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## NEWSLETTER

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**The next Parents Club Meeting will be held this Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> April at 3.30pm.**

**School Council will be held on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm**

Dear Parents,

We have had a busy start to the term so far with a few excursions and the children at the school have really enjoyed these experiences. I attended the Young Leaders Day at Wanganui Park Secondary College last Thursday with Alex, Lachie, Skye and Soraya and this was a very rewarding day. The school captains have the task of implementing an Action Plan in the school and they would like to brighten up the school buildings and rebound walls with some murals/paintings. We are also hopeful of some line marking on the school oval so if anyone from the school community can assist with this could you see me at school. On Friday, the Grade 3/4 students attended a Get Our, Get Active Day at the Shepparton Basketball stadium with Ms Williams and by all reports this was a great day also. Our Cluster Day at Congupna (Science Focus) was a great success and some photos of some of these programs are in today's newsletter.

This week we have a Responsible Pet Program on Thursday which involves a Guest Speaker and Kerri Ford (Hume Region Welfare Officer) will be visiting our school on Friday to support some of our students. This term, will also see Grade 5/6 students complete the annual Attitude to School Survey and in a few weeks students in Grades 3 and 5 will be involved in NAPLAN testing. There has been some discussion at a union level in regard to the implementation of the NAPLAN testing for 2010 and I will endeavour to keep families informed as much as possible.

I will be teaching until Wednesday this week and Karen will be away on Tuesday because she will be attending a Business Managers Conference. Speech Therapy is also on this week on Tuesday and it would be great if parents involved could attend to reinforce some specific concepts which are focused on during these sessions. Have a great week everyone. **Remember that Monday is a school holiday because of Anzac Day and good luck to those students who are attending Zone Sport Trials over the next couple of weeks. The newsletter will be out on Tuesday next week.**

David Brodie - Principal

Young Leaders Day / Get Active Day / Cluster Day at Congupna



### 1. Building Update

I along with a lot of people in the school community have become a little anxious about the Building Project for the school. However, I received a positive email on Friday which stated that we should expect our new building to be constructed on site between August to September 2010. Four to eight weeks before the construction start date, our project manager and contractor will visit the school to conduct a site inspection based on the agreed site plan. At this inspection the construction start date will be confirmed. Following the site inspection, workers will be on site to prepare it for the construction of your building. This work may take up to four weeks to complete. We expect that the building will be handed over to the school approximately four weeks after the construction date.

### 2. School Fees

Changes have been made to the Excursion / Voluntary Levy and details are provided below. It is important to note that these are the only fees for the school year as no other fees are associated with the school. These fees are now payable. It has also been a number of years since the last increase and families may pay these in instalments if they wish. **Statements will be sent home in first few weeks of Term 2 as these fees are now due.** If you have any queries, please contact the office

The following structure was ratified:

- Excursion Levy - \$90 per student. This will cover the cost of most school excursions throughout the year. This is a compulsory levy for all students.
- Fundraising Levy (Voluntary) - Single child families \$60 / Families with 2 or more children \$90.

### 3. School Self Evaluation / Review

Attached to this newsletter again, is a survey for families to complete and return to school. This year, our school is required to complete a self evaluation and school review. This will help the school develop a new 4 year strategic plan. School self-evaluation provides an opportunity for the whole school community, including students, parents and all staff, to reflect on student outcomes in light of their goals, targets and key improvement strategies from the previous planning cycle. This includes examining teaching and learning strategies, the performance and development culture and other aspects of school operations so they can be strengthened and supported to improve student outcomes. Effective schools consistently reflect on their performance as a matter of course. School self-evaluation merely formalises this process and makes the process accessible to all school communities. All of this information will remain confidential and your input will make this task easier.

### 4. Asthma Management Plans

Asthma Management Plans have been included in the school newsletter in the past. **Can this form be returned to school ASAP please – see Karen at the office if you require a new form.** In the Schools Reference Guide (4.5.10.3.2), it states that every student with asthma attending the school should have a written Asthma Action Plan, ideally completed by their medical/health practitioner, in consultation with the student's parent/carer. A *School Asthma Action Plan* should be offered annually to parents/carers whose children have asthma. It is the parent/carer's responsibility to convey clear instructions from the doctor to the school about the student's asthma medication requirements.

### 5. Engagement Policy

All families should have received a copy of the Schools Engagement Policy by now. Just a reminder, **that the last page is the only one which needs to be signed and returned to school ASAP.** Please make an effort to talk through this with your children at home, so that a consistent approach can be implemented by everyone. If you need another one you can download it off the schools website or contact Karen at the office.

### 6. Pie Warmer – Hot Lunches

During second and third terms, students are able to bring along pies, sausage rolls, pizzas, etc to be heated in the pie heater. Food must be wrapped in foil and labelled with the child's name using a permanent marker. If the hot weather persists, the pie warmer will not begin until later in the term.

### 7. Keyboard/Guitar Lessons

**Keyboard lessons began again last week.** Families who wish to have their children involved in this program will need to pay a small deposit before the end of this week. I am hopeful that there will be 8 sessions this term, so the total cost for this program for Term 2 would be \$120 (initially \$150). These sessions will continue to be held on an individual basis and will go for 20 minutes. Cheques are to be made payable to Cliff Doornkamp. Keyboard lessons will not be held during the Cluster Day at Congupna, Anzac Day and Queens Birthday Public Holidays. Cliff also teaches guitar. If there are any students who are interested in learning guitar could they please let Karen know at the school office. Students will need to have their own guitar.

#### 8. Absences

It is DEECD policy that the school is notified when a student is absent from school. This can be done by phone or by written note.

#### 9. School Volunteers

Thank you to the many parents, who have seen Karen at the office regarding this. Our list of parents with working with children checks is growing fast and this list will continue to be approved at School Council. **We still 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.

#### 10 Active After School Program

The Multi Skills program finished today. **Please note that no session will be held tomorrow.** We will be starting our Active After-school Program for Term 2 in week 4. We will be offering Soccer on a Monday (starting on 3<sup>rd</sup> May) and I hope to confirm the second program ASAP. **It was hoped that this would be Dance, but there is a chance that this may occur later on in the term. There is a possibility that we may run Netball for 3 weeks which would then be followed by Dance.** Sessions will start at 3.45pm and finish at 4.45pm. Participating students will be given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. If your child/ren are interested, please fill out the attached form and return to school by this Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> April. Gillian O'Brien has been appointed as the School Supervisor for this program.

#### 11. Kids and Fruit

Please fill out the attached form and return to school with payment if you would like your child to participate in Kids and Fruit this term.

#### 12. Colder Months / Tissues

Obviously, with anticipated colder weather students should be wearing appropriate clothes during this term. If families, could bring in a box of tissues each this would assist the school.

#### 13. Premier's Reading Challenge

Information has been sent home regarding the Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge promotes the importance of reading among students in Victorian schools and encourages parents and families to support their children's reading in and beyond school. It is not a competitive event but rather one that emphasises individual challenge and participation. For the 2010 Challenge, students will set their own reading target by reference to the targets set for their year level. (The targets for each year level can be found on the Challenge website at [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/).) The Challenge website also provides comprehensive information about key dates, as well as answers to frequently asked questions by parents and students, guidelines for schools and, of course, the 2010 Challenge book list.

#### 14. Anzac Day Holiday

This year, Anzac Day falls on a Sunday. School Captains will be required to attend the Anzac Day Service on the Sunday morning in Shepparton. David will be attending and other students from the school are encouraged to attend if they have time. Students should wear their school uniform on this day. The service begins at 10.45am. Monday the 26<sup>th</sup> April will be a public holiday in line with this important day. **Anzac Day badges are on sale at the office for \$1 each.**

15. "You Can Do It" Awards

Congratulations to the following students – Week 1 (ending 16<sup>th</sup> April)

**Prep / Grade 1** **Harvey Walker** for the confidence he shows in all his work especially his reading. Well done Harvey.

**Grade 2/3/4** **Mollie Karl** for confidence and getting along, and for being a fantastic classroom helper.

**Grade 5/6** **Kylie Moorfoot** for being organised and showing greater responsibility in class and with her homework. Keep it up Kylie.



**Kids & Fruit Program Term 2 2010**  
**Cost - \$10 per student**

Student Name	Class	Comments – any allergies?



**Active After-school Communities Program Term 2 2010**

**Name** .....

**Activity 1** Soccer (Grade P-6) (Mon)

**Activity 2a** Netball (Grade P-6) (Tues)  (Please ✓ a box or boxes) – weeks 4,5,6

**Activity 2b** Dance (Grade P-6) (Tues)  (Please ✓ a box or boxes) – weeks 7,8,9,10

This program begins on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May (week 4)

**Signed (Parent/Guardian)** .....

**Contact Phone Number** .....

## **Tally Auskick**

Tally Auskick starts Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May at Tally Rec Reserve starting at 4pm and finishing at 5pm. It goes for 5 weeks then stops for the school holidays and recommences Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup> July for another 5 weeks. Total: 10 weeks. Approximate cost: \$55 - \$60

Registrations can be completed online at the Auskick website - [aflauskick.com.au](http://aflauskick.com.au)

Contact Nev Montgomery 0439614464 for any additional information.

## **Tallygaroopna Under 9 Netball**

Tally Under 9 defeated Burchier Bumblebees. Well done girls on a terrific start to the season. A great team effort with everyone playing so well. Brittany and Olivia defended beautifully. Abby tried her heart out on the wing, Keely ran the Centre for the whole game, Taylah played well at WA and Mollie and Shae played a great team game sharing the ball around in the goals. A first up win 11-2.

Awards: Video Ezy-Olivia Meyland

Book City-Brittany Meyland



# SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION – KEY QUESTIONS

## DISCUSSION QUESTION 1 – Reflecting on Our School

- Return to School Office ASAP please – strictly confidential.

1. What does our school do well?

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2. What would we like to see our school doing well in 5-10 years time?

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3. What are the things we need to work on in order to build the bridge from question 1 to 2?

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