

Newsletter

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WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

AUGUST

Tuesday 11 th	School Council Meeting	7.30 pm
Wednesday 12 th	Hooptime	3/4
Friday 14 th	P&FC meeting Hooptime	Library 9.15 am 56S
Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st	Scholastic Book Fair	Open before and after school Monday - Friday
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	Book Week	
Thursday 20 th	Japanese Film Screening	Whole School 10.30am
Thursday 27 th	Ardmona orders due.	Order form enclosed
SEPTEMBER		
Thursday 10 th	School Production	

ACTING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Today is Jeans 4 Genes Day and thanks to the School Captains of Caulfield Primary School, Jessica and Lillian, we have added this worthy cause to our community support curriculum. It is marvellous to witness how our students at this school develop their individual capacity to lead and influence others in a responsible manner. The leadership activities link strongly with learning about citizenship and the processes involved in a democracy. They can assist all students to learn about, and exercise, the rights and responsibilities of participating in a community; and the hands-on project-based nature of our program teaches students how to overcome obstacles, seek resources and solve problems. Thank you to these leaders for showing such dedication and enthusiasm to their role. You make us proud.

On the subject of pride: Every Monday morning we hold an assembly where we sing the National Anthem. We guide the students to show respect by standing with their hats off, hands at their sides and singing clearly and proudly. To support this, it is vital that as soon as the introductory music is heard, that people do not enter through the gate, rush in to school and drop off bags, but stand with their hands at their sides and join the rest of the school showing respect. If you are unavoidably late, please wait until the end of the national anthem before joining the group.

Yesterday was a most enjoyable and exciting day at the Melbourne Zoo for the Prep and Grade 3-6 students. Many of us could add a large chunk of the day to our weekly exercise regime as the children skipped and ran excitedly from one animal to the next! Zoo staff commented on the wonderful behaviour and responses by our Preps and was very pleased to see such happy little explorers around the zoo. Thank you to the teachers and parent helpers and Amy for coordinating.

Take care,
Sarah Gloger

TANABATA BAMBOO

Thank you to Cathy McN and Akiko who set up Tanabata Bamboo on Tree Day, which is celebrated in Japan on July 7th. Cathy brought bamboo from her neighbour's garden and Akiko helped all the children to write their wish (Tanzuki) for how they will help care for our environment. They then tied the 'wishes' on to the bamboo.

Anna (Buildings & Grounds)



THE TANABATA STORY

A long time ago, TEN-KOU, the god of the sky, had a daughter called ORIHIME. Every day she wove cloth for the Gods with a special machine called TANAHATA. TEN-KOU was worried because his daughter worked every day and did nothing but weave. So he introduced her to a man on the other side of the river named AMANOGAWA (the Milky Way). His name was HIKOBOSHI or KENGYU and he took care of cows and was a workaholic.

When they met each other, they fell in love immediately, and spent all their time together. All the cows became sick and the gods' clothes became worn out, but there was no new cloth to make more.

This made TEN-KOU very angry and he stopped ORIHIME from meeting KENGYU by taking her to the other side of AMANOGAWA. The two lovers were so sad that they couldn't work. TEN-KOU also felt sorry, so he decided to let them meet each other once a year on July 7th if they worked hard. Now, they work as hard as before and look forward to seeing each other only once a year.

Traditionally, people wished the sky would be clear on that day so the two could meet over the Milky Way. If it rained the river AMANOGAWA water got too high and could not be crossed.

People wished this by writing the wish on a piece of paper and hanging the paper on a bamboo tree. Nowadays, people write their own wish on the paper.

This is the most well-known story of TANABATA, even though there are many others. It seems this story originally came from China.

In the Chinese calendar, there is almost always a half moon on July 7th and they believe ORIHIME and KENGYU use that half moon as a boat to meet each other over the great river in the sky, AMANOGAWA.



FATHER'S DAY STALL

Father's Day stall will be held on September 3rd and 4th.

We are asking for donations to be left at the office. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. Examples - cups, photo frames, chocolates, lollies and any other things your dad would like to receive as a gift.

Thank you,

Tania B (David and Emily 56S)



12th Caulfield Scout Group,

1 Beavis Street, Elsternwick currently has vacancies for boys and girls age 7-9 years to commence **CUBS**.

Meetings are at our well-equipped scout hall on **Tuesdays nights, 7.00-8.30pm**.

We are a vibrant group with experienced leaders and a dynamic programme of indoor and outdoor activities.

Web: www.12thcaulfield.asn.au

Email: gl@12thcaulfield.asn.au

Phone: Jenny, 9528 5431

OSHC

All families who have used the OSHC service are eligible for a 50% tax rebate, representing up to \$7,500. If you would like a statement of your usage and payments from the 08/09 tax year, please leave a message on 9523 7932.

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OSHC Manager

SPC ARDMONA FUNDRAISER

Please note that all orders are due back on Thursday August 27th. If we do not get enough orders we may decide not to go ahead so please sell to your neighbours and family as well.

Extra order forms are available at the office

Chris (Jacob 34P)

HEAD LICE

Parents please check your child's hair on a regular basis as there appears to be an outbreak of head lice in the school. Parents need to be constantly on the lookout and complete the full treatment.

This is an ongoing problem and we ask all parents to be vigilant and check their own child's hair. If treatment is necessary, please ensure that the required number of treatments is carried out.

Other hints that may help:

- lice do not like conditioner in the hair so use it following a shampoo
- A mixture of equal parts water and vinegar sprayed onto the hair will make it easier to remove the eggs
- Put hair spray or hair product onto the hair - they don't like it!

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday tomorrow to Reia Y who turns 6. We wish her a great day for her birthday and Many Happy Returns.



PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

Cake & Craft Stall

A big thank you to everyone who helped to make our cake stall a success last weekend. We raised over \$550, and sold all our baked goods by 12.00 noon. Special thanks to Chris M, Meg, Tash, Sam, Lawrence, Loretta, Voni, Sue, Carolyn, Sonya, Mel and Claire for helping on the day. If we had had more cakes, we could easily have sold them, so please keep an eye out in the newsletters for the next cake stall and consider donating your home baked goodies next time.

Scholastic Book Fair - Book Safari

Our annual Scholastic Book Fair is Mon 17th to Fri 21st of August!

Volunteers

Thank you to all those who have so far volunteered to help during the week. If you haven't put your name down, the roster is in the office on the front of the counter. I strongly urge all who are volunteering to come to the Preview on Friday 14th August at 3.30pm for a quick briefing on what you'll need to do during your shift on the stall.

Book Worms

Meg and I went to have a look at the preview of this year's Book Fair. Not only did we come away with \$100 of books for free for the library, but we also got a sneak peak off all the great books that will be available this year. For the first time we will have books specifically for preschoolers for children at the Early Childhood Centre and "mature reads" for grade five and six readers. The 39 Clues series will feature this time with free cards to help you on your hunt for the clues. We will also have a number of prizes during the week which can be won by simply coming along to the book fair.

~Claire (A.K.A. Book Fair Queen)

Our Next Meeting

Parents & Friends will meet next Friday the 14th in the library at 9.15am. One of our agenda items is to discuss fundraising possibilities at our school production in September, such as selling refreshments. We'll also be talking about our annual Fathers' Day Stall. Your input is appreciated! All are welcome!

One For Books

Put your small change to good use. In the lead up to and during the Book Fair we will also be running 'One For Books', which invites everyone to unload their small change into one of our collection tins. There will be a tin in the school office, at the Early Childhood Centre and also at the Book Fair. Your small change will buy books for our children.

Claire

~Lisa, PF&C Secretary (Zoe 1RN) 0466 355 144

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<http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

WE NEED YOUR SKILLS FOR SCHOOL PRODUCTION!!

We are looking for someone who is able to film our school production 'Peter Pan'. If you have equipment and skills to film and edit, or you know someone who does it professionally with an affordable price, please let us know. We are also looking for a photographer. See Aya for the details.

UNIFORM SHOP

ALL winter stock has arrived.

Our new hours of operation are Monday, before school 8.45 am to 9 am,

Thursday before school 8.45am to 9am and after school 3.30pm to 3.45pm, as well as

Friday after school from 3.30pm to 3.45 pm.

DO YOU KNOW AOI?



She is visiting 2HC from Japan.

This is her second visit to Caulfield Primary School. Aoi's parents are Satsuki and Michiro. She has a little brother called Junichiro Aoi's favourite foods are pasta, rice rolls and chips. Red is Aoi's favourite colour. Aoi works neatly and is a quick mathematician. Her favourite book is Pokemon. Aoi loves soccer and the Caulfield kids love playing with her. We will miss Aoi when she goes back to Japan. Now you know Aoi a little better.

DATES OF SCHOOL YEAR 2009
Term 3 -Monday July 13th - Friday September 18th
Term 4 -Monday October 5th - Friday December 18th

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE ENDS ON 30TH OF AUGUST!!

Every student has been allocated their username and password to login to the system to add their books for the challenge. Please approach the classroom teacher.

Last year CPS achieved 100% as all the students from Prep to Grade Six had met the challenge! If we all work together to add on the books, it will certainly be possible to achieve a repeat performance in 2009.



<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/>

CAULFIELD PRIMARY EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRE NEWS

DATES FOR THE DIARY

1. INCURSION - VISIT FROM SEAWEED SALLY - Marine life talk and display
THURSDAY 13TH. AUGUST - 1.00 -3.00PM.

2. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR KINDERGARTEN STAFF

WEDNESDAY 19TH. AUGUST

KINDERGARTEN WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE DAY.

3. BOOK FAIR - WEEK OF 17TH - 21ST. AUGUST - More details soon.

4. KINDERGARTEN PARENT GROUP MEETING -

TUESDAY 25TH. AUGUST - 7.30PM AT THE KINDERGARTEN - COME AND JOIN US!!!

5. KINDERGARTEN WORKING BEE

SATURDAY 12TH. SEPTEMBER - 10AM - 12.00.

