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IMPORTANT SCHOOL DIARY DATES

Term 3

Fri 1 st August	Last Day for new EMA Applications
Wed 6 th August	"MCG & National Sports Museum excursion for Grades 3 & 4
Fri 8th August	Curriculum Day – No School for Students
Mon 11 th Aug.	School Photo Day Envelopes & Money back to school
Wed 13 th Aug.	School Photo Day
Wed 13 th Aug	Family Maths Night 6.00 to 7.30 p.m. (more details further on)
Fri 15 th August	Last Day for School Concert Ticket Orders

GREETINGS FROM KERRIE

Student Achievement

Well done Netball B team!

On Tuesday, 29th July, our mixed Netball team played off in a zone final against St. Claire's Primary School. It was a very close game but unfortunately our team lost by 1 point. Amazing! Congratulations to all the team players, it was a great game, and you all played so well. Thank you to the parent spectators and parent umpires who came along on a very cold morning to support both teams, (very good sporting behaviour from our community, of course!) and in particular the support for our team.

See the article written by 2 of our team members further on.

Grade 5/6 Mural Launch

On Thursday (today) we had the official launch of the beautiful mural. I will write a detailed article about it in next week's newsletter, but I just wanted to acknowledge how fantastic our grade 5/6 and Junior School Council students were throughout the whole ceremony. Many of the adult guests commented to me, on the student's willingness and ability to join in with the ceremony. There were a lot of speeches to listen to, and our students showed just how respectful they could be and that they clearly understood the importance of the occasion. Well done grade 5/6ers, you were great! See next week's newsletter.

A reminder about Curriculum Day – Friday August 8th

Just to remind parents that Curriculum day is Friday week, and that the school will be closed during the day whilst the staff participate in important Professional Development.

Fete 2009 – will there be one?

I haven't had anyone come forward yet about the fete for 2009 apart from ONE parent who would be willing to work in a team of parents to coordinate the fete. So where are all you budding fete organisers? Please contact me, if you are thinking about it and I'm sure we will have a team in no time!

School Injuries and Insurance

Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Most medical costs will be refundable by Medicare. If you are a member of an ambulance or health insurance fund, you may also be able to claim transport or other expenses from the fund.

The Department of Education and Training does not hold accident insurance for school students.

Is other insurance cover available?

Yes. The Department is aware of two insurers, JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd and Willis Australia Ltd, that provide accident insurance policies for students. These policies provide specific benefits for students who are injured in accidents for a reasonably low cost. Other insurers may also do so.

**Warm regards,
Kerrie**

REMINDER TO ALL FAMILIES

If there are any cases of chickenpox, measles, etc. in the school could families please let us know in the office. As soon as we know, we can pass health information on to other parents in the school so they can look for symptoms and deal with them appropriately. Thank you.

PREP NEWS – TERM 3

Literacy

Now that we have covered all letters and letter sounds of the alphabet, there is a greater emphasis on writing this half of the year (this includes handwriting – dotted thirds/lined paper). Students will be expected to write more than one sentence and include extra information, descriptions and detail in their writing. This will lead to short story writing.

Practice reading, writing and spelling the 100 commonly used words. (Lists have been sent home for term 3)

Continue with the daily home reading practice

Maths

This term we are looking at the teen numbers/place value, counting by 10's, data collection (Olympic Games), capacity and mass. We will be introducing a five minute mental maths quiz to encourage automatic response and mental computations to simple problems covering a range of topics.

We will be having our teen numbers morning where the 2 prep grades will be mixed and we will do lots of indoor and outdoor activities to reinforce the students understanding of these numbers. We will be asking for some help to run the activities so be prepared!

Integrated Unit

The preps will be introduced to the idea of the Olympics – What is it? Who's involved? Who are some of our well known Australian athletes? etc.

PE

We are taking to the athletics track and practicing our running, jumping, shot putting, and hurdling skills. A mini Olympics is planned for the end of term (stay tuned)

Discussion Circles

On Monday mornings, straight after assembly, La9 and La10 will be joining together to practice our speaking and listening skills. (A detailed and extended version of show and tell) Please bring along something to show or tell. The students will be in groups of 4 and each person in the group has a role to perform: Captain/Group leader (wears a crown), Listeners (wear rabbit ears) and the Reporter (holds the microphone and reports back to the whole class). Everybody will have a turn at each role over the term.

Term Project

For our project this term we will be doing a 4 week diary on increasing our fitness and then a mini project on learning a new skill. Just like Olympic athletes train, practice, try hard and persist – so will the preps in their project work!

School Musical Production

Practice, practice, practice and parent helpers will sew, sew, sew ... only a few weeks left (Aug 28th concert). A term 3 class newsletter was sent out early in the term with an attached class timetable. Please see your child's class teacher if you have not received it.

Thanks, Niki and Lisa

BIG THANKYOU

To Marisa for finding my mustard coloured shawl last week and handing it in to the medical centre in High Street. Thanks and cheers, Lois Wadelton "Happy Ending".

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be happening on Wednesday 13th August. Envelopes were sent home today with a covering letter. All orders and money need to be returned to your child's teacher by Monday 11th August.



CAN YOU HELP?

The Grades 1s and 2s are making robot helmets for their concert item. We need your help with materials! If any one has any of the following can they please drop them off to LA14, LA12 or LA11 by next Thursday 7 August?

- Boxes that are big enough to fit over a child's head, but not too big. (We think wine casks would be perfect, but we will accept any box about that size.)
- Cylinders -- innards of alfoil, gladwrap etc. We are unable to use toilet roll cylinders for obvious reasons.
- Any small containers -- yogurt, small tubs, fruit packs etc.

Thanks for anything you can give us. Look out for your box when we perform our robot dance on the night!

Cheers,
Anne, Lynne and Heather

CLUBS NOTICEBOARD

Clubs began today! It was great to see that the children were so enthusiastic. We have been able to offer a range of extra-curricula activities for the children to choose from, and most were placed in their first choice. Talk to your child about their club. Next week we will have some comments from children and teachers, explaining the clubs in more detail.

Details of the Clubs Programme

When: Thursday afternoon, at 2:30. They will run for 4 weeks.

Where: In different parts of the school. Ask your child where he/she will be, as that is where they will be dismissed from at 3:30.

FAMILY MATHS NIGHT

Wednesday
August 13th
6.00 p.m. -
7.30 p.m.

Participate in
Maths activities
and check out
maths learning
in all learning
areas.

FRONT GARDEN/QUIET AREA WORKING BEES - WE NEED YOU!

Saturday 9 August 9am-4pm

Saturday 16 August 9am-4pm

Building and Grounds Committee has put a successful application in for special project money to complete the front quiet area. This involves preparatory works, straw bale seating construction and some planting. We have 2 working bees scheduled.



We need lots of hands and specifically if you are handy with a trowel and general cement wrangling. We also need someone/s happy to supervise the cement mixer.

If you are able to come on the Saturdays can you bring barrows, trowels for cement, work gloves, wire cutters. We know Saturday mornings are busy times - but still welcome in the afternoon. Lunch and refreshments will be provided!

PLEASE get in touch with Jo Brockwell if you are able to help out - it makes planning much easier if we know how many people we can count on. mobile: 0427 088 119 or email brockwellj@oeg.vic.edu.au

**TO ALL GRADE SIX PARENTS - SECONDARY PLACEMENT
INFORMATION WILL BE POSTED OUT ON THURSDAY 7TH AUGUST
(Due to our Curriculum Day on the 8th)**

ZONE NETBALL FINAL

On Tuesday 29th July, Northcote Primary's mixed netball team took part in the zone netball finals against St Clair's primary school. The game was held here at Northcote Primary. It was a really good game and both teams played really well. Our team members were: Lucy M, Nell A, Lily D, Sapphire W, Christy WJ, Harry P, Brigid K, Maddy K, Christina M, Olivia R, and Lula S.



The scores all through the game were really close but unfortunately, when the final siren went, St. Clair's had won. The final scores were 11 (Northcote) to 12 (St. Clair's).

Whilst we were playing we got enormous support from the rest of the school and most of all the A netball team. Thank you everybody. We would like to give an enormous thank you to Catherine Wostizky (Christy from LA6's mum) and Heather Jarvis (Lucy D from LA5's mum) for great umpiring, help and supporting during the netball season.

By Lucy Morrison and Nell Ayers



GRADE 3/4 AND 5/6 SWIMMING

Thank you to all the parents who supported our swimming program this year. Also thank Sally Gilder, Jennifer Arnold, Pam Nicholson, Anna Civitico, Elena Stirkul, Lois Wadelton, Carolyn Radford, Jesse Maddison, Sue Drummond, Tony Rodwell, Michelle Laufer, Vittoria Lawrance, Lucy Luo, Michelle Manly, Caroline

Phillips, Kylea Clark, Lenore Stephens and Caitlyn Archibald who assisted on the buses and in the change rooms. Without your help we would not have been able to run this very successful program.

The feedback from the children and parents was very positive. Children felt challenged by the activities and made good progress with their different styles and acquired some excellent coaching tips from their instructors. The more experienced swimmers were encouraged to improve their swimming stamina and fine tune their strokes. Those students who had Chris were especially challenged as he had high expectations of them.

Ross Bennie

LAST DAY FOR ORDERING OF TICKETS IS FRIDAY 15TH AUGUST DREAM AWAY production update

There are less than four weeks to go until our school production 'Dream Away' will be performed. We are asking parents and friends to offer their assistance in technical duties, backstage duties, Front of House (selling tickets and ushering) and general assistance on the night. The production team from Victoria University are at Northcote primary school on Tuesdays so if you can help with the production please come and talk to us or alternatively call:

Lisa on 0407 808 378 or speak to Niki from LA10

Megan, Simon, Lisa and Adam
Niki Skoullas, Lisa Engelder

Ticket order forms are available from the school office.