

Newsletter

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WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

MARCH

Friday 6 th	Parents Club AGM	9.15 am Library
Monday 9 th	PUBLIC HOLIDAY	No school
Tuesday 10 th	"Insectomania" Incursion	Preps
Monday 16 th	Swimming starts Library Meeting	Grades 1 - 6 3.40 pm
Tuesday 17 th	Murasakino School Visit	
Wednesday 18 th	Swimming Lesson 2	Grades 1 - 6
Friday 20 th	Swimming Lesson 3	Grades 1 - 6
Saturday 21 st	Cake Stall	9 am - noon
Wednesday 25 th	Open Night	5.30pm -7.30pm

Remember : There is no school on Monday - Public Holiday

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT School Connectedness

This week has been a fantastic opportunity for our community to get to know each other. Having parents of students involved in the learning environment is a major contributor to the child's motivation to learn. Involvement can take many forms and is not restricted to helping in the classroom, being part of a working team or having consistent communication with your child's teacher. Just sharing with your child their learning journey, being excited about their day at school, dropping them off and picking them up with optimism about the day ahead or the day had and a general feeling of belonging are all important. This week has been a wonderful opportunity for all of these aspects.

The Parents Club put on a lovely morning tea for all community members on Friday morning. The atmosphere was so friendly and I thoroughly enjoyed the many conversations with parents about things important to them.

During this week the teachers had their parent / teacher / student interviews where again all the information we know about the student is discussed and used to formulate the programs and strategies implemented by the teachers. The teachers would like to thank all those who filled in the survey about strengths, passions and needs for extension.

Our first Open Night is on Wednesday 25th March from 5:30 - 7:30. Teachers are working on some fabulous ideas we got from talking to parents and we hope to add something new or different to this evening. Further information next week.

Deborah (Sophia's mum) has been working hard on an interim sign for the Glenhuntly Rd area to advertise Caulfield Primary School and Early Childhood Centre. The advantages of having Kindergarten to Grade 6 programs all on the same site are so numerous and the transition from a great kinder program to an amazing prep program gives every child a fantastic start, great foundations and the extra neural development of bilingualism. We are looking forward to sharing these advantages with all in our future communications.

Again the wiki space is a wonderful tool for the sharing of ideas and we thank the Parent's Club for the invitation to visit all the pages they have constructed to keep us informed. The staff already uses this tool and find the communication is open for everyone at their own leisure and ensures everyone has an opportunity to participate in the direction the school takes.

The School Council AGM will be on Tuesday 10th March at 7:00 pm. Everyone is more than welcome to attend this meeting which will formally institute our new members, select office bearers for 2009 and form sub committees of School Council. The AGM rarely goes longer than 1 hour and is followed by the first meeting of School Council with the new committee.

The grapevine worked a treat over the past 2 weeks presenting us with some really great candidates for our Piano teacher. After much deliberation and thanks to all who were involved, especially Mike (Fleetwood's dad) who sat on the panel of interview we are very excited to announce the appointment of Renee Rocuzzo to our instrumental music team. Renee's employment history is dynamic, highly educated, covers all areas of the Performing Arts and rich in experience with children. I will meet with Renee next Wednesday to finalise her program delivery so watch out for an opportunity to participate in this outstanding extra -curricular offering.

Take care,
Suzanne Muir,
Principal

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

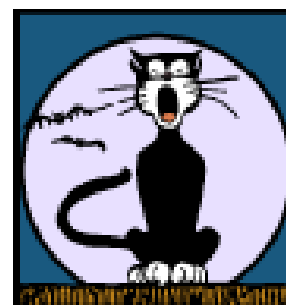
Term 4 -Monday October 5th - Friday December 18th

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

Children do not attend school on this day.

FRIDAY ASSEMBLY

The witches and warlocks of grade 56S will be flying in to take assembly at 3.00pm on Friday. If you have the time, come along early for pick up and attend our school assembly. Bats, black cats and parents are all welcome.



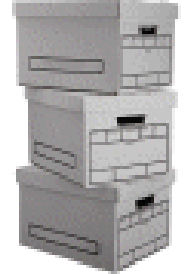
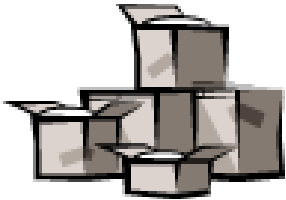
MURASAKINO SCHOOL VISIT BBQ

On Tuesday 17th March we will be hosting visitors from Murasakino School in Japan. This annual event is a special day when friendships are formed between our visitors and students at our school. We make our visitors welcome by throwing a traditional Aussie BBQ for lunch. We really need all hands on deck for this event - there are a lot of jobs to be done and ways to pitch in. Please sign up in the office or see Akiko.

Dear Grade 2/3/4 parents & students,

Small boxes are wanted!

In the art class the students are going to create a tower sculpture from small boxes. The students will learn balance and weight and joining techniques with them. Please donate all boxes (smaller than A4 size). We need a lot. You will find a container to put them in outside the art room.



Akiko Macdonald
Grade 2/3/4 Art teacher

UNIFORM SHOP

Uniform shop is open before school on Monday mornings with Iris, and Tania will be in the shop Thursdays before and after school. We would love to have another helper who can open for 15 minutes any afternoon of the week that suits. If you can help, please leave your name at the office.

Tania

Hinamatsuri 3rd March

"Hinamatsuri (Doll's Festival)" is held on March 3rd. This is a day to pray for young girl's growth and happiness. It is also called "Momo no sekku (Peach Festival)" because of the peach blossom season on the old lunar calendar.



Most families with girls display "hina-ningyo" (special dolls for Hinamatsuri) They are usually arranged on a five or seven-tiered stand covered with a red carpet. At the top are the Emperor and Empress. The next step contains three court ladies (sannin-kanjo), followed by five musicians (gonin-bayashi), two ministers (udaijin and sadaijin), and three servants ending the bottom row in a five-tiered display. There are also small pieces of furniture, small meal dishes, and other things.

Sue (Tomo 34P) kindly offered to bring her daughter's Hinamatsuri dolls to the school on the day. All students had an opportunity to see



the real dolls from Japan. (It was much more exciting than looking at a picture of them.)

This week all grades made/will make their own "Hinamatsuri" dolls. Please have a look at some pictures!!



PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS

One more **Bush Dance THANK YOU** goes out to Christy (OOA) for generously donating lollipops ... the expectation was that they be sold for fundraising but somehow they ended up being given to (raided by?) the children the night of the dance - yikes! Oh well, these things happen and we do appreciate the thought!

We had a great turn-out at the **New Parents Tea** last week! It was wonderful to see so many parents turn up, bring yummy treats and pitch in to help. Special thanks to Meg (Kinder & 2HC), Voni (1RN), Sue (34P), Chris (56S) and Mike (56S). I'm sure I missed people who helped with setting up and tidying up!

Thanks to **Elizabeth S.** for stepping forward to take on the position of **Class Representative for OOV!** Class reps continue to collect and update details for class contact lists as well as build the membership of the Club Purple Yahoo Group. We **still need reps** for the **Kinder** classes.

We will have our **Annual General Meeting this Friday March 6th** to elect new office bearers and assign other positions as well as to discuss fundraising priorities for the year. Attend this important meeting to voice your opinion about the direction of the PFC this year and perhaps step in to a leadership role - all are welcome!

Open positions include:

- **President:** For more information or to express your interest, please speak to one of our past Presidents Nicole (Tristan 1RN), Claire (Dan 56S and Adam OOA) or Chris (Michelle 56S).
- **Secretary:** For more information or to express your interest, please speak to Meg (Harrison 2HC).
- **Treasurer:** For more information or to express your interest, please speak to Sue (Tomo 34P).
- **Class Reps** the Kinder Classes (one each from the 3-year-old and 4-year-old classes).
- **School Banking Assistant**

Cake & Craft Stall

Saturday 21st March at front of school on Glenhuntly Road.

Our regular cake stalls have proven to be a wonderful way to raise money for our school. Please note the date for the first cake stall of the year. We will need bakers and makers to donate cakes and any crafty things to sell and helpers on the day to sell them. You can collect boxes, ribbon and tags from school. Please speak to Anna or Liza (1RN & 34P) if you can help or for any enquiries. Look out for further information in next week's newsletter.

Lisa (Zoe 1RN) 0466 355 144 & Nicole (Tristan 1RN)

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<http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren

www.parentsvictoria.asn.au

SINGLE PARENTS AND CHILD SUPPORT

Participants are sought for a Deakin University research study. This study will explore the social, health and financial impact of single-parents receiving or not receiving child support. It will involve completing a questionnaire every nine months and a financial logbook each month for 18 months.

In appreciation of your time, you will receive a \$20 Coles Myer voucher each time you complete the questionnaire.

If you are:

- a single-parent over 18 years of age
- eligible to receive child support
- receiving Centrelink benefits
- have a child at primary school
- are interested in participating

please contact (local call) 1300 760 809 or email: ruth.heading@deakin.edu.au for further information.

BIRTHDAY WISHES

Happy Birthday this week to Flynn O. who will be 11 years old. Have a great day.



Witches Poem

By Nyanit, Jessica, Sharnelle, Judith, Lillian and May

Her face is green and covered in warts,
And she hates to wear big, baggy shorts.
Her spit is blue just like the sky,
And she has people dancing in her eyes.

She has a pointy nose,
And has no human toes.
She never wears sandals on her feet,
And likes to mix things in with meat.

Witches are tall and thin,
And they throw small kids in the bin.
Their hats are big, black and pointy,
And their pet cats are very naughty.

She is just like a human beast,
And likes to eat children for her feast.
If you want to survive,
You should run for your life!



Witches in the Night

By Reuben, Michelle and Brandon

Cats, bats,
And pointy hats.

A witch has a hooked nose,
Full of snot and soot when it blows.

Strolling through the night,
Kidnapping children, screams and fright.

A witch is wearing a hat,
Carrying a big, fat cat.



The Witches

By Mahi, Quy and Yuhan

All the witches are crazy and have riches,
They use their spells to wash their dishes.

The witches have shiny black cats,
And they wear dirty, black hats.

Lots of witches do wicked spells,
Which bring them back to hell.

Witches make children disappear,
And it is almost impossible to reappear.

My Witch's Twitch

By Amanda, Ellen, Jade and Fleetwood

Once I met a witch,
Who had an awful twitch.

When I saw her claws,
I dropped down on all fours.
She always wore a hat,
And had a black cat.



Witches

By Billy, Emily, Dan, Flynn, David and Rubes

Witches fly high in the sky
Above the clouds standing high.
Way below,
Where magical cats glow.

Eating mice,
Not very nice.

Black and blue and red,
May be the colour of their 'dreads'.
Their hats stand high near the bats,
Same colour as the witch's mat.

If they're near,
Run in fear,
Away from here!