

Newsletter

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WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

JULY - TERM 3

Tues & Wed 21 st & 22 nd	Parent/teacher/student Interviews	
Wednesday 22 nd	Rubbish Free Lunch Day	
Friday 24 th	Parents & Friends Club Meeting	9.15 a.m. Library
Monday 27 th	Fitness Visit	5/6
AUGUST		
Saturday 1 st	Cake/Craft Stall	
Thursday 6 th	Zoo Visit	Prep, Grades 3,4,5 & 6
Mon 17 th -Fri 21 st	Scholastic Book Fair	
Mon 24 th - Fri 28 th	Bookweek	
Thursday 20 th	Japanese Film Screening	Whole School 10.30am
SEPTEMBER		
Thursday 10 th	School Production	

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Exciting news to start term 3

Term 3 has started with a rush of excitement and many plans have been put in place for the improvement of the school. Welcome back to everyone and again we welcome new students mostly in grade four.

The National School Pride money \$75,000 is being put into areas of maintenance and over the holidays we started by painting the two Japanese rooms in readiness for our visit from the Japanese Consulate on Thursday August 20th. The Consular General is very supportive of our school and he and many guests will be attending our Grand performance of Peter Pan on Thursday 10th September to watch your children perform.

This money will also be spent on replacement and refurbishment of the external windows in the school. A group of parents together with the staff have chosen a colour scheme that will fit the heritage requirements while giving a much needed lift to the appearance of the school.

As well as all this we are delighted to announce that our parent grant writers Ben and Tash Marshman have secured a \$10,000 grant to introduce electronic interactive white

boards to our school. This technology is so engaging for students but as with all technology it is the quality of the teaching practice that really makes the difference. The teachers are really excited about the prospect of using the technology and wish to pass on their thanks to Ben and Tash for their contribution to our school. Amy, Sarah and I have been investigating the best solution for our school and we hope to have it up and running soon.

Please remember your parent teacher opportunity to talk about the educational and personal improvements your child has shown over the past semester. I look forward to receiving feedback from the teachers on the power of the partnerships formed to support these children to be the best they can possibly be.

Suzanne Muir, Principal

OSHC IN TERM 3

The OSHC team of Alice, Brad, Eyal, Gaby and Leigh are excited as always to be part of the Caulfield Primary community and are happy to welcome you back to another fun term in before and aftercare!

OSHC (out of school hours care) is a place not only for families who rely on the service, but has something to offer virtually every family. Here your child can experience valuable out of the classroom lessons. As childcare specialists continue to stress the importance of self-directed free play with other children for your child's healthy integrated development, OSHC offers your child a great opportunity.

In OSHC your child can further develop their interpersonal skills by interacting with a select group of children of different ages in an informal yet structured environment. The OSHC staff are experienced carers and positive role models who work hard to create a warm youthful and energetic environment, so please feel free to approach any of us with any questions.

Come to aftercare for our awesome weekly activities! Why spend huge amounts to send your child to fun after school activities when we offer them for free as part of our session?! This term we offer **Dynamic Dance on Tuesdays** running from 28th July - 8th of September and **Booming Baseball** from this **Thursday 23rd July - 3rd of September**. Call to book your place on 9523-7932.

OSHC is an affordable option especially considering everything on offer. This is particularly so as this financial year the government is generously increasing the tax from 30 - 50% tax rebate on approved childcare costs (payed quarterly or as an annual lump sum). This represents up to \$7500 off your childcare costs this financial year. Further as many families are also eligible for subsidised fees via Centrelink there is even more reason to send your child to OSHC. Regular fees have not increased under current management (2006 - current), however in order to meet costs fees are likely to increase

in coming months. The best method of this increase is being investigated, with a particular interest in shielding high usage families the most.

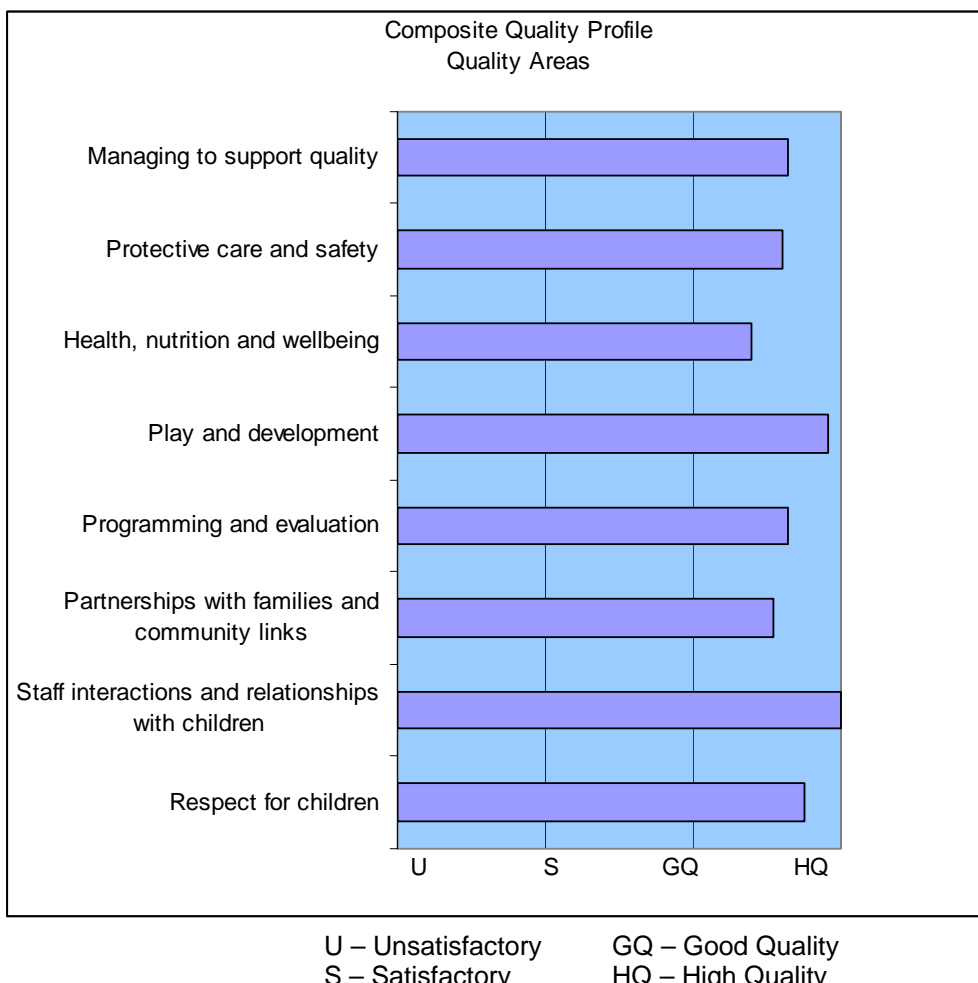
We recently received the very exciting news of our very successful results in the National Childcare Accreditation completed earlier this year. On a range of criteria spanning from management, to safety and nutrition, to programming and issues of play and development, our program scored consistently in the 'Good Quality' to 'High Quality' indicators representing an excellent specific and overall result for a service in the industry. Thank you and well done to the entire OSHC team, and particularly to Mrs Muir whose continual support and leadership made this result possible.

Now more than ever OSHC is an energetic and vibrant place for your child. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me or speak to any of the OSHC team. If you would like a copy of our policies or parent handbook or a registration form they are available both in the OSHC centre or the office. **Places are limited so please book now** to ensure we have a place for your child on 9523-7932.

Eyal Genende
 OSHC Co-ordinator/Manager

Caulfield Primary School Before and After Care
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Accreditation Decision: June 09
 NCAC Ref: RC957
 Visit No: VC8453



Caulfield Primary School Before and After Care is Accredited

PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

Tupperware Party

The Tupperware wine & cheese night was a big success. We had 14 people attend and we raised \$224!!! Considering that it was much more of a social night than a fundraiser we are very happy with this amount. Thanks to everyone who attended and made it such an enjoyable evening.

P&FC Meeting 24 July

P&FC will meet next Friday in the library after drop-off. We will be discussing the upcoming Scholastic Book Fair, among other agenda items. Remember, all are welcome at the Parents' & Friends Club meetings - we value your input!

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<http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

PHOTOGRAPHS

Miscellaneous group photographs are now available for perusal in the office. If you wish to order a copy please return your order to the office by Friday July 24th. Delivery will take 3-4 weeks from receipt of orders.

EMA

Any family that has qualified for Centrelink benefits and did not apply for EMA in the first semester, may now lodge an application in the office. Families who applied in term 1 do not need to reapply to receive the second semester payment.

Imaginary Trip to Japan

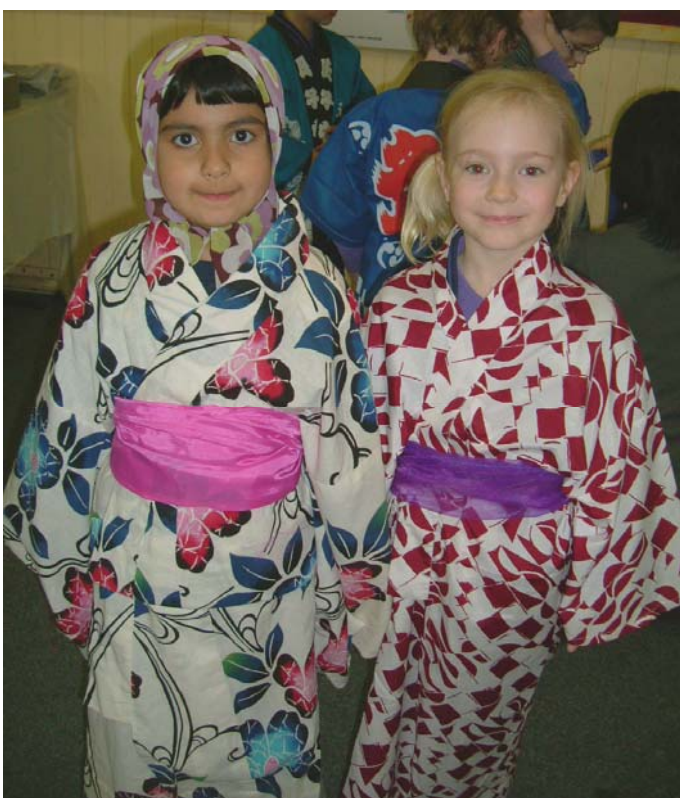
On the last week of term 2, Years 1 & 2 students had a 'Day Trip to Japan'. They started their morning by watching the airline's safety video, then all students successfully went through the immigration interview. During their group tour, students visited JINJA (buying OMIKUJI; a fortune telling slip), experienced SHODO (calligraphy), played WANAGE (quoits), dressed up with KIMONO and had a photo shoot, and then did shopping at OMIYAGE (souvenirs) shop and ORIGAMI shop. After recess, students experienced a short 'home-stay'. Students were asked to take their shoes off before entering, and greeted hosts in Japanese with a bow. Japanese hosts taught students how to make a paper SENSU (fan) and TAKE-TONBO (Japanese traditional toy). At lunch, students practised how to use chopsticks and then ate BENTOO (box lunch) with their hosts.

The Japan trip was very successful. We had many positive comments from both students and parents. One student showed me his SAIFU (wallet) after the trip that still has some pretend money and told me he saved it for the next trip!!!

We had 12 native Japanese speakers including parents and assistants who volunteered to help us on the day. Without their help, we could not create the authentic atmosphere of Japan for our students. Thank you very much to those who helped on the day and for prior preparations as well.

Aya

The following photographs show some of the children enjoying the activities of the day. Thank you to Aya for organizing such an enjoyable activity and for the photographs.



DATES OF SCHOOL YEAR 2009

Term 3 -Monday July 13th - Friday September 18th
Term 4 -Monday October 5th - Friday December 18th

Rubbish Free Lunch Wednesday 22nd July 2009

Please bring a healthy lunch in a lunchbox and reusable containers with a refillable water bottle; and avoid throw away plastic wrapping.

We will measure the amount rubbish of we make this day and hope it's a lot less than a normal school day! By entering the Victorian Government Rubbish Free School Lunch Challenge we can reduce our rubbish and hopefully win some of the great prizes for our school and kinder.

UNIFORM SHOP

ALL winter stock has arrived.

Thank you to Iris who says she is available to work in the uniform shop on Fridays after school.

Term 3 - new hours of operation -

Monday - before school 8.45 am - 9 am

Thursday-before school 8.45am-9am / after school 3.30pm-3.45pm

Friday - after school 3.30pm - 3.45 pm

We all appreciate the work and time both Tania and Iris put in to the uniform shop. Extra volunteers are always welcome.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday today to Zoe M (age 7) and next Wednesday to Lillian C, who will be 12. We wish them each a great day for their birthday and Many Happy Returns.



Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre News

Welcome back after the term two holidays. The children were all very enthusiastic on their return and enjoyed catching up with all their friends again. We had lots of chats about what the children did over the holidays.

To begin this term we are extending our theme of the seasons by looking at the topic of Winter. We are also looking at the theme of the weather and encouraging the children to observe the different types of weather and to observe their environment and become aware of the various changes over the seasons.



Two important dates to remember for this term!

1.KINDERGARTEN PHOTOGRAPHS

Monday 27th. July PM only

Wednesday 28th. July AM only

If your child does not attend at either of these sessions then I will arrange a time with you for your child to attend.

2.INCURSION - SEAWEED SALLY (A Marine life talk and interactive display)

Thursday 13th. August PM session. All children are invited to attend.

