 25 min.

### Lemon Yoghurt Cake

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon of salt
Rind of two lemons	1 cup plain yoghurt
2 eggs	2-3 tablespoons of lemon juice
1 cup oil	2 cups self raising flour

Using food processor, process sugar and lemon rind until it is finely chopped. Add eggs, oil, salt and process until smooth and thick. Add yoghurt and juice and process until just mixed in. Add flour and process briefly. Pour into greased baba tin and bake 180 °C for 45 min.

### Choc Chip Biscuits

$1\frac{1}{2}$ cup sugar	500g of butter
1 tin condensed milk	5 cups of self raising flour
250g white choc bits	2x250g dark choc bits

Mix butter and sugar together. Slowly add milk till well mixed then spoon sifted flour in slowly. Slowly mix in choc bits by hand. Use 1 teaspoon of mixture to roll into balls and cook in oven 175 °C till the biscuits change to a golden colour. Cool on tray. Makes up to 70 biscuits.

### Boiled Chocolate Cake

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup cocoa	$\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon bicarbonate
1 cup water	2 eggs
150g butter	1 teaspoon vanilla essence
$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups sugar	$1\frac{1}{2}$ cups self raising flour

Place cocoa, water, butter, sugar, bicarbonate soda in saucepan. Stir over medium heat and bring to boil. Remove from heat and let cool. When cold add eggs, vanilla essence and sifted flour slowly till thoroughly mixed. Pour into a greased and lined 20cm round cake tin. Cook 180 °C, 50-60mins.

## Murrumbidgee Kids Café NEWS

Hi Everyone!! Its amazing how this year seems to be flying along! Thanks to all for your much appreciated help in the canteen in this past week. It really is a case of “never a dull moment” behind the scenes at the MPS Kids Cafe!! I have received the helper forms for Term 2 and will be calling soon to organise the roster. Thankyou. Special thanks must also go to the Tuesday jam making crew and all those lovely parents who have taken jars or donated fruits/sugars....it all helps toward our end goal! The last jam making session will be on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to donate or come and help label jars even. Please note that if you are free we still need help in the canteen on Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

Look forward to seeing you at the canteen window soon.  
Keep Smiling.

**Fiona**



### Canteen Roster

#### Canteen Roster Week 6 and 7, 2009

<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Jane Pentland <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE!</i>
11.30 – 1.30	Sonia Delaney <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !!!</i>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Sharyn Francis <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !!!</i>
11.30 – 1.30	Helen Farch <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !!!</i>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2009</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Jo Hickman; Peta Simon;
11.30 – 1.30	Leanne Holzer; Liz Kovacs; Justine Scotland
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Sandra Myerscough ; Penni Answerth
11.30 – 1.30	Clay Driscoll ; <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE!!</i>
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Monica Greenwood ; <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !!!</i>
11.30 – 1.30	Helen Farch ; <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE!!</i>
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Trudie Sharpe ; <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE !!!</i>
11.30 – 1.30	Carli Kristensen ; <i>HELP WANTED PLEASE!!!</i>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	
9.30 – 11.30	Lisa Banducci ; Tony Russell
11.30 – 1.30	Fiona Kakavoulis ; Janie Thompson ; Helen Spooner

\*\*\* PLEASE LET FIONA KNOW IF YOU CANT MAKE YOUR SHIFT\*\*\*

**Community Notices**



**Bentleigh Secondary College**

**2010 Gifted and Talented Program**

G&T Information Evening  
Thursday at March 26<sup>th</sup>, 7.30pm

G&T Selection Test  
Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May from 9.00am-12.00 pm

Applications close Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> 2009

For more detailed information contact Hugh Jones or Jenny Date or visit the College website [www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.bentleighsc.vic.edu.au).

You are also invited to

**OPEN NIGHT**

Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2009  
7.00pm to 9.00 pm

For more information about Open Night and Tours of the School please contact:

Mr. Alex Johnson, College Registrar on 95791044

**You are Invited!**

Our Club would like to invite you and your partner or friend to come along to share an evening to hear about the activities of Rotary International and, in particular, the Rotary Club of Moorleigh Moorabbin.

Rotary membership is based upon vocation, whether it be a trade, profession or business, and our Club like many other service clubs, is reliant upon people who want to return some of their time and energy back into the community, local or global. As well, Rotary offers the opportunity for business networking, new friends, and an increased sense of purpose in life

The invitation is to attend our Rotary dinner meeting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2009 at the South Oakleigh Club, 1 Victor Road, Bentleigh East, commencing at 6.30 pm.

If you would like to attend, at no expense to you, please give me a call on 9598-1118 or email to [geoffreygray3@bigpond.com](mailto:geoffreygray3@bigpond.com). If you are unable to attend on this particular evening, please feel free to still call so that another opportunity can be arranged for you to visit us.

*We do hope that you are able to join us on this evening and we look forward to seeing you then.*



Geoff Gray  
President Elect



**ASHWOOD COLLEGE  
OPEN EVENING 2009  
Tuesday 28 April**

- Interactive displays—5.00 pm—8.00 pm
- Grade 6 Parent information session—7.00 pm
- Music Performances—6.00—7.30 pm
- Guided Tours—Tuesdays & Fridays—9.15 am in Term 2; other times by arrangement.

Contact the College on 9807 1333 or email: [ashwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:ashwood.sc@edumail.vic.gov.au) or visit our website [www.ashwood.vic.edu.au](http://www.ashwood.vic.edu.au)



**Carnegie Playgroup Inc**

**'Mini Market' Fundraiser  
Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March  
7.00pm to 9.30pm**

Carnegie Children's Multipurpose Building,  
7 Shepperson Avenue, Carnegie (Next to Library)

**'Chicken & Champagne'**  
supper included in admission

Admission Price:  
\$10.00 for one, or \$15.00 for a pair, or \$20.00 for a trio

Door Prizes Raffle: (\$1.00 per ticket) Major prize: **Children's Bike** (donated by Bikes Direct) Plus a number of other prizes Spot prizes

- A Sample of what is on offer
- Easter buns
  - Easter eggs
  - lekle Togs
  - Jewellery
  - Quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand baby clothes
  - Crafts
  - Card Making
  - Creative Memorials
  - Tupperware
  - Nutrimetics
  - Learning ladder (books)
  - Shopping bags provided by Hocking Stuart

**HAWTHORN SECONDARY COLLEGE**

Burgess Street, Hawthorn East 3123

[www.hawthornsc.vic.edu.au](http://www.hawthornsc.vic.edu.au)


Hawthorn Secondary College invites Parents and Guardians to an Open School night on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. Prospective families will be able to tour the school and see our state-of-the-art Middle Years Learning Centre with open plan work spaces and leading edge computer technology, tiered lecture theatre and Applied Design Education Centre. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat with students, teachers and the Principal/Assistant Principal about the many programs and VCE study options offered at our College. *New students are supported with a comprehensive transition, pastoral and orientation program to ensure that they feel happy and confident. Bursaries are now available to all Year 7 students from 2010.* Tours of the school are held Mon – Fri at 10:00am by appointment only. Alternative times can be arranged. Please reply to the Assistant Principal, Virginia Murray, on 9804 6307 by April 24<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to meeting your family.

**Out Of School Hours Care**

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

	<b>Before School Care Breakfast &amp; Activities</b>	<b>After School Care Activities</b>
<b>Wednesday 11 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cheese on Toast &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Celebrity Head Music Games</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b>  <b>Art:</b> Colouring Competition  <b>Cooking:</b> Chocolate Ripple Cake  <b>Sport:</b> Basketball Runout  <b>Other:</b> Obstacle Course  <b>Indoor:</b> Giants Treasure</p>
<b>Thursday 12 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Cereal &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Relaxing to Music Bombardier</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b>  <b>Art:</b> Face Masks  <b>Cooking:</b> Mini Pizzas  <b>Sport:</b> Chair Soccer  <b>Other:</b> Scavenger Hunt  <b>Game:</b> Mr. Wolf</p>
<b>Friday 13 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Fruit Salad &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Chess Challenge Free Time</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b>  <b>Art:</b> Mosaic Art  <b>Sport:</b> Soccer Tables  <b>Other:</b> Music &amp; Dancing  <b>Game:</b> Fruit Salad</p>
<b>Monday 16 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Toast &amp; Milo</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Story Tapes Road Block Tiggly</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b>  <b>Art:</b> Decoupage Boxes  <b>Cooking:</b> Banana Muffins  <b>Sport:</b> Volleyball  <b>Other:</b> Outside Free Play  <b>Game:</b> Poison Ball</p>
<b>Tuesday 17 March</b>	<p><b>Breakfast:</b> Muffins &amp; Milk</p> <p><b>Activities:</b> Board Games Free Time</p>	<p><b>Outside Play</b>  <b>Art:</b> Sticker Art  <b>Cooking:</b> Honey Joys  <b>Sport:</b> Tee Ball  <b>Other:</b> Outside Free Play  <b>Game:</b> Poison Ball</p>

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