

Newsletter

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WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

MAY

Monday 4 th	Literacy Working bee	OOV room 3.45 pm
Tuesday 5 th	Footsteps Dance Session	
Wednesday 6 th	Community Forum for Self Evaluation Mother's Day Stall Set Up	7 pm Please see Principal's Report 3.30 - 4.30 pm
Thurs 7 th - Fri 8 th	Mother's Day Stall	8.30 - 10 am Art Room 3.30 - 4 pm
Tues 12 th - 14 th	NAPLAN - Nationwide Assessment Footsteps Dance Session	Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 13 th	C. P. Early Childhood Group Parents Advisory Group Meeting	7.30 pm at Kindergarten
Friday 15 th	Walk to School Safely Day	
Sunday 17 th	Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre & School Working Bee	10 - 12 noon
Saturday 30 th	Open Day & Cake Stall Kindergarten Visitors Day	10 - noon 10 - 11.30 am

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School self evaluation

Your say is important to us

Caulfield Primary School self evaluation is a process of engaging the school community on the school's achievements in regard to student learning, student engagement and well being and student pathways and transitions.

The self evaluation tackles important questions such as:

1. What student outcomes did we aim to achieve?
2. What student outcomes did we achieve?
3. Why did we achieve improvements in student outcomes?
4. How effectively did we manage our resources to support the achievement of improved student outcomes?
5. What can we do in the future to continue to achieve?

Your input is vital!! This is a fabulous opportunity to express your opinion on school improvement for your children's education and have a say in the future direction of our school.

**INVITATION TO ALL
COMMUNITY FORUM FOR CAULFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL SELF EVALUATION
WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY
AT 7:00PM
IN THE LIBRARY**

**Your child's future depends on a positive educational experience.
Your input helps us to deliver the best.**

Suzanne Muir,
Principal

**PARENTS VICTORIA ON LINE CONFERENCE
18-24 May 2009**

Parents of primary and secondary students, in all locations, are warmly invited to take part in the third online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet from 6am Monday 18 May to midnight Sunday 24 May. No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser.

The online discussions will be very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate will be provided. **You don't need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part.** Join in for all days, just some days, or even a few hours, depending on your lifestyle and other commitments.

Prizes for participation

An interactive whiteboard will be won by the Parents Victoria **member school** that has the greatest number of individual participants over the entire conference. To be eligible, participants must be correctly registered and leave at least one comment on the discussion boards.

Register online at no cost

The Parents Victoria Online Conference 2009 website will open from 6am on Monday 18 May at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv1_09/ but please register yourself online first at <http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv09.htm>

I look forward to meeting all of you online soon, to discuss these important issues. The more of you join in, the more successful this e-vent will be.

Debra Brydon
Online Conference Manager
Email: brydon@cybertext.net.au

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

Assembly this Friday at 3.00 pm will be coordinated by the Japanese staff. All parents are invited to attend.

LITERACY WORKING BEE

Please join us for a working bee in Victoria's classroom on Monday at 3.45 pm. We will be contacting our many wonderful resources. Your help would be really appreciated. If you are unable to attend, please speak to Victoria about covering books at home.



LIBRARY HELPERS

If you are available to help in the library during the day, teachers would love to have your assistance to help students borrow their library books. Training is available and you can assist with any class. Please see Victoria if you are interested and we can match you up with a class.



MOTHER'S DAY STALL COMING UP

Mother's Day Stall 101

The annual Mother's Day Stall will be held on **Thursday 8 May & Friday 9 May** from 8:30am - 9:00am before school and 3:30pm - 4:00pm after school BOTH days in the Art Room.

Classes will have a chance to come through to look or buy during school on Thursday.

All other purchases must be made before or after school.

Items are priced from \$1 - \$10. If your child would like to do their shopping at school please send your child with money in an envelope with NAME, CLASS, and AMOUNT

*We are looking for parent volunteers to help with the stall; please drop in and lend a hand if you can! *



BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday this week to Kazuya M (age 8), Emin (8) and Martha K (9). We wish each student a great day for their birthday and Many Happy Returns.



PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

Scholastic Book Club Orders

We've had a little drama with the latest order :-> Unfortunately, the list of who ordered which book from the last brochure was lost. The books have now arrived and Claire (56S & OOA) is re-assembling the list. The class reps have been invaluable in the effort to try to match people with their books - they have distributed emails and have been trying to get information out to members of their classes.

If you ordered books and have not yet been in touch with Claire regarding your order, please contact her ASAP at claireewart@yahoo.com.sg or leave a note in the office. If you can't remember what you ordered, Scholastic is sending a brochure - which will be available at the office - for you to refresh your memory. If that doesn't help, we'll work

it back by a process of elimination. Many apologies for the mix up and we will endeavour to get your books to you as soon as possible!

The **Hot Cross Buns Fundraiser** brought in \$84.00. Every bit counts! Thanks to Chris (565) for coordinating!

Our annual **Mothers' Day stall** is coming up next week! We need a lot of volunteers to set up, staff the stall and take it all down at the end. We need helpers each day as follows:

- Wednesday 6th May: Set up 3.30-4.30pm
- Thursday 7th May: 8.30am-10am &/or 3.30pm-4pm
- Friday 8th May: 8.30am-10am &/or 3.30pm-4pm

The advantage to helping with set-up is you can take a look at the merchandise beforehand and then drop hints to your child about what you want! All you need to do as a selling volunteer is guide the children to their price bracket and assist them with their purchase - EASY and FUN too!! If you are able to help in any of the above time slots, please email Carolyn (00A) @ carolyn.piggott@bigpond.com - or just find her at school. We need 4-5 helpers each day.

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<http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

UNIFORM SHOP

We still need another helper. We are open before school Mondays with Iris, before and after school on Thursday. Size 8 long sleeve polos are now available

IKEBANA FOR KIDS Melbourne City Council

Sunday May 17th 2 - 2.45 pm

ArtPlay Federation Square / Birrarung Marr by the Yarra

Melways 1B R12

Ikebana - the Japanese art of Flower Arrangement, originated from the tradition of offering flowers to Buddah. Learn the basics from Ikebana International Chapter 29 this fun, original workshop.

5 years old and above

\$15 per child, adults free, families welcome

Bookings 9664 7900

ArtPlay has a program of kids activities which are run during term and the school holidays.

See www.artplay.com.au.

DATES OF SCHOOL YEAR 2009

Term 2 -Monday April 20th - Friday June 26th

Term 3 -Monday July 13th - Friday September 18th

Term 4 -Monday October 5th - Friday December 18th

Please note: Report Writing Day is Friday June 12th 2009.

Children do not attend school on this day.



Healthy Hints for Parents - Part 9

School Lunches - On the Run!

While this idea may involve a little extra organisation on the weekend it makes lunch box preparation during the week a breeze and will do wonders towards encouraging your kids to want to eat their lunch each day:

Cooking and preparing food is "in". People like Jamie Oliver, Stephanie Alexander and Donna Hay have made the kitchen a very fun, interesting and accepted place to be for kids. (Just ask my 12 year old who is driving me mad in the kitchen - I just let him go, mess and all, &

now he is actually really good and prepares meals for our huge family on a regular basis)

So why not let the kids make their own sandwiches for the week on the weekend. First help them make a list of preferred healthy sandwich fillings and place it on the fridge for easy reference. They can then choose foods that they have pre selected to make their sandwiches & freeze them so they can be quickly packed into their lunch box each day. They will like them because they created them themselves with foods they like - this is a winner.

Let them do a bit of baking also. Muffins are quick and easy to make, can be filled with healthy ingredients and can be wrapped individually to pop into their lunches also. (See the easy to make muffin recipe below)

Foods you can freeze:

- All Breads
- Eggs mixed with yogurt or mayonnaise
- Lean ham, beef, turkey, tuna or salmon with all condiments like mustard, pickles, cranberry sauce etc...
- Cheese
- Peanut Butter
- Vegemite
- Baked products like muffins & cakes

Avoid:

- Freezing salad vegetables like lettuce, cucumber, tomato etc. Try putting things like cherry tomatoes, celery sticks or carrots in separate containers so they get their veggie fix
- Gravies, meat with stuffing or sauces

Now it's simple. Make sure the sandwiches & muffins are wrapped individually & the kids can grab their very own sandwich & muffin straight from the freezer each morning. Add one or two pieces of fruit from the bowl and they're ready to go!

Simple Muffins:

2 Cups wholemeal self-raising flour

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup of brown sugar

65g butter

2 eggs

1 teaspoon vanilla essence

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup regular milk, soy or rice milk

200mls plain yogurt

Canola oil spray

Select own style of muffin by adding any of the following;

1 cup of chopped strawberries

1 cup of blueberries

1 cup of chopped canned peaches or any other soft fruit

1 cup of grated carrot and 1 cup of sultanas

Place the melted butter and all other ingredients in a bowl. Mix to remove all lumps, but don't over mix. Spoon into a non-stick muffin tin lightly sprayed with canola oil and bake for 20 - 25 minutes. Allow to cool for 10 minutes then remove from tin. Once they are cooled completely enjoy or wrap individually and freeze ready for lunches throughout the week.

CAULFIELD PRIMARY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE

Welcome back after the term one holiday. The children have all settled back into the programs and routines and were very pleased to see all their friends again after the break. We have heard all about the children's holiday adventures with lots of excursions to parks, play centres and some overseas holidays.



DATES TO NOTE IN THE DIARY

Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre PARENT'S GROUP

MEETING - Wednesday 13th May 7 .30 pm. at the Centre.

This is an informal group which is needed to assist the Kinder in organizing working bees, social and fundraising functions. Please consider being a part of this group!!!

WORKING BEE - Sunday 17th May 10.00am.

We need lots of help so that we can refill our sandpit!!!

Please help out and sign up on the form near sign in and out book!!!

VISITOR'S DAY - Saturday the 30th May 10.00am - 11.30am. This event will run alongside the school's open day and cake stall!

More details later!

A chance for your child to bring in a special visitor or 2 to come and view the Kindergarten and have a play!!!!

To begin this term we have introduced a theme on puppets as the children had begun to make up their own puppet plays last term. The children have been making their own puppets including hand puppets, stick puppets and paper plate puppets. We have included a puppet theatre during the outside play where the children can make up their own stories and songs and entertain the other children. The use of puppets allows the children to practice their verbal skills in big group situations and to begin to feel more self confident as they can develop skills whilst "hiding behind the puppet".

Over the next few weeks we will look at a number of themes including Seasons - autumn, weather and the world around us. We are also concentrating on developing group skills through activities such as group drawing and construction. Also we are expanding our dramatic play through acting out stories at group time and using our own ideas to develop and act out our own stories. It is always a busy and active day at the Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre and the group has developed and grown together over the last term.

If you have any questions, please speak to me,

Leanne

CPECC Director