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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## NEWSLETTER

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**Parents Club will be having a meeting on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February at 3.30pm at school. ALL WELCOME !!!**

**If you would like to receive this newsletter by email contact our office.**

**All students need to please bring their green reader bags back to school ASAP as they will be used this year to hold their readers, homework, notes, etc.**

**Our first School Council Meeting for the year will be held on Wednesday. Information will be sent home VIA EMAIL to School Council Members. If any members need this printed off at school, contact the office.**

Dear Parents,

The kids looked fantastic today when we got our School Photos taken. This at times can be disruptive to a normal school day, but it is a worthwhile exercise when it is all done and dusted. We are planning to display all of our past and present school photos in the project room of the new building in the near future which will look terrific.

As always at the beginning of the school year, a number of forms go home to be filled out. Could parents please return the Student Information (white & green), IT Usage Agreement and Bus Safety forms as soon as possible. We appreciate that this takes time, but these forms will enhance our management of the school throughout the year. Information is included in this edition of the school newsletter for the final time.

This week, parents will receive permission forms in relation to our first Cluster Day which is planned at Aquamoves. Please fill these out and return them as soon as possible so that the day runs smoothly. We have also introduced a new late arrivals book at the office to be used by any parents who bring their children into school a little late, because of unforeseen circumstances. This book will compliment our Early Departures and Visitors Book so please utilise these as much as possible.

Unfortunately, Karen was away today but she will be back tomorrow to assist any parents at the office. I taught today and will be releasing staff on Tuesday (IT / Ultranet ) and Thursday (Student Testing), but I will be available on Wednesday and Friday throughout the day if anyone needs to discuss a specific matter with me. Have a great week everyone and I look forward to catching up with some parents at the first Parents Club Meeting on Wednesday.

David Brodie – Principal

### 1. New Building

I spoke to Coffey Projects last week and our new schedule for completion is currently the 8<sup>th</sup> April. This is the end of term so we are still hopeful of starting Term 2 in the new building. Last week we had roofing specialists working on the joins of the building and we are expecting plumbers here this week to continue work which is needed.

### 2. EMA - reminder

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; **and**
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* **or** be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner **or** be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (**1 February 2011**) which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (**18 July 2011**).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **28 February 2011** for the first instalment and **5 August 2011** for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of **\$230** for primary students and **\$460** for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2011 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

### **Payment Amounts**

<b>Instalment</b>	<b>Portion</b>	<b>Primary school*</b>	<b>Secondary school*</b>
<b>One</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>\$ 80.50</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>
	<b>School</b>	<b>\$ 80.50</b>	<b>\$ 161.00</b>
<b>Two</b>	<b>Parent</b>	<b>\$ 34.50</b>	<b>\$ 69.00</b>
	<b>School</b>	<b>\$ 34.50</b>	<b>\$ 69.00</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 230.00</b>	<b>\$ 460.00</b>

\*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Parents with continuing eligibility, who are paid the first instalment of 2011 through this school will not be required to complete a new application for the second instalment. Parents who transfer children to another school after **28 February 2011** and prior to or on **5 August 2011**, must reapply at the new school for the second instalment.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.

### 3. Personal Property

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, electronic games, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises. The Department does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it has no capacity to pay for any loss or damage to such property. Staff and students should be discouraged from bringing any unnecessary or particularly valuable items to school.

#### 4. School Council

The first school council meeting for the year will be Wednesday, 23<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm. The Finance Committee will meet beforehand at 6.30pm. At this meeting we will be discussing our current homework policy and how it aligns with the Departments guidelines. Feel free to contact the office if you have any suggestions in regard to this.

**This year, there will be a couple of positions available for parents to be a member of school council. If anyone is interested in being part of School Council for 2011 could you contact David at school.**

#### 5. School Fees – last reminder

At School Council last year, we were able to approve our new school fees for 2011. There were obviously some changes that occurred but we made these still affordable and in line with other schools in the local area. Keep in mind that last year's fees for one student were \$150 - which included \$90 for Excursions and \$60 for fundraising. We have also been able to rely on our Bingo account and Drought Relief Funding to support excursions and programs in the past, both of these will not be available this year.

#### **2011 School Fees Structure per student:**

**Subject Levy \$140**

**Excursion Levy \$45**

**Total of \$185 (increase of \$35)**

The subject levy includes many programs which are implemented at school including MACC Van, MARC Van, Athletics, etc.

The Excursion Levy includes the following (whole school activities):

Life Ed. Van

Cluster Days

\* Term 1 – Aquamoves

\* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools

\* Performance at Wanganui Park SC

\* Athletics Sports

Please note that these fees are both compulsory fees. We have decided to not put Swimming under the umbrella of the Excursion Levy because of the cost associated with this program. This year, this program will again be held at Aquamoves for 1 week in Term 3. The cost for this program is \$42 per student and families will have a choice in regard to whether their children participate in this program. Other excursions that happen throughout the year will not be whole school activities, so there will be a pay as you go policy implemented as well. Examples of these are Sailing, Kanga 8s and the Richmond Footy Clinic.

Parents are able to pay school fees in one payment or organise a plan which would involve partial payments throughout the school year. If you have any queries in regard to this please feel free to contact David or Karen at the office. These fees are now due.

#### 6. Prep Photos

The Shepparton News will be taking Prep Photos for publication on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March at 11.20am. Can parents please contact Mrs Wallace if there are any queries in regard to this.

#### 7. Aquamoves Day

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, we will be having our first Cluster Day for 2011. This day is scheduled to be held at Aquamoves. On the day there will be a mix of outdoor and indoor activities commencing at 11am and finishing at 2.30pm. Therefore, we will travel by bus – leaving at 10.30am and returning to school at 3.00pm. All children will need to wear school uniform on the day and bring along their lunch, snacks, drinks plus their bathers and a towel – the canteen will not be available so no money is needed.

**This excursion is paid for out of the School Fees for 2011. If you have not yet paid these could you contact Karen at the office ASAP.**

#### 8. Frozen Fruit Freezes

Frozen fruit sticks will be available for sale each Friday at lunchtime for 50 cents each. This began last week.

## 9. Term Dates

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for TERM 1 are:

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Council  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – World Maths Day  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – R.E. Begins  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday  
March 23<sup>rd</sup> – School Council (AGM)

February 23<sup>rd</sup> – PING Begins  
March 1<sup>st</sup> – Prep Photos – Shepparton News  
March 4<sup>th</sup> – Aquamoves Day  
March 22<sup>nd</sup> – Anaphylaxis Update  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports

## 10. Working With Children Checks

WWC Checks are required for all non-teaching school based employees. This includes both current and new employees. It is an offence to engage in child-related work in educational institutions without a current assessment notice. WWC Checks came in to effect in April 2006 and are valid for 5 years. If cardholders intend to continue in 'child-related work', legislation requires them to renew their Checks after 5 years. Legislation also requires card holders to update their details. This should be done as a matter of priority at the cardholder's earliest convenience.

## 11. School Volunteers

One of the tasks for School Council at the start of the year is to approve the current list of volunteers working in the school and any additions to the list during the year. Therefore, we require any volunteers to leave their name at the Office and let us know if they have a current Working with Children Card. Information about getting a Volunteer's Working with Children Check (which incurs no cost) is available at the Office.

## 12. Student Information - reminder

A couple of weeks ago, we sent home forms indicating information currently held at the school. Could you please check, complete and sign these forms and return them to school as soon as possible. New forms can be collected at the office.

## 13. I.T. – Acceptable Use - reminder

A couple of weeks ago, all families received information in regard to acceptable use with the Ultraset, Internet and other Digital Technologies. Although, there is a lot of information in this document, page 2 is all that is needed to be returned to school. Could this be returned to school as soon as possible – new forms can be collected at the office.

## 14. Engagement Policy - reminder

Only new families should have received the schools Engagement Policy. This document was approved in 2010 and it is a living and breathing document so new additions / alterations may occur throughout the year. Could Prep parents return the last page of this document to the office ASAP – new forms can be collected at the office.

## 15. School Bus / Safety - reminder

At present, the bus route has been extended until official approval at School Council. All families should have received information about the School Bus for 2011. Could information regarding Safe Travel and Bus Rules please be returned to the school ASAP – new forms can be collected at the office.

## 16. School Photos

The 2011 School Photos were taken today. We are expecting these to be returned to families before the end of the term.

## 17. Soccer Teams

Any children wishing to play soccer this year can leave their names at the office. The Northerners Club is hoping to have 3 teams this year for Under 6's, 7's and 9's (**no under 8's**). More information will be available soon.

## 18. Physical Education Program

At present, Mr Brodie takes athletics practice with students every fortnight. This is on top of other P.E. activities which are directed by class teachers. Could parents please make sure that their children have adequate running shoes on these days. Practice with Mr Brodie will occur on the following Tuesdays: 1<sup>st</sup> March, 15<sup>th</sup> March, 29<sup>th</sup> March.

## 19. You Can Do It Awards

Congratulations to the following students for week 3 –

**P/1 Liv Burgess** – for the way she uses her ‘getting along ‘ skills in the classroom, helping others when needed. Great Work Liv.

**2/3/4 Molie Karl** – for her fantastic getting along skills that she displays in the school and for the confident way that she approaches her school work. Good job Mollie!

**5/6 Samahna Humphrey** – for being so willing to help her classmates when they were having trouble with their work.



### **Second-hand Uniforms**

If anyone has any small sized uniforms that they no longer require could you please send them along to school. Bev Montgomery (Uniform Coordinator)

### **Tally Netball Team**

Any children interested in playing Saturday morning competition (11 & Under) Registration Night is 21<sup>st</sup> March. Names need to be in to Bev Montgomery (ph 0400 914 464) before this date. Other children interested in playing netball please see Stadium notes below or speak to Bev.

#### JUNIOR STADIUM NETBALL Programs for 2011

##### Indoor Netball - Shepparton Sports Stadium

SUMMER SEASON TERM 1 – 7weeks

“Learn as you Play” Fridays (7, 8 & 9 years old)

Games for players having done Net-Set-Go or Modified Netball last season. New Players - No experience needed.

9 & Under - Non Modified Thursdays

11 & Under & 13 Under Thursdays

Programs commence Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> February & Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February. 4.00 & 4.45 games. Program Fee Friday & Thursday - \$47. No weekly fees.



NEW WINTER INDOOR NETBALL PROGRAM

SATURDAY MORNINGS COMMENCING APRIL  
(15 weeks )rain,hail or shine...

**AUSSIE NET** for 5,6 & 7 year olds a skills based introduction to Netball.

“**LEARN AS YOU PLAY**” Program for 7,8 & 9 year olds new to netball. No experience needed. Teaching umpires to guide the players through the game. Parents/Players can come Indoors out of the winter elements. Registration Fee \$40.00 – Weekly fee \$3.00 per player.

**NON MODIFIED NETBALL 9 & UNDERS** with previous game experience. Experienced Umpires provided. Registration Fee \$40.00.

Weekly fee \$3.00 per player

School Teams/Individual Teams & Individual Players welcome. Enquires/Registration : Kylie Hutchings  
0419 998190 or 58212572

Shepparton Stadium: Kylie Devine 58329481

## **SHEPPARTON UNITED SOCCER CLUB** **PRE SEASON TRAINING**

Shepparton United Soccer Club's pre season training commences at Central Park, Shepparton East on the following dates:

Under 10's – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (time TBA)

Under 12 Boys – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm

Under 14 Girls – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (time TBA)

Under 14 Boys – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March (time TBA)

Under 16 Girls – Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 6.00pm

Under 16 Boys – Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm

Senior Women: Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at 6.00pm

Reserves/Senior Men: Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 6.30pm

Current and new players are invited to attend for all grades.

For more information about playing soccer for Shepparton United SC please phone Vanessa Lovero on 0400 343 058 or

email [sheppartonunited@bigpond.com](mailto:sheppartonunited@bigpond.com)

### **Mrs Wallace's Prep / Grade 1 Class – hard at work using Reading Eggs & Mathletics**



### **School Leadership – Junior School Council**

Congratulations to the following students for being elected into Junior School Council for the first semester in 2011. Corbie Humphrey (President), Ebony Mills (Vice President), Olivia Meyland (Treasurer), Zane Newbound (Secretary), Class Reps for Grade 5/6 – Shannon Keenes & Rhiannon Florence & Class Reps for Grade 3/4 – Harri Ring & Brock Austin. We are very fortunate to have all of the Grade 5/6 students keen to be part of this group. We will have 6 new members for the second semester. School Captains and Vice Captains are welcome to attend these meetings if they wish to observe only – these students will assist with these activities throughout the duration of the year.

## Back to School Asthma Checklist

Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the 'Back to School Spike', which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February. Ensure your child with asthma is prepared for the new school year by following this simple back to school asthma checklist.

Doctor Review

Updated Asthma Action Plan (*advise the school of any changes to their plan*)

Medication Review

Preventer medication scripts

Technique Review (*good device technique will ensure more medication reaches the small airways*)

H1N1 Vaccination

*(A person with asthma who gets any type of flu has a greater chance for developing serious health complications from the infection. Anyone with asthma is recommended to get both the seasonal flu vaccine and 2009 H1N1 vaccine.)*

School Asthma Action Plan returned

*(This needs to be updated at least annually or as required)*

Blue Reliever Medication & Spacer

*(ensure your child has their blue reliever medication and spacer device available at all times. Remember to check the expiry date and amount of medication left in the canister)*

Your child is aware of their asthma triggers



For further information please contact the Asthma Foundation of Victoria on 1800 645 130 or email [schools@asthma.org.au](mailto:schools@asthma.org.au)

## Floods and Asthma

In the aftermath of the recent floods, most people will be focusing all their energies on the clean-up. However, it is important to protect your health in the process.

### Mould and your Health

- Mould thrives in the damp, still environment of a flooded building
- People are exposed mainly by breathing in the mould spores
- Inhaling mould spores can trigger asthma and worsen other respiratory and allergic conditions
- Many people are sensitive to mould and may experience a stuffy nose, irritated eyes, wheezing or skin irritation
- Asthma symptoms such as coughing and wheezing often worsen after exposure to damp and mould
- Rarely, people with chronic lung disease may develop mould infections in their lungs

### Stay in control of your asthma

There are several things you can do to ensure you stay in control of your asthma during this time:

- If you suspect your medications and/or spacer were affected by floodwaters, replace them as soon as possible
- Always carry your blue reliever and keep taking your preventer medication as normal
- Visit your doctor to receive a thorough check-up and update your Asthma Action Plan
- Be familiar with the signs of worsening asthma and the 4 step first aid procedure





## ADVICE FOR NEW PARENTS

### Things I wish I'd known before my child started school!!!

- Buy lots of the same pairs of socks, so if you lose one you'll have a spare, not a left-over.
- Buy a good quality summer uniform because they will outlast the cheaper ones and save you money in the long run.
- When you name your child's clothing, lunch box and drink bottles, use only the surname. Things can then be handed down to younger siblings.
- Teach your little boy what a urinal is and how to use it.
- If your child is having a lunch order, make sure you put in something for them to eat at recess time as the orders don't arrive until lunch time.
- The school bags offered at uniform shops are excellent. You may think they are too big for your child, however once the lunch box, hat, drink bottle, library book, take-home book, jumper or jacket and finished work go in there, there's not much room left.
- Attach a little trinket to your child's school bag so that it is easily distinguishable from other bags.
- Don't buy uniforms until next year....growth spurts happen!
- If you can afford to buy two hats, do it. Leave one permanently in the car or school bag....it saves the argument about the hat every morning.
- It's OK to forget other parents' names....it's hard enough to remember your child's new friend's name. Just ask again!
- It's also OK to cry on the first day, but wait until you're around the corner!
- When you speak to your child's teacher the first few times, introduce yourself as '.....'s Mum or Dad'.
- Buy uniforms with zip pockets so that money and other personal items can be kept safely.
- If you want to know what's going on at school, come to a parent club meeting. We were all new parents once...don't be shy.
- Arrange coffee mornings with other parents at a place where the toddlers will be kept entertained and you don't have to clean up!
- Try to help out in the classroom once a week. Your child will love it and you will get to know the other kids, as well as being familiar with their school activities.
- Buy snap lock bags for lunch because they can be reused and they are easier to open than cling wrap.
- Fill drink bottles from home, it's cheaper and healthier than buying packaged juices.

