**REMINDER**

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**STUDENTS REPORTS AND INTERVIEWS**

Families should have received a notice this week to organise a time for their parent-teacher interview. Please return this notice by tomorrow, 6th June. All parents/guardians will be notified of their interview time on Friday 13th June.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS**

Our 2008 school council members are:

Kate Jones – President
Sally Moore – Vice President
Jo Wheeler – Secretary
Steve Watson – Treasurer
Maryrose Cuskelly = Emma Salzano
Sophie Gebhardt = Trevor Allen
Tony Ladson = Gaye Wilde
Tim Rawling = Dionne Wright

Photos of each school council member will be on display shortly on the noticeboard opposite the staffroom. If you have any concerns/questions please feel free to approach a school council member.

**WORKING BEE THANK YOU**

A BIG thank you to all the parents who did such a wonderful job at the Working Bee on the morning of Friday 23rd May. Planting, pruning and sweeping were just some of the jobs done on the day.

*Many, many thanks from the Environment Committee and School Council*

**TERM 2 WORKING BEE**

**SATURDAY 14TH JUNE, 9AM-1PM**

We are holding a working bee on Saturday 14th June, and encourage you to attend to assist in keeping the school and yard well-maintained. The Working Bee will run from 9am to 1pm, but you are not expected to attend for the entire time. If as many families as possible offer an hour or so of their time then all the jobs that need doing will get done, which include sweeping, planting, cleaning, weeding, pruning, etc. A list of jobs and tools to bring will be posted in the hallway at the start of next week.

*The Environment Committee will be providing homemade cakes to have with your coffee or tea! We look forward to seeing you there,*

*The Environment Committee*

**CURRICULUM DAY**

Our next Curriculum Day is Tuesday 10th June, the day after the Queen’s birthday holiday. Teachers will learn from Dr Craig Hassed, a lecturer in medicine at Monash University. The theme is: Towards an holistic approach to personal health and wellbeing. Out of School hours care is taking bookings for a curriculum Day Care program – phone Aasta, 9481 6091.

**OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE BOOKING DAYS**

- Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June

*Parents must clear Term 2 accounts before any Term 3, 2008 bookings can be made. You will also be required to update your yearly enrolment form on the day.*
ITALIAN WEEK
Monday 19th May - Friday 23rd May, 2008
This year, Italian Week coincided with Education Week. The students had the opportunity to participate in various lunch time activities such as, making mosaics, dancing, drawing Italian things and cooking pizza muffins. Thank you to the Grade 5/6 students for their great ideas and support of the activities.

Wednesday 21st May was the highlight of Italian week. All students enjoyed a performance called “Bella Italia”, performed by Lazzi Productions. “Bella Italia” was about the character Frankie who was a participant in a game show. Frankie had to travel around Italy and complete various challenges. He got into some very funny situations and met other interesting characters. The students also sampled some delicious lemon and chocolate gelato. There is a display of photos and mosaics in the corridor.

Languages Online.
Many parents have expressed an interest in learning and revising some words and phrases in Italian with their children. The following website Languages Online provides many online and printable activities: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/languagesonline.
Click on Italian, or you could try French, German or Indonesian!

SENDING MONEY TO SCHOOL
We are very appreciative of the fact that parents/guardians meet financial commitments made with our school very promptly, which helps us greatly. Your assistance with HOW money is sent to school is now required. When a single cheque or single amount of cash is sent to cover payments for brothers/sisters together it causes a problem. Therefore, if sending money to school for brothers/sisters please enclose each individual payment in its own envelope. PLEASE MAKE PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO THE CLASSROOM TEACHER WHenever Possible AND ENCLOSE THE CORRECT AMOUNT AS CHANGE IS NOT ALWAYS AVAILABLE. Office staff and teachers will appreciate this greatly.

CARD MAKING WORKSHOP
In preparation for the 2009 Fete we are running a card making workshop. Everyone welcome. Some materials provided but BYO paper, glue, etc if you can. Planning to meet last Thursday of each month at 8pm in the Art room. First session Thursday 26th June, 8pm in the Art room. Contact Miranda on 0419 133 895 for details.

MISSING
On Wednesday 28th May a “Huffy” bike light went missing from one of our student’s bikes in our bike shed. The bike light was new, silver and complete with a stand and four rechargeable batteries. If anyone can help with finding this bike light please contact Dionne.

RUBBISH FREE LUNCH
Our school has entered “The Rubbish Free Lunch Challenge”.
Yesterday (4th June) we secretly collected all our rubbish and weighed the total for the day. Surprisingly we found 12 kilograms of waste going into the dumper and 7 kilograms of composted food scraps.
(In the past, when we did this challenge a few years ago, we went from 24kgs down to 6kgs. We actually came third in the competition.)
We need to reduce our waste even more, to reduce our collected waste going to landfill. So on Tuesday 17th June, we will be again weighing our rubbish. We hope to REDUCE it to zero. We suggest that classes and families talk about strategies to reduce our waste.
Some ideas are compartment lunch boxes, returning waste and recyclables to home, no plastic, etc.
We need to REDUCE, REUSE and RECYCLE !!!
Sustainable Committee
**RAIN WATER GAUGES**
This week to celebrate World Environment Day, the children in 3/4 Josie made a rain water gauge for each class in the school. They will be placed on the fence with a tag and their grade name will be on it. (Please look out for them.)
The children from each class and teacher will monitor rain from now on. You will be able to tell how much it has rained by looking at the ruler; you can see how many ml of rain we’ve had.
We are hoping to show the children that we haven’t had much rainfall from the sky lately and that water is a **precious resource** and that we need to conserve and use it more wisely, both at school and at home.
We do hope it rains lots and lots from now on!

By Grade 3/4 Josie

They should look like this when it rains.

**BULLY BUSTERS**
Copies of the Bully Busters parent handbook are available for purchase for $10 from the school office.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE**
Thank you very much to everyone who supported this fundraiser – we raised $4950! A special thank you to the Ziarkas family who sold the most chocolates – six boxes!

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**INTERNET SITES**
Another website from 3/4 Gaye that parents may find useful to use at home with their children: [http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/educational/](http://www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk/Games/educational/)
This website has many valuable games that reinforce basic number and literacy skills. This address will send you to the Home Page. Explore the Math and Literacy Zones with your children to find games appropriate for their age and skill level. *(We recommend that parents should supervise their children whilst using the internet.)*

**PREP – GRADE 2 PARENT CONTACT LISTS**
Included with the last newsletter was a return form for parent contact lists. Thank you to the many families who have returned this form. If you have not yet returned it please do so by Friday 19th June. If you need another copy of this form please collect one from the office.

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**INFORMATION ABOUT COMMON Colds**
Common colds are usually caught from other people. Colds can be passed on through touching hands or objects (e.g. tissues and toys) or by sneezes or coughs. To help prevent the spread of colds, encourage children and adults to:
- cover your nose and mouth when coughing or sneezing
- keep your hands away from your eyes, nose and mouth
- use tissues to blow your nose and throw away tissues after use
- wash hands with soap, particularly before preparing and eating food and after blowing your nose
- avoid sharing cups, glasses and cutlery.

**PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS**
Our first Parent-Teacher interviews are being held on Wednesday 18th June from 1.00pm. There will be no school for students from 12.30pm that day. Children will either go home at 12.30pm or, if booked into OSHC, go to the General Purpose room for Out of School Hours Care. If you require care for your child on 18th June, please book your child in by speaking to or phoning Aasta in the Out of School Hours Care program on 9481 6091. **Please note that there are no lunch orders on this day.**

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**2009 Term Dates**
Many parents ask for these dates for planning purposes so you may like to write them in your diary for future reference.
Term 1 – 29th January to 3rd April
Term 2 – 20th April to 26th June
Term 3 – 13th July to 18th September
Term 4 – 5th October to 18th December
PETS AT SCHOOL

As you are aware we are a pet friendly school understanding that it provides families with a good opportunity to exercise pets when they are using active travel. We do remind people that while we are happy to allow this practice to continue we have a few points we would like to remind you about.

- Not all people are comfortable with your pet so please ensure they are kept on a short lead at all times and that adults are holding the lead NOT CHILDREN.
- Parents arrange in advance with teachers about bringing a pet to show the class and those pets, which cannot be kept on a lead, must be in suitable cages.
- Keep movement in the corridors at a minimum (only when the outside gates are locked) as the movement and noise of a crowded corridor can be overwhelming for the animal and may result in the animal lashing out.
- Pets are not to be tethered in the yard. They are to be supervised by an adult at all times.
- Any pet droppings are to be cleaned up by the owner immediately.

It is our priority to keep all of our students safe and happy, so please follow the above mentioned procedures and we will be able to continue to allow pets to come into the school.

COMPUTERS FOR SALE

The school has a number of sets of computers and monitors for sale at $75.00 per set. If you wish to make a purchase please pay at the office and we will notify you when your computer and monitor are ready to be collected, as we must check them to ensure you receive a working set. If we have more interest than computers we will satisfy orders on a first in first served basis.

Minimum Computer Specs (some models may vary):
- Processor: Pentium 4 3.0 Ghz
- Memory: 512 MB
- Hard Disk: 40GB
- DVD Drive
- Integrated Sound / Network Card / Video Card

Software:
- Windows XP Professional (Service Pack 2)
- AVG Antivirus

Please Note:
The machine is no longer covered under warranty. The school will not support any software or hardware failure after purchase.

COMMUNITY NEWS

SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

> The City of Yarra will be conducting a holiday program during the July school holidays at Merri Creek Primary School. Enrolment forms available at the school office.
> The City of Darebin is also conducting a school holiday program and their enrolment forms can also be collected from the school office.

CSIRO'S DOUBLE HELIX HOLIDAY SCIENCE ACTIVITIES AT KEW

Please collect a flyer from the school office if you would like information about the holiday activities conducted by CSIRO.

MIDWINTER MASALA

Warm up with a spicy Indian dinner at CERES café. Dinner, chai and travel tales with CERES Global Saturday 14th June from 6pm
A delicious feast of Indian vegetarian delights for only $15
Book at CERES Reception - 9387 2609
Corner of Roberts & Stewart Streets, East Brunswick
For more info contact Jami- jami@ceres.org.au

BRUNSWICK WOMEN’S CHOIR

presents Beyond the Sunset.
A concert to celebrate sistahood and a 'brand new day’. Premiering songs written by Lou Bennett with words from the women of the choir. Special guests the Aboriginal Community Elders Service Choir.
Saturday 14th June
2 performances – 2.30pm and 7.30pm
Brunswick Uniting Church, 214 Sydney Rd
Tickets $15/$12
Bookings recommended – 9486 1269

THE AUSTRALIAN BALLET SCHOOL

will be holding auditions in Melbourne from July 28th to August 1st. Entry into The Australian Ballet School is by audition only. To register please contact The Australian Ballet School on 9669 2807 or download an application pack at www.australianballetschool.com.au