



NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

- Fri 27 March** Easter raffle tickets due back
Mon 30 March Easter raffle draw-Assembly
 Hot cross bun orders due
Parents' Club meeting
Tues 31 March Parent Teacher interviews
 12 p.m. -6 p.m.—normal classes will not operate
Fri 3 April Year 5/6 Camp deposit due
 Sausage sizzle lunch-time
 Last day of term. 2:15 finish

Building The Education Revolution ... Great news!

Our school is one of only four in the Wellington district to be first off the rank in accessing Commonwealth government funding to improve school facilities. This is in recognition of our teaching and learning data which continues to show on-going improvement. Well done teachers! So what does it all mean? We will receive a \$2 million new building facility and the best news is that the project will start next term! We will be targeting the Year 3-6 area and ultimately we will have a new learning environment which is functional and flexible. We will be told what design will best suit our needs (according to our budget) and a Project Manager will be appointed to oversee construction and location. This is all extremely exciting, long overdue and very deserved by our school community (and most importantly our students). We will keep you updated as soon as we hear anything else, but expect lots of changes over the next few months!

2009 School Council

Last Monday the new School Council met for the first time. Allan has resigned as School Council President due to time and work commitments. Allan been a wonderful advocate for our school during his three years of Presidency and we would like to thank and acknowledge all that he has contributed to the role. We would also like to thank our other retiring School Councillors Jo and James for their contribution to Council over a number of years.

The 2009 School Council consists of

Parent Representatives:

Rob (President) Maree (Vice President)
 Cathy, Glen, Peter, Anthony, Amy and Courtney.

Staff Representatives

Geoff Avery (Secretary), Sue Burnett, Vicki Monaghan, Heather Ireland, Sue Tudor

Community Representative Ross

With the new building project, this will be a very big year for School Council and our school community in general.

School Uniform

Our school uniform policy will be reviewed at next month's School Council meeting. We believe our current school uniform is very functional, serviceable and represents value for money. There has been an expression of interest in including skorts (which are shorts which look like a skirt) as an addition to our uniform. This is the only addition to school uniform being considered at this stage. A short survey is on the back of this newsletter to gauge if there is enough support for skorts as an additional school uniform item.

Congratulations to our Weekly Award Winners - Your certificate will be presented at Monday's Assembly

Rm. 1	James	Wonderful writing.
Rm. 2	Shayn	Big smiles and playing happily with classmates.
Rm. 3	Cleo	Fantastic listening and always being ready to learn.
Rm. 4	Oscar	A terrific Ant story.
Rm. 5	Tahnee	Writing a fantastic narrative about "The Happy Ant".
Rm. 6	Brad	Writing an amazing narrative.
Rm. 9	Amanda	Always getting to tasks quickly and beginning her learning straight away.
Rm.10	Dylan	A great improvement in his reading. Keep up the good work Dylan!
Rm.11	Alex	Trying hard at all reading and writing activities.
Art	Zaralee	A fabulous change of seasons picture.
P.E.	Kyle	Trying hard during P.E.

National Ride2School Day 2009 Wednesday 25 March

Be part of the action! Leave the car at home and pedal, walk or scoot to school (but remember it is recommended that children should not ride to school by themselves unless they are 10 years or older). We have our brand new bike shed opened last year and we would love to have it filled with bicycles. Feel free to ride with your child if they are under the age of 10.

Our Community Multi-Age Day Thursday 26 March

Don't forget our whole school dress-up day next Thursday. Come dressed as someone in our community who helps us. There are so many choices (fire fighter, ambulance officer, police person, doctor, nurse, librarian, lifeguard, gardener, plumber, builder, painter). Isn't it great to know there are so many people in our community who help us? The action kicks off at 9:10 with a whole school parade in the hall and then the children will be working through three activities in P-6 groups. Please come and join in the fun with us! We would love to have a big audience for our parade!

Parent Teacher Interviews Tuesday 31 March

Families should have been notified by now of their interview time. If you haven't received this information, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. It is absolutely vital that all our families attend these interviews as we have so much information we want to share about your child's progress. There will not be normal classes on this day, but children are expected to attend the interview with their parent(s).

Overdue Library Books

Sandi Clerget our library technicians has issued notes for books overdue. We need to have them all back by the end of this term please. If books are returned in a soiled or damaged condition, you will be asked to pay for the replacement costs. Our books are very precious to us and need to be handled carefully so that everyone can enjoy them.

Parents' Club News

Easter Raffle

Wow! You won't believe how many Easter eggs we have. Thank you so much to our families who made a donation. Easter raffle money and tickets are due next Friday 27 March. We will have our raffle draw at Assembly on the following Monday. Don't miss out!

Harmony Day Celebrate Australia's Diversity at Assembly on Monday and find out all the different cultural backgrounds from which we come. Everyone belongs!

BIRTHDAY BOOK

It's your birthday!!! Congratulations!!!

Week ending 27th March, 2009

Sat. 21st	Melanie	turns	9
Sun. 22nd	Larni	turns	5
Mon. 23rd	Karle	turns	8
Wed. 25th	Maleek	turns	11
Thurs. 26th	Jessica	turns	5
	Jayde	turns	5
	Tahnee	turns	8

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

Hot Cross Bun orders are due on Monday 30 March and can be collected on Thursday 2 April.

Fun Food Day There will be a sausage sizzle on the last day of term Friday 3 April. Order forms will go out on Monday. There will be no orders from the shop on that day.

Congratulations to

Anna in Year 4. Anna has a new baby sister, Chelsea Kate Leah who was born last Friday.

Health Notice

While there is absolutely no indication or evidence of this in the pool at Guthridge PS, the Department of Human Services has noted that the number of cases of *Cryptosporidium* generally throughout Victoria has increased. *Cryptosporidium* is a parasite that is commonly transmitted in swimming pools. It often causes a watery diarrhoea that is frequently accompanied by abdominal cramping. Fatigue, fever, loss of appetite, nausea, and vomiting are other signs and symptoms of infection. We are required to inform all users of our pool of this recent state wide outbreak.

You can help us in the following way: *If your child has suffered from an upset stomach resulting in diarrhoea, you are asked to not allow that child to enter any pool for a period of 2 weeks after the diarrhoea has ceased.*

We will continue to maintain the recommended level of sanitation in the pool but your support in this matter would be appreciated. If you have any queries regarding this, please contact Geoff Avery at the school.