**REMEMBER**

**17th & 18th July -** Ballet incursion  
**Mon 28th July -** Tiddalik the Frog performance for Grades Prep to 2/3 at 9am  
**Tues 29th July -** No assembly today because Boori (Monty) Pryor visiting for Grades 3/4 and 5/6 at 9am  
**Wed 30th July -** School Council meeting, 7.30pm  
**Fri 1st August -** Pay 2008 Voluntary Contribution by this date to be eligible for iPod draw  
**Tues 5th August -** iPod draw at assembly  
**Mon 18th August -** Visit by David Miller for Book Week for whole school  
**Thurs 21st August -** Visit by Narelle Oliver for Book Week for whole school  
**Fri 19th Sept -** End of Term 3, 2.30pm

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**
Second instalment payments will be processed automatically for those parents/guardians whose application was successful in the first part of the year.

**YOU DO NOT NEED TO APPLY AGAIN.**

**IF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED:**  
> If you are now NOT ELIGIBLE for EMA, please notify the office before Friday 1st August, 2008.  
> If your child has commenced at our school after first term applications closed and you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card you will need to fill out an application form (available from the Office). Your card needs to be valid on Monday 14th July, 2008.  
> If your circumstances have changed and you are now eligible, you will need to fill out an application form (available from the Office). Your card needs to be valid on Monday 14th July, 2008.

We are required to sight your DSS Pension/Health Care Card. Completed application forms must be received at the office on or before Friday 1st August.

The Department of Education has advised that no late claims will be accepted.

If you require any further information, please call at the office.

**STAFF AND TERM PLANNERS**
We welcome Eva Green to our school as a new Prep/one teacher. Eva will be here until the end of this year. We also welcome Jenni Webster on her return from long service leave travels last term. During the next two weeks classroom teachers will send home information about their teaching programs for this term and as usual you are encouraged to approach your child’s class teacher, earlier rather than later, if you have any concerns about your child’s progress at school.

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS**
Pay them before August 1st and go into the draw to win an iPod shuffle.

School Council is offering another iPod shuffle as a reward for the payment of voluntary contributions for 2008. We are hoping this encourages the families who have not yet paid this contribution, which is $150 per student, with a maximum of $350 for a family of three or more students. (We have received payment for voluntary contributions for 170 children, leaving 118 children not paid.) All those who have paid the voluntary contribution by Friday 1st August (including all the families who paid the 2008 levy in 2007) will be eligible for the draw to be held at assembly on Tuesday 5th August. (If you are unsure that you have paid the levy please check with the office.)

**THIS MORNING’S WORKING BEE**
Thank you to the small, hard working group of parents who swept, watered and tidied the playground and garden areas this morning.

**CAR PARKING IN THE ONE MINUTE ZONE**
A number of parents have expressed frustration with trying to collect students after school in the one minute drop off and pick up zone in Ida Street, adjacent to the main entry to the school. Some drivers are regularly parking for extended time periods in that area, stopping other parents from quickly and safely collecting their children after 3.30pm. Please think of the safety of all students at the school and arrange to have your child/children wait for you near this entrance so they can quickly get into the car without you having to get out and walk through the playground looking for them.

Please note that the City of Yarra has recently been patrolling this area.
**LUNCH ORDERS**

**PRICE LIST**

Attached to this week’s newsletter is a new price list for lunch orders. Please be sure to use this new list as there are a large number of items deleted and a few price changes.

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**TOILET UPGRADE**

The toilet upgrade began during the school holidays and is expected to take approximately six weeks. So far the builders, Ridge Development, have removed everything from the student toilet block and installed framing to which to attach the plasterboard. The walls will be tiled to the ceilings, dual flush toilets and new partitions and doors installed and the previous stainless steel troughs re-used. The colour scheme for the toilet partitions, doors and floor are displayed on the School Council noticeboard. As the temporary toilets provide less cubicles, upstairs students are able to use the staff toilet situated upstairs during class time and students are encouraged to use the toilets during playtimes rather than queuing at the end of recess times.

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**COLOURED PLASTIC BOTTLES FOR THE KINGFISHER**

Artist Robert Tickner worked with Prep/one/two students about ten years ago to create the Kingfisher on the wall above the drinking troughs in the playground. The kingfisher's feathers were created from recycled plastic bottles and of course over the years these have deteriorated with exposure to the elements.

I would like to repair this wonderful art work, so require fifty or so bottles of each of the following colours - yellow, blue, red, pink, green, brown. So don't throw out the plastic bottles you have finished with at home, wash them out and bring them to the office area and place them in the recycling box provided.

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**SILENT AUCTION**

We have some special vouchers left from the Fete:

- $35 gift voucher for Queens Beauty Salon, Queens Parade, Clifton Hill
- $35 gift voucher for Clifton Hill & North Fitzroy Pharmacy
- One month membership at Curves, 278 St Georges Rd, North Fitzroy
- Voucher for dinner for two (food only) at St Georges Restaurant (expires 7th September 2008).

If you are interested in bidding for any of these items please fill in your bid on the clipboard at the school office by Friday 25th July.

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**ART NEWS – We’re recycling**

I have found a way to enjoy bills ....collecting the envelopes! Those envelopes with “windows” are often lined with intricate patterns and we want to make a collection for use in the art program, if you are willing to pass them on! On a further recycling note would you save round plastic lids for us such as milk bottle and juice bottle/carton lids?

In the next month the Grade 5 and 6s will be working with wet plaster so an old shirt or smock is a must to protect their clothes.

*Thanks from Annie*

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**VISITING AUTHORS and PERFORMANCES**

We are going to have some fabulous author/illustrators and performances coming to our school this term!

We have a performance of the Aboriginal myth “Tiddalik the Frog” for our Grades Prep – Grade 2/3 at 9am on Monday 28th July. This show uses 3D pop-up pages and puppetry to tell this traditional tale.

We also have a talk by Boori (Monty) Pryor, an indigenous author and storyteller, for our Grades 3/4 – 5/6’s at 9am on Tuesday 29th July. (There will be NO ASSEMBLY on this Tuesday because of Monty’s visit.)

Also, during BOOK WEEK, we have two talented author/illustrators coming to demonstrate their skills and talk about their work!

Along with this newsletter, your children will be bringing home the notices for these visits.

*Thank You!*
SCHOOL REVIEW
The School Review was held yesterday with the external reviewer Dr David Gurr, lecturer in Educational Leadership, at Melbourne University and Patricia Quan, Senior Accountability Officer with the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development. Kate Jones, School Council President and Tony Ladson, School Councillor and teachers Trevor Allen, Jo Wheeler and Dionne Wright participated. David will present his report to staff and then School Council on Wednesday 30th July. The School Council meeting is open to all members of our school community, so you may attend if you wish. After this report is received the school then writes its four year strategic plan.

SMILE, CAMERA, ACTION!
Six grade 5/6 students have been doing digital photography with Jo Wheeler each Friday afternoon during their 'Golden Time'. The students have been learning about the basic art of photography and have been looking at framing, positioning, light and dark, viewpoint, shape, colour etc. The first few groups were lucky to work with student teacher Paul Munro who was a photographer by trade and has also taught photography at TAFE. We look forward to you all seeing the wonderful work they have produced at the art show later in the year. All students in grade 5/6 will have the opportunity to participate in this extra curricular program. Here is a sneak peak at some of their work.

AUSTRALIAN CONTEMPORARY DANCE CO.
The 5/6 students had a wonderful time today learning the ballet, The Doll Maker from Coppelia. Two casts of students were chosen to perform to other students. The first cast performed to all the Prep/one students and Mandy’s Year 2’s as well as to their peers. Eight classes of students then participated in workshops, two at a time with their buddy class. This wonderful event continues tomorrow with the second cast performing for their peers, the 3/4 students and 2/3 Julie and then four classes doing the workshops.