

## Newsletter

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### WHAT'S ON AT SCHOOL

#### MAY

Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> - Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	Mother's Day Stall	8.30 - 10 am Art Room 3.30 - 4 pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Anti Bullying Information Session	3.40pm Library
Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> - 14 <sup>th</sup>	NAPLAN - Nationwide Assessment Footsteps Dance Session	Grades 3 & 5
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	C. P. Early Childhood Group Parents Advisory Group Meeting	7.30 pm at Kindergarten
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Walk to School Safely Day	
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre & School Working Bee	10 - 12 noon
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Scholastic Orders Due	No late orders taken
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Open Day & Cake Stall Early Childhood Centre Visitors Day	10 - noon 10 - 11.30 am

### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you everyone who has given us feedback on our School Self Evaluation. It has been a pleasure to meet with the students, staff, School Council, Parents Club and community and hear their comments about the student achievement at our school and the reasons we believe this happens.

The process continues with the self evaluation representative team -Sarah Gloger, Helen Clayfield, Sandra Beadle and myself using all your valuable information in writing the self evaluation report. This report will be read in conjunction with state wide comparisons to give us an assessment of our student achievement and to create goals for the future. Zenda Clarke our independent reviewer will be visiting our school on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> and loves to familiarise herself with the whole school culture. Zenda will use this visit to analyse the data with respect to the unique culture our school has. Zenda will return to the school on Monday June 1<sup>st</sup> when she will meet with our Regional Network leader, the representative team and the School Council president to work through her analysis and critically evaluate where improvement is needed. Zenda will finally report back to the staff and School Council on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June and set the stage for our writing of the School Strategic Plan for 2010-2012 which directs the 3 year cycle of annual improvement.

Thank you also to the Parents Club who are again providing our students with a lovely opportunity to buy something for their mum on Mothers' Day. I wish every mum, grandmum and mum to be, best wishes for a lovely day.

Last night the School Council met and had a very informative meeting. Leanne Woods from the kindergarten is very positive about the new system and we are really enjoying her knowledgeable additions to our meetings. Our working bee on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May is very important and I hope to see as many helpers as possible. Cathy McNaughton is organising the projects and needs as many people as possible. The Buildings and Grounds committee is a hard working group and we are looking for a new convenor for this group this year. Anna Parker has done a wonderful job and would love to hear from anyone who would like to take over this group.

Remember NAPLAN testing for Year 3&5 students next week, we are looking forward to our students having a successful 3 days.

Suzanne Muir,  
Principal

### **FRIDAY ASSEMBLY**

Assembly this Friday at 3.00 pm will be conducted by Amy and prep OOA. All parents are invited to attend.

### **ANTI BULLYING!!!!!!**

We are holding an anti-bullying information session for parents in the library on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of MAY at 3.40pm. The session will run for about 30 minutes.

The session is designed to empower parents with information about bullying and their role in building children's resilience. We will also be informing parents on how schools assist students who are being bullied, and attempt to create a positive learning environment.

Please feel free to come along and be part of the solution to the issue.

For further information feel free to contact either Paul Nicholson or Amy Bourke.

If you cannot make the session, information on the subject can be found on the following website.



<http://www.bullyingnoway.com.au/>

### **WORKING BEE**

Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 10-12noon

We need your help to make our school and Early Childhood Centre beautiful for Open Day! This is the first working bee for the year and we need as many people as possible to spend an hour or two sprucing up the school. Bring:

gardening tools and gloves

Jobs include pruning, painting, weeding, tidying sand and tanbark, removing wire, installing tree guards, chopping up palm fronds and more!

Look out for the posters around the school and Early Childhood Centre.

Mother's Day is coming up Sunday 10 May.





## **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!\*

Thank you to all the 'wrappers' who helped wrap all the lovely gifts for the Mothers' Day stall and to Eyal for allowing us the use of the OSHC facility.

### **Caulfield Primary Choir**

This year choir at *Caulfield Primary School* is being conducted by our piano teacher, Renee Roccuzzo. Renee currently teaches singing and piano at primary and independent music schools in Victoria. She also provides fun, interactive and entertainment based music programs for babies, toddlers and pre-school children and their parents through *Hey Dee Ho Music*.

The aim of choir at *Caulfield Primary* is to extend and encourage music education in a fun environment. Children will learn to sing songs from a varied repertoire of contemporary and Christmas music with an aim at working towards performances in school assembly, school concerts and community events. Performances will be accompanied and unaccompanied developing children's vocal and aural skills.

The choir will practice once a week during school hours and song lyrics will be provided. Fees for choir are \$6 per session and will be paid by the term.

If your child would like to participate in choir please fill out an enrolment form and return it to the school office. For any enquiries feel free to contact Renee Roccuzzo by e-mail at [renee@reneroccuzzo.com](mailto:renee@reneroccuzzo.com) or on 0403 668 787.



**Choir at Caulfield Primary School  
Enrolment Form**

Parent/Guardian Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Dr) \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Choir fees - \$6 per session paid by the term. An invoice will be sent via e-mail.  
Please return this completed form to the school office by **Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

**JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION**

JLTAV State wide JAPANESE SPEECH COMPETITION 2009 will be held on Sunday 23rd of August 2009 at Wesley College St Kilda Road Campus. This would be a very good opportunity for students to use their Japanese skills, and also encourage students to learn more. For Prep to Year 3, there are two entries; individual and group (up to 4). For Year 4 to 6, there are also two entries; individual and pairs. If you are interested in having your child enter this competition, please see Aya about the details. On the date, you need to drop off and pick up your child at the venue by 12:30pm.

**SHOE BOXES NEEDED**

Year 1 & 2 are currently working on their unit of work "Imaginary Trip To Japan". In term 1, we made our own 'passport' to be ready for the trip. We also practiced conversations at the airport. Now we are learning about what we should pack in our suitcase. We need one shoe box for each student to make their own 'suitcase'. If you have a shoe box(es), please bring them to the front of the art room. Thank you for your support. Aya



**KODOMO NO HI (Children's day)**

KODOMO NO HI is celebrated on 5th of May. It used to be a festival for boys. It is still a special day for boys, but since World War 2, it has been a national holiday for all children.

On 5<sup>th</sup> May, families erect a tall bamboo or wooden pole outside their houses and hang banners, and paper or cloth sock kites in the shape of a carp fish (KOI). The kites (KOI NOBORI) fill with wind and the carp appear to be swimming. There is usually a large fish for the father, a



smaller fish for the mother, and a fish for each boy in the family with the smallest at the bottom.

The carp was chosen as a symbol for boys because of its courage and strength to swim against the current and its bravery when under the fisherman's knife.

For KODOMONO HI parents buy their sons samurai dolls, small decorative helmets called KABUTO, banners and military symbols. There are often displayed on a stand similar to those on Dolls' Day (HINAMATSURI), 3 March. They also buy irises and rice cakes wrapped in oak leaves and pray for a successful life for their sons.

We made KOI NOBORI in our LOTE class.

### **IKEBANA FOR KIDS** Melbourne City Council

Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup> 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 Buddha. 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. See [www.artplay.com.au](http://www.artplay.com.au)

### **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.

### **BIRTHDAY WISHES**

Happy Birthday this week to Lea J (age 10), Twins David and Emily B who share the same birthday (11) and Amy-Lee (6). We wish each student a great day for their birthday and Many Happy Returns.



### **PARENTS & FRIENDS CLUB NEWS**

#### **Scholastic Book Club Orders**

Thank you to all who ordered from Scholastic Book Club. The books were distributed yesterday and the new brochures were also given out. There are still two books unclaimed. If you ordered but have not received your book please contact Claire on [claireewart@yahoo.com.sg](mailto:claireewart@yahoo.com.sg). The last order earned us \$45 of free books! We chose a picture book pack which will go to the preps. Every class will benefit throughout the year, so keep on encouraging your children to read by buying a book or two from the club.

## **Cake & Craft Stall/Sausage Sizzle AND Open Day Tea -Oh My!**

Our next big event is coming up on 30<sup>th</sup> May, and is actually multiple events - so we will need a LOT of helpers! We will be having a CAKE & CRAFT STALL as well a SAUSAGE SIZZLE - these will be run out in front of school as fundraisers in partnership with the Early Learning Centre. On the same morning is our OPEN DAY and we would like to welcome our guests / prospective families with tea as well as provide story-telling and entertainment for those children in attendance. So, we need your help with:

- Set-up and clean-up of the CAKE & CRAFT STALL
- Set-up and clean-up of the SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- Staffing shifts at the CAKE & CRAFT STALL
- Staffing shifts at the SAUSAGE SIZZLE
- Baking and creating wonderful items to sell at the CAKE STALL
- Entertaining the children of the prospective parents attending open day.

Please contact Prep mums Tash (OOA) or Carolyn (OOA) to let them know how you can help!

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

[ClubPurple5489@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ClubPurple5489@yahoo.com.au) <http://cpslibrary.wikispaces.com>

[www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren](http://www.justice.vic.gov.au/workingwithchildren) [www.parentsvictoria.asn.au](http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au)

## **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/](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](mailto:brydon@cybertext.net.au)

## DATES OF SCHOOL YEAR 2009

Term 2 -Monday April 20<sup>th</sup> - Friday June 26<sup>th</sup>

Term 3 -Monday July 13<sup>th</sup> - Friday September 18<sup>th</sup>

Term 4 -Monday October 5<sup>th</sup> - Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>

Please note: Report Writing Day is Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> 2009.

Children do not attend school on this day.

### 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

## FOOTBALL CARD CLUB 2009

Due to popular demand "Card Club" is back at 1pm in the Library.

**All cards must be clearly labelled in a container and stored in the main office.** Sandra will collect the box to take to the library ready for the club at lunchtime. This is the only time the cards are allowed at school.

Children will listen for the announcement each Tuesday before 1 pm.

Sandra

### LOST PROPERTY

Would all parents please make sure that their children are wearing and using their own property and items of uniform. All bomber jackets look the same so please clearly label your property and check what your own children are wearing. A number or items have been mixed up.



Students displaying KOI NOBORI made for Children's Day.

## CAULFIELD PRIMARY EARLY LEARNING CENTRE

### Scholastic Book Club

Parents at Caulfield Primary Early Childhood Centre will shortly be receiving Scholastic Book Club literature. This is just a little introduction to how it operates. Parents are involved in maintaining the library, coordinating the Scholastic Book Fair, which comes later in the year and also in this regular book club. Meg and Claire are doing the book club this year.



Scholastic is a children's book publisher and seller. They produce brochures advertising the books they have on offer. The Parents' Club distributes the brochures and invites parents to buy books through the book club. There is no obligation to buy. However, for every dollar spent by a parent at the Early Childhood Centre, the centre earns points, which are put towards buying new books for the children. It allows the centre to constantly augment and update the stock of books available.

Your child brings home a number of these brochures. They are age specific, so you'll find that younger children bring home different ones to older siblings in the school.

All you need to do is:

- Decide which books you'd like to buy,
- Fill in the form on the back of **each** brochure from which you are buying
- Remember to fill in your child's name
- Choose your method of payment
- Remember to fill in your name in the payment area.
- Bring all orders and monies in and place in the red box in the classroom by the due date. Alternatively you can drop it in at the school office.

The due date is printed in the newsletter and is up on the noticeboard. Your order takes a few weeks to come. The best bit is when your child receives their books in their classroom and they can't wait to get home to read them. So do take a moment to have a look at the brochures with your children.

We would love a parent from the Centre to step forward and help us with book club. We're very friendly.

Meg and Claire

### Dates to note in the diary

1. Working bee - Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>. May - 10.00am.

Please come and help us refill our sandpit!!!!

A good chance to meet other parents and people associated with the Early Childhood Centre and the school.

2. Visitor's day - Saturday the 30<sup>th</sup>. May- 10.00am. - 11.30am.

A chance for your child to bring a special visitor or 2 to the Early Childhood Centre The school is also holding an Open Day so there will be an opportunity to do a tour of the school on the day. (More details later!)

3. Parent's group meeting - Now - Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> May

At the Early Childhood Centre. We NEED more parents involved!! This is just an informal group to organize some social and fundraising events!

### **DRAMATIC PLAY!!!**

The children are enjoying participating in a variety of dramatic play games both during inside and outside time.

Dramatic play is a great way for children to develop social skills, expressive language and to develop self confidence in participating in group play situations. This week we have been very fortunate to receive a donation of a number of costumes from the "Fancy Dress Party Place" - 568 Glenhuntly Rd. Elsternwick. These will greatly enhance our dress up corner and we look forward to showing you some great photos very soon!!!!!!!