

News

Week 9 of 10, Term 3

Thursday 10th September, 2009

Diary: 2009

September

Thursday 17th 2010 Year 6 Polo Shirt orders due

Friday 18th Canteen Footy Day Lunch

Friday 18th End of Term 3 – 2.30pm dismissal

October

Monday 5th Term 4 begins

Monday 5th Indoor Assembly

Monday 12th CHAPS Meeting

Thursday 15th Year 4 to CERES

Thursday 22nd Year 3 to CERES

Saturday 17th Solar Boat Challenge

Monday 19th Year 5 Camp begins

Friday 23rd Year 5 Camp returns

Principal's News



I am pleased to be able to say that we are the **Mixed Netball State Champions**. Our team has won its way through to the final day and in a very very close competition managed to prevail on the day. A full report is inside.

I was very pleased to receive a letter from Julia Gillard last week which formally announced that we had the Federal Funding approval for our **Sports Stadium Development and Refurbishment Funds**. This is just short of \$2.7m which is an amazing investment in our schools facilities. The planning is progressing and all the paperwork is in place to go to tender when the Department gives the go ahead. This should be in the next month or two.

Our **Wakakirri** team of Level 4 students performed their Story Dance item "Puppet on a String" last night in the heats at Karralyka Theatre. They did a wonderful job of performing their item and the audience was thoroughly entertained with an easy to follow and powerful story about making our own decisions and not falling for peer

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(Last day of term)
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pressure. We look forward to hearing next week if they get an opportunity to perform in the State Final in late October. Irrespective of whether or not they make the final they have done a wonderful job of story telling and must be so proud of their efforts. We will look forward to showing the whole school the DVD once it arrives. A huge vote of thanks needs to go to Ros & Kelly Lawrence for developing and coordinating the item. Thanks also to Deb Letson and Margarita Fair who have given up their time after school to assist with rehearsing the students.

A reminder that we are back into the **SunSmart Season** and that all students need to have **Hats** at school for when they are outside.

From time to time I receive alerts from the Regional Office regarding suspicious activity that has been reported in this broad area of Eastern Melbourne. There have been a couple of unrelated incidents reported that are not so many km's away from our school. I have asked the class teachers to remind students of the **Stranger Danger** message and the availability of the **Safety Houses** in our area if they are concerned at any time. I would encourage parents to reinforce this message in an age appropriate manner.

Parent Complaints policy

Attached to this newsletter and on the website is another Policy which passed by School Council in August. Please take the time to have a read through it. It would be lovely to live in a world without concerns and complaints but that would not be the real world. It is important that parents are aware of the correct procedures for raising concerns.

Graeme Caudry

VACATION CARE

Forms are now available from the school office and After School Care room. Forms need to be fully filled out or they will not be processed. Completed forms can be returned to the school office or After School Care room.

The coordinator will contact you with the amount owing and days available. Payment needs to be made at the school office or After School Care room by **TUESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER**. If payment is not made by this date your bookings will be cancelled and the next person on the waiting list will be notified.

The program will operate from Monday 21st September – Friday 2nd October 7.30 am – 6 pm sharp.

Activities include: Movies "Up" and Aliens in the Attic, Fun City, Wetlands – mini golf, Footy Day, PJ's Day, Magician, Bike & Blade Day, McDonalds lunch & more.

With a limited number of spaces available please get your forms in ASAP. Mandy 9724 4514

STATE CHAMPIONS!!

What a day!!! Our Mixed Netball team has progressed through many levels. They are District, Zone and Regional Champions. Their final challenge was the State Finals, held on Tuesday, 8th September at the Waverley Netball Centre.

Schools from as far away as Warrnambool, Echuca and Ocean Grove were in attendance.

Our day started nervously against The Star of the Sea, with many unforced errors. It was a tight contest which ended in a nine all draw. Our next two games were played with more purpose and determination. With some terrific team-work, we defeated Mt Martha and Morwell Park, 18 – 11 and 25 – 5 respectively.

Realising that the draw had probably cost us a spot in the Grand Final, we were disappointed but also very proud of our efforts!

As the finals were announced, we were absolutely thrilled when we discovered that we had made the final by 0.3%.

Our opponents were Our Lady of the Pines and we knew that we would be in for a tough game.

Although we managed to lead by four points at half time, OLOP fought back and levelled the score. Our children were terrific. Even under pressure they maintained their focus and composure and again managed to pull away, in the end winning by 14 to 10.

What a fantastic team effort from a group who always play as a team. They showed excellent sportsmanship on the day and are to be congratulated on a most successful season.

All team members received a medal, a certificate and a doona and a pillow kindly donated by the sponsors, Jason, (Manchester products). Our school also received a doona and a pillow for use in our sick bay.

In our office area is the perpetual trophy and a smaller replica which our school is able to keep.

CONGRATULATIONS TO:-

Jake B, Ben C, Tess C, Elke F, Tim H, Nathan J, Alex K, Chelsea R and Jorja V.

SPECIAL THANKS TO:-

Robyn Payne for coaching and umpiring throughout the year.

Rachelle Robertson for assisting with coaching and umpiring **whenever** we needed her.

Robyn Berkley and Wendy Hantzipavlis for scoring our finals games.

All the parents for their support and encouragement for the team during the year.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR MIXED NETBALL TEAM WHO ARE NOW THE STATE CHAMPIONS.

Debra Karanzoulis

SCHOOL NURSE

The Victorian Primary School Nursing Program offers a health assessment to children in their first year of school. The major aims of the program are to promote health and assist in the early identification of health and well-being issues in school children. The program gives parents/guardians, teachers and nurses an opportunity

to work together for the wellbeing of children and their educational progress.

Margaret Dobson, our School Nurse, will be at our school assessing the Preps at the end of the week.

DOLPHIN AMBASSADORS

On Friday 28th we went to Ricketts Point. We learnt about swell sharks and bottle nosed dolphins. Did you know that there are two types of bottle-nosed dolphins? We also learnt that killer whales are not actually whales but a type of dolphin.

Chloe Rudd

At Ricketts Point we learnt about endangered animals that live around there. One of them is the hooded plover. It has a black head which makes it look like it is wearing a hood. They eat seaweed, crustaceans and crabs. It nests in sand dunes and the eggs are coloured so that predators can't see them. For the first 35 days of their life they can't fly. But people stand on eggs and chicks and their dogs chase away the parents. The chicks can then starve or the sun can kill them. To help protect these birds, please keep your dog on a lead when walking on the beach, keep away from fenced areas and obey signs.

We also learnt that the male killer whale's dorsal fin will grow up to 1.8m high.

Stephanie Mortlock

We learnt that the Australian fur seal has thick fur, related to dogs and bears and were near the edge of extinction in the 1850s. The Australian swell shark gets stressed a lot and they build up lactic acid, get high blood sugar, high blood salts and high red blood cells. Dolphins only produce one calf every 4 years. We saw lots of sea birds at Ricketts Point. Sometimes this means a dolphin feeding frenzy is nearby. The keeper went into the rock pools and found lots of sea critters. Sea snails were everywhere, clinging to the rocks. We saw a dead puffer fish stuck between the rocks and boy, did it smell!!!! We saw lots of red algae and seaweed.

If you see a dolphin and you want to name it, this is what you do: Take a photo of its dorsal fin. Print that picture and keep it. Next time you see a dolphin get your binoculars out and compare it. If it is the same it is the same dolphin.

Mimi Lay

Yarra Valley Railway Presents Healesville Railway Heritage Festival

Saturday September 19th - Sunday September 20th
9am till 5pm

- ◆ Trolley Rides ◆ Steam Road Engines ◆ Horse & Carriages
- ◆ Blacksmith ◆ Wood Carving ◆ Wool Spinning
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between 10am to 4pm Wed. – Sun. of the school Holidays

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CANTEEN NEWS

WHAT'S NEW?

Hash Brown Triangles are available in a pack of 3 for \$1.50 for a limited time only.

FOOTY DAY – Friday 18th September.

Tomorrow is the last day for Footy Day orders.

There will be no other lunch orders available on this day. No late orders will be accepted.

Don't forget to come dressed in your footy gear!

SPECIAL LUNCHESES - \$3.00

TERM.3.

Wednesday 16th September – Chicken Burger with lettuce, tomato & mayo.

Friday 18th September – FOOTY DAY LUNCHEON
(must be pre-ordered)

ROSTER

Friday 11th September – Nicole Murphy, Suzie McAuley, Danni Bennett, Sonia Newlands, Helen Thompson (unavailable).

Monday 14th September – CLOSED

Tuesday 15th September – Lyn Edwards, Andrea Holland, Deb Browne.

Wednesday 16th September – Sheryl Woolley, Laurretta Pitts, Justine Erwin, Tania Urquhart.

Thursday 17th September – Tracey Robinson, Natalie Thompson, Deanne Scagnetti, Nancy Ryan.

Friday 18th September – FOOTY DAY - Carole Byron, Carolyn Kelly. Is anyone else available to help??? We need as many as possible.

FOOTY DAY LUNCHEON – orders due back

tomorrow

Friday 18th September, 2009



Finals fever is here, and to celebrate we are having a special luncheon for Footy Day on the last day of Term.3. We will be offering you the choice of

either a Meat Pie or Hot Dog

with a LOL and donut for only \$5.00.

If you would like to order please send your order (one per child) to the canteen by 11th September. **There will be no other lunch orders available on this day.** No late orders will be accepted.

Don't forget to come dressed in your footy gear!

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FOOTY DAY LUNCHEON – Friday 18th September

Name.....

Grade.....

- Meat Pie or Hot Dog
- Sauce
- Raspberry LOL or Tropical LOL
- Donut

NUNA TRIATHLON KIDS – SPLASH ‘N’ A fun non-competitive event with distances catering for all abilities:

- 25m swim (kickboard optional)/500m run or walk
- 100m swim/500m run
200m swim/1km run
Sunday 13th September **At** Tintern Senior School East Ringwood (Enter off Loma Street) 1pm (Rego 12.30pm)
Cost: \$5 payable on day, all pre-entered

Who: Open to all primary school aged children who have registered as 09/10 Triathlon Kids member (\$20). (If not already a Triathlon Kid 09/10 member, register online at www.triathlonkids.com.au before 10th September 2009)
Entry Includes: Swim/run event and Finishing Certificate
Entries to karina@nunatriclub.com **by Thurs 10th September at 5pm**
(Please email childrens names, age and primary school to Karina. further information call Karina – 0407 803 793

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GO FISHING IN VICTORIA

Family Fishing Festival – Lillydale Lake Saturday 19th September 9 am – 4 pm. Free fishing activities, learn fishing skills. Call 136 186 to pre-register.
www.dpi.vic.gov.au/gofishing Lillydale Lake is regularly stocked with large 'ready to catch rainbow trout.