



News Update

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Diary Dates October



Fri 23	Scholastic Book Club Orders due by 10.00am Year 6 Camp returns
Mon 26	Whole School Head Lice Checks Wedding Assembly 2.45pm
Tue 27	Carnivale Meeting in Canteen 9.15am Literacy Partners Workshop in Library 7.00-9.00pm
Wed 28	Year 3 and 4 Camp-Group 1 departs for Sovereign Hill at 7.00am Prep CFA Visit Wakakirri Grand Final - Year 5 and 6 Story Singing Performance Melbourne Town Hall
Thu 29	Year 3 and 4 Camp-Group 2 departs for Sovereign Hill at 7.00am Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport Year 3 and 4 Camp-Group 1 returns approx. 5.00pm
Fri 30	World Teachers Day Year 3 and 4 Camp-Group 2 returns approx. 5.00pm

November

Mon 2	Assembly Uniform Shop Closed
Tue 3	Melbourne Cup Day - Public Holiday
Thu 5	Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport
Fri 6	Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics in Hall
Mon 9	Care Groups Senior Hooptime Future Star Springers Regional Finals (selected students)
Tue 10	Prep Excursion to Chesterfield Farm Junior School Council and Sustainability Team Healesville Sanctuary Excursion Parent Club Meeting in Canteen 9.15am Literacy Partners Workshop in Library 7.00-9.00pm
Wed 11	Yarra Valley 99.1 FM Radio Show with Student Leaders 10.00am
Thu 12	Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport
Fri 13	Year 1 and 2 Gymnastics in Hall
Sat 14	Building and Grounds Working Bee
Mon 16	Assembly Finance Committee Meeting 4.00pm
Tue 17	Literacy Partners Workshop in Library 7.00-9.00pm
Wed 18	Prep 2010 School Session in Hall 11.30am-1.30pm Prep 2010 Parent Session with Julie O'Byrne 11.30am-1.30pm School Council Meeting 7.30pm
Thu 19	Year 5 and 6 Interschool Sport
Sat 21	Billanook Carnivale 10.00am-4.00pm

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

It was a lovely morning to walk to school. We had a great response to Walktober this morning with a large numbers of students (235), teachers, dogs, parents and prams joining in the walk to school. It does make you realise what an enjoyable way it is to arrive at school- lots of friendly vibe and chat to start the day. Thanks to Mrs Heather Sperring for spurring us on and for her continued promotion of walking to school as a way to stay fit and healthy.



Last week was Fire Action Week where all Victorians were encouraged to start planning and preparing for the fire season and schools were being encouraged to use this week to update and/or discuss emergency plans with staff. Schools also received information about the schools and children's services closure procedures for the 2009/2010 bushfire season. As yet this register has not been published but I would think many of the schools in the Dandenongs are likely to be mentioned. Below is the DEECD bushfire banner which will be used on information relating to bushfire. The CFA is conducting training for school principals and directors of children's services with facilities in areas of identified bushfire risk. I will be attending this training in November. Existing bushfire refuges in schools have been assessed. I noted in the Herald Sun on the weekend that our school was mentioned as failing to meet the requirements in our fire refuge. I'm sure the school community is well aware that we do not have a Fire Refuge so therefore we cannot comply with regulations. Our evacuation procedures are practised frequently and we will be having further evacuation drills before the end of the year. We will be seeking advice from experts about any other plans that may need to be put in place to ensure student and staff safety. As a school we keep the areas around the buildings well cleared. The gutters and undergrowth are part of both our maintenance tasks and working bees. Please look at the DEECD website for updated advice about ways to approach the bushfire season with children.

Just to let you know the campers are enjoying great weather and having a fantastic time.

Enjoy your week,

Julie

Canteen Helpers Urgently Needed

Canteen helpers holding a Working With Children Check are **urgently** needed this term. Unfortunately without the valuable assistance of our parents, the Canteen will be unable to operate.

If you have some free time and are able to assist, please fill out your name and details on the Duty Roster Form in the Canteen or contact the Office or Sam in the Canteen as soon as possible.



Tribes Agreements



CANTEEN



Friday, 23rd October

9.00-11.00am

Kylie Doherty, Amanda Treacy, Anne Halkier, Alison McCarthy and one more helper please.

12.00-2.00pm

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Wednesday, 28th October

9.00-11.00am

Anne Halkier and two more helpers please.

12.00-2.00pm

Anne Halkier and two more helpers please.

Wednesday Special

Wednesday 4th November

2 Slices of Watermelon

Or

Pear and Peach Fruit Cup with Ice Cream

\$2.50 each

If you would like your child to have either 2 slices of water melon or a pear and peach fruit cup with ice cream with their lunch on Wednesday 4th October, please complete the order form in last week's newsletter and return to the Canteen or Office with your payment. The cost is \$2.50 for either option.

Wednesday Specials must be pre-ordered and paid for by 3.30pm on

Thursday 29th October

No late Orders Will Be Accepted

Uniform Shop Closed

Monday 2nd November

The Uniform Shop will be closed on Monday 2nd November, the day before Melbourne Cup Day, and will resume operation the following week.

In Your Shoes

Thanks to everyone for your wonderful response for our appeal for 'pre-loved' shoes. Our aim was to collect 500 pairs and we received 1,155! Fantastic! So now those shoes will go to people who've never owned a pair – plus our cupboards are less cluttered. Another bonus is that the old shoes don't end up in land fill, so it has a sustainability aspect. Thanks again. Let's do it again next year!!

Heather Sperring

Carnivale Art Show Request

Currently I am preparing an art work from every child to be framed for display for the Carnivale. If anyone has contacts with a framing company I am hoping to get some advice / assistance of how to best secure the frames at the back economically.

Please contact me in the art room if you can help.

Janette Blain

Walktober

Today we had 235 students walk or ride bikes or scooters to school! It was fantastic! There were also lots of parents, toddlers in pushers, grandparents and dogs that we didn't count. I encourage you to consider giving your children more opportunities to walk or ride to school throughout the term.

Thankyou so much for your involvement.

Heather Sperring



WAKAKIRRI GRAND FINAL NEXT WEEK

Wednesday 28th October, 2009

MELBOURNE TOWN HALL

120 Swanston Street

Melbourne

The show starts at **7.15pm** sharp and is due to **finish around 10.00pm**.

The Wakakirri Grand Final is next Wednesday 28th October at the Melbourne Town Hall, 120 Swanston Street, Melbourne.

Children in Grade 5/6 choir are being bussed to the venue leaving at 1pm on Wednesday 28th October.

Tickets that have been ordered will be sent home early next week.

What to wear

- Dark green school pants and a white singlet top or a white t-shirt.
- Lead singers (8) please wear your hair out as you will be wearing a headband.

What to bring

- A packed lunch and another 'dinner' type meal that they can eat at the venue for the evening meal. Please provide drinks in plastic bottles, a book or quiet game.
- All medications for students need to be clearly named.

Gaye Murphy

School Hats



Please note that there has been a recent price rise. Green slouch hats are now priced at \$8.00 each with Legionnaire hats remaining at \$6.00 each. All hats are available for purchase from the Uniform Shop on Monday mornings between 8.30am and 9.30am and from the General Office during office hours.

Yellow Day

Congratulations and thank you to everyone who supported Yellow Day. We raised \$565.00!

Thanks to the Safety House Committee for donating the prizes.



Children's Week 2009

Children's Week will be celebrated from Saturday 24th October to 1st November 2009 to coincide with Universal Children's Day on Wednesday 28th October 2009.

There are more than 150 free events state wide during Children's Week 2009 including two major family fun days hosted by the Victorian State Government.

Melbourne Zoo Family Fun Day and Children's Week Launch Sunday 25 October 2009, 10.00am – 3.00pm

Come and see the Wonderful World of Mr Men and Little Miss live on stage, plus join in a sing-along with Blinky Bill. Free activities include face painting, musical instrument making, circus skills workshops and much more!

Entry is free for children 15 years and under.

Melbourne Museum Family Fun Day & Launch of Children365 Sunday 1 November 2009, 10.00am – 5.00pm

Free activities include kite and puppet making workshops, children's book author appearances, sports and games, arts and crafts and much more!

Entry is free for concession and children 16 years and under.

See the Children's Week website for information on free adult admission to this event.

To find free events in your local area visit the Children's Week website www.education.vic.gov.au/childrensweek

For enquiries or to obtain a hard copy calendar of events please contact the Children's Week Coordinator on 9637 3880 or email childrens.week@edumail.vic.gov.au

DUE BACK AT SCHOOL ...

October

Fri 23 Scholastic Book Club Orders due by 10.00am

Wed 28 Billanook Carnivale Volunteers Needed Reply

November

Thu 5 JSC & Sustainability Healesville Sanctuary Excursion Reply

Fri 6 Billanook Carnivale Wrist Band Orders due by 10.00am