

WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL		
FEBRUARY		
Friday 6 th	Japanese Music Show	2.15 pm- 3.15 pm
Monday 9 th	Kidz Bodz	Grades 1 to 4
Tuesday 10 th	School Council	7.00pm Staff Room
Friday 13 th	Parents and Friends AGM	9.15 am Library
Tuesday 17 th	Bush dance Workshop	9.45 am - 10.45 am
Friday 20 th	Welcome Back Bush Dance.	6 pm- 9 pm

The class names for this year are:

00A - Prep Amy

00V - Prep Victoria

1RN - Grade 1 with Rosemary Naughton

2HC - Grade 2 with Helen Clayfield

34P - Grades 3 and 4 with Paul Nicholson

56S - Grades 5 and 6 with Sarah Gloger

Prep Parent Support needed for one child on Wednesdays. Please contact the office if you can help.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The staff at Caulfield Primary School has thoroughly enjoyed their first week back at school. They welcomed back their continuing students and enjoyed their bright eager faces and their great stories of vacation happenings. They have also welcomed many new students who have joined us and have been welcome additions. They have also developed a strong team with their new colleagues who we are very fortunate to have.

This team has already collaborated on their classroom practice and are setting in place a wonderful 2 week program called Multi Me. The objectives of this whole school approach to building connections, responsibility and respect is to

- establish class expectations and set goals for individual and whole group learning,
- set up class management routines,
- study how our body and brain works best, establishing healthy eating and exercise practices
- incorporate brain and body engaging music in a variety of contexts

As part of this you will be asked to provide a water bottle so all students can remain hydrated and alert. Please help us establish this habit as a vital ingredient for body and brain readiness. You will also receive your first activity notice so please sign the permission and return to your class teacher as soon as possible.

As well as each staff members' commitment to a rigorous learning environment in their own class room the staff have identified 7 major organisational areas for which each one takes coordination responsibilities. These 7 areas are imperative for the ongoing improvement during the year and add to our positive and productive school culture. The areas and coordinators are as follows:

Curriculum - Sarah Gloger
Literacy - Victoria Brennan
Japanese Immersion - Akiko Macdonald
Sport - Paul Nicholson
Student Wellbeing - Amy Bourke
Staff Wellbeing - Helen Clayfield
Communication - Rose Naughton

Each of these coordinators will negotiate an action plan for each of these areas and report on their progress to me at regular intervals. To make sure each area reaches its goals the coordinators will actively enlist any help and support they can and parent help is always greatly appreciated. Please make yourself known to these teachers if you would like to be on their support team.

The more you put in, the more you get out of it. Enjoy and participate in your child's education.

Take care,
Suzanne Muir
Principal

SCHOOL BANKING PROGRAM

Help the school win one of five \$5,000 prizes. For every child that opens a Youthsaver account through Student Banking before the end of March, the school will automatically receive one entry in the draw.

Banking resumes tomorrow - Friday and will be on Friday every week. Thank you to Margaret B (Haydon's mum).

Students who banked last year can continue. Parents of new preps have already received the forms in their starter pack. Any students in other classes who wish to open an account, please see Margaret B and she will be glad to help.

Deposits and books are left in the blue box in the office each banking day and then returned to the children.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

Parents and carers who receive a Centrelink benefit may be eligible for Education Maintenance Allowance. Please bring your Centrelink Card to the office to obtain the necessary paperwork and lodge your application.

BEAN THROWING FESTIVAL:

SETSUBUN せつぶん

Japanese people celebrate SETUBUN on 3rd of February as this is considered the turning point when winter turns to spring even though it is very cold at this time. In a ceremony called MAMEMAKI, families throw roasted soy beans inside and outside their house to celebrate the coming of spring, and to drive out evil spirits. They make lots of noise and shout '*Oni wa soto, fuku wa uchi*', which means 'bad luck outside, good luck within'. Usually a family member wears a Goblin (ONI) mask, and has beans thrown at them! It is believed that if you eat the same number of beans as your age you will have good luck and be healthy for that year.



On the exciting first day for Prep students, we made the Japanese Goblin (ONI) mask in Art class. Even though the entire lesson was given in Japanese, Prep students seemed to clearly understand what to do. Everyone finished their special ONI mask. Here are some photos from the lesson.



UNIFORM SHOP

Welcome to all new parents to our school. Due to a large demand of Size 6 short sleeve polo shirts we are temporarily out of stock, but I have ordered more and they are due to arrive Thursday February 12th. We apologize for any inconvenience to parents.

The new dress (purple) will hopefully be arriving mid March. As this is a new item to our stocks, we will slowly be introducing this to our uniform. Blue checked dresses are still available until stocks are sold and both dresses are acceptable uniform during the change over period.

Save Water: Target 155

The State Government has launched the Target 155 (T155) Campaign, a voluntary call to action where households are being asked to try to limit themselves to using 155 litres of water per person per day.

Stage 3a water restrictions do still apply and if we can drop our water consumption to 155 litres per household per day, we may be able to reduce our need to step up to Stage 4 water restrictions.

As part of the T155 Campaign, households are being asked to consider reducing shower times to four minutes and to change their showerheads to water -saving showerheads using South East Water's free shower head exchange program (visit www.southeastwater.com.au to find your closest showerhead exchange location).

Students can also play a role in helping their families save water by:

- Knowing when to use a half flush button
- Turning off the tap while brushing teeth
- Using buckets to collect bath and shower water for plants
- Using your drink bottle instead of a bubbler tap
- Dive instead of bomb into the swimming pool
- Go to the beach or the local swimming pool instead of having water fights

PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

WELCOME to all the new families who've joined our school community this year. The friendly P & F members are keen to meet and support you and look forward to getting to know everyone from K-6. Parent involvement is encouraged and inclusive and there are various ways in which this organization supports the school, cultural and welfare interests of our families and friends which often entail fundraising and other contributions to the school.

All parents and friends are invited to attend the 2009 AGM next Friday 13th February after drop off 9.00 am with morning tea afterward. This is a chance to find out more about who does what and how. All contributions are invited to the agenda and membership. New committee office bearers will be elected and all roles are open to everyone. Annual membership is due (and a bargain at only \$1.00!) which confers voting rights. So if you are at all curious about what we do, and possibly interested in having a say in it, please join in. It is up to you to nominate your interests and how involved you want to be. Observers are

welcome, don't be shy! Please make yourself known to existing members prior to the AGM if possible, RSVP to the meeting is not essential but would be appreciated.

OPPORTUNITIES for voluntary contributions in 2009 urgently include:

- Class representatives - need online access to Yahoo Group
- Committees: P & F club President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sub-committees

Also positions to be filled include:

~grounds maintenance	~classroom assistance
~Fundraising coordinators	~hospitality events service
~Library assistance	~Scholastic Book Club
~Scholastic Book Fair	~Uniform Shop

CONTACT LISTS

Class representatives need to be appointed as soon as possible to ensure the contact lists are current and operable as they are the main conduit to communicate that is independent of the weekly newsletter generated by school and therefore more immediate.

The P&F Club now has a home on the web! If you provided an email address to your C rep for inclusion in the school contact list in 2008 you will automatically be invited to join the group - just follow the instructions in the email message. Or, you can request to join at: ClubPurple5489 - subscribe@yahoogroups.com.au (which would be advisable if you haven't updated your email address with us as many emails have already bounced). Mums Lisa and Nicole are current moderators. Newcomers can advise class reps of their contact details to update the class lists for this year and contact the Yahoo group directly to join. This is an ideal forum to share information and communicate, especially for those who can't rely on catching up at the school gate and as easy as email, so open to all. Even if you're not on line at home or work, parents are welcome to access online resources through the school system. Please respect privacy and confidentiality protocols. Some families have offered to upload still and video footage (to the YG homepage address below) recorded at school events, so if you have any objection to your child's incidental presence online in group shots, please advise the moderators immediately.

BUSH DANCE catering suggestions are welcome. The BBQ will be set up as usual (helpers please step forward) so families can BYO food, but there has been interest in ready-made provision on site, so please let us know your ideas and preferences as soon as possible. Do diarise the date and join in as this is always a fun night for families. Extended families, grandparents, older and younger siblings, are welcome to come along and join in at the Bush Dance

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<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/ClubPurple5489>

<http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

VICTORIAN PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Welcome to the 2009 Challenge!



About the 2009 Challenge

Who?

All Victorian students in Prep to Year 10, including students who learn at home.

Why?

The Challenge aims to promote a love of reading. It is not a competition, but a challenge to each student.

When?

The 2009 Challenge will open on Monday 2 February and close on Monday 31 August. ALL STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE A CONSENT FORM FOR PARENTS TO COMPLETE.



2009 Booklist Lift-out

The Premier's Reading Challenge booklist will be published in a lift-out with the Sunday Age on Sunday, 15 February 2009.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

This week Emily K in prep will be celebrating her 5th birthday. We wish her a very happy day.

DATES OF SCHOOL YEAR 2009

Term 1- Monday February 2nd - Friday April 3rd

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.



CAULFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

If you would like your child/ren to participate in the programme in 2009, the contact details of the instrumental music teachers are listed below. Alternatively, you could ask for a Music Programme information pack from the office.

Recorder/Wind instruments

Peter Malberg

Ph: 9515 3354

Mob: 0413 961 693

Guitar/Violin/ Ukulele

Ron Allen

Ph: 9380 2982



ICYPOLES ON SALE!!

It's an exciting time of year for our new *Grade Sixes* as they continue the tradition of selling icypoles this year to raise money for their graduation.

Please continue your support by buying the icypoles during lunch times and after school. They are selling at 50 cents each.