



# NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents,

Tomorrow we have our Internal Sports Day which promises to be an exciting event. Banksia are aiming for a 'three-peat' but they still have a way to go to match the Wattle winning streak of 5 from 1998-2002. I am looking forward to seeing the positive sportsmanship that our school prides itself on – good luck to all of our students. Students may go home with their families at the completion of presentations at 2.00pm.

Also included in this newsletter is information about the upcoming District Sports Day on Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Last Thursday and Friday I attended a Literacy Conference for Principals which focused on the teaching of reading. I gained an in depth insight into how we can help our children become better readers and it was pleasing to see that several of the strategies recommended are already being used at our school. Over the remainder of the year staff will be looking at how we are currently teaching reading and what improvements can be made to ensure all of our students become successful readers. One of the crucial stages in the development of becoming a good reader is early childhood experiences and in this newsletter is a section that relates to this area.

Regards,

*Stephen*

"In Visual Arts we had free choice and I painted two frogs by memory. We had to only use paint and couldn't use a pencil first. I think the glasses make them look very wise!" **By Poppy**

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

### March

Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

Monday 21<sup>st</sup>

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup>

Monday 28<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup>

### April

Friday 1<sup>st</sup>

Mon 4<sup>th</sup> – Thurs 7<sup>th</sup>

### Advance Dates

May 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>

May 20<sup>th</sup>

Mil Lel Sports Day.

Lunch Roster – Amanda Simpson & Julie Greenfield.

Harmony Day.

Finance mtg, 6.30pm.

Governing Council mtg, 7.00pm.

Heat Ups Roster – Judi Paul.

SAPSASA Athletics Day.

Assembly, 3.00pm.

Hot Dog Day.

Lunch Roster – Lucy Innes & Amanda Simpson.

Heat Ups Roster – Bec Scanlon.

District Sports Day.

Parent Teacher Interviews.

NAPLAN

Naracoorte Cross Country.

## COMPUTING RESOURCES

This week the computer resources that we ordered have arrived which is very exciting. Ten laptops and a storage trolley (that charges the laptops when they are not in use) are being set up for classes. They will be a fantastic resource for our students to access during their learning activities. The purchase of these laptops is the first stage in a plan that involves increasing the number of computers within our school with a view to getting more in 2011.

## T-BALL

A reminder that our scheduled game of T-Ball for tomorrow, March 18<sup>th</sup> is going ahead. The games scheduled on the following dates have been cancelled:

April 1<sup>st</sup> (District Sports Day)

April 15<sup>th</sup> (Last day of term).

## HARMONY DAY

Harmony Day is on Monday March 21<sup>st</sup> and SRC have organised a casual day. Students are encouraged to come dressed in the theme 'orange'. A gold coin donation is requested. Orange jelly will be available for purchase at \$1 and biscuits 50¢.

## ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will be held on Tuesday March 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 3pm. Parents are most welcome to join us.

## ADELAIDE CROWS TICKETS

Following the visit from the Adelaide Football Club, we have been presented with 4 tickets for the Adelaide vs Hawthorn match in Adelaide on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> March, 7.10pm. Please contact the school if interested.

## INTERVIEWS

Parent interviews will be offered in Week 10, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will provide a time for you to discuss your child's progress with their teacher and I encourage all families to take up this opportunity. A booking sheet with preferred times for you to nominate is included with this Newsletter.

## THANKS

Thanks to several of our parents who have helped with some requests recently – Aaron Newton for re-attaching a memorial plaque at the front of the school, Deb Burn for coaching some of our SAPSASA athletics participants and Nic Kentish for mowing the cricket oval in readiness for our Sports Day.

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## **DISTRICT SCHOOLS' SPORTS DAY**

The District Schools' Sports Day for this year is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April.

**Please remember that students are to assemble at the Cave Gardens by 8.45am and are to be collected at the end of the day from Blue Lake Sports Park (by 1.30pm).**

The timetable for the day is as follows:

8.45	Assemble at Cave Gardens
9.00	March to Vansittart Park and move to buses
9.45	Opening Ceremony
10.00	Tabloid Events start
12.30	Championship Races
1.15	Presentations

In the event of rain or a forecast of above 35°C the Sports Day will be cancelled. An announcement will be made on 5SE, ABC and 5GTR between 7.40 and 8.00am on Friday morning. The day will revert to a normal school day and Sports Day will be rescheduled to the following week. If the forecast temperature is between 30° and 35° C the Sports Day will be modified to exclude the march and finished at 12.30pm.

Admission to the grounds is free. Children should bring nibbles and a drink to sustain them until 1.30pm. The Softball Clubrooms will run a canteen with drinks and snacks.

All students need to wear a white polo shirt, with bottle green shorts, sneakers and the school bucket hat. If there is any problem with this please contact Stephen before the day.

A programme will be sent home prior to the day.

## **HELPERS FOR DISTRICT SPORTS DAY**

We are looking for helpers for the Long Jump Pit. Could you please fill in the enclosed roster and return it to school by next Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

## **DISTRICT SPORTS DAY CAPTAINS**

This year our District Sports captains will be elected from Year 6 and 7 students. We believe that the role of sports day captains is a significant leadership role and that as a way of reinforcing this, our captains should be elected by their peers. Next week any Year 6 or 7 student that would like to nominate will be expected

to present a short speech to each class and then a voting process will occur.

## **CROSS COUNTRY**

The Naracoorte Cross Country event will be held on Friday May 20<sup>th</sup>. Students run in the age group that they are turning this year, eg. a student turning 10 this year would run in the 10 year old event. Children who are 8 years old (or are turning 8) to 13 years old are eligible to enter. Students will be expected to participate in a try out at school and make a commitment to participate in training sessions (normally held before school at around 8.35am). We also ask for parent support in transporting students to Naracoorte. Please fill out the reply slip if your child is interested in trying out for Cross Country. Further information about this day will be sent home when it is received.

## **CERTIFICATES**

Along with class certificates at our last assembly, I also presented several certificates that acknowledged students demonstrating our school values – this will become an ongoing feature at assemblies from now on.

Congratulations to the following students:

**Maddison Storck** for consistently putting in a strong effort during class activities.

**Riley Burn** for showing good time management by getting his work completed.

**Harry Robinson** for doing great work on his plus and minus ten Maths sheet.

**Cameron Smaling** for completing your table in Science really well indeed!

**Jacob Opperman** for working really hard on Reading Box.

**Jorja Douglas** for making lots of effort with her reading.

**Ian Potter** for always being careful to put his rubbish in the right bin.

**Mil Lel School Values Award:**

**James Telford** for displaying care and respect for others.

**Lisa Fritsch & Amy Kirby** for successfully learning new skipping skills this year.

**Hamish Paul** for persistence when participating in swimming lessons.

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## BECOMING A GOOD READER

**“Research has consistently shown that parental involvement in their child’s reading development is a more powerful influence than any other family factors such as family size, level of parental education and social class.”**

A crucial foundation for children to become confident readers is their oral (spoken) language development. If children already ‘know’ and have used words that they are trying to read it enables them to cope with words that are written in books. Successful oral language strategies include:

- Engaging in everyday conversations with your child.
- Reading and singing nursery rhymes.
- Role playing.
- Word games and talking about particular words and their meanings.

These strategies are relevant for younger children but it is equally important that older children are supported in their reading development at home also – encouraging and having the expectation that your child reads at home is very important – **the more you read the better you get.**

## PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

What is the Challenge?

The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and late August.

All of our children are participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge and Reading Record forms have already been distributed. Mr Savage is managing the Junior Primary Reading Records, Middle Primary have theirs in their Homework



Book and Upper Primary Record Cards have been set up in the Library (thanks to Mrs Hopgood) where children will receive a star for each book read. Please encourage your child to read 12 books by the end of August. Students can read a combination of books from the school library and or home.

Benefits of taking part in the Challenge

- Raises the profile of reading, libraries and literacy in schools
- Gives students a focus for their reading
- Encourages students to read more books and enjoy reading more
- Encourages boys to participate by being ‘challenged’
- Offers incentives for reluctant readers
- Builds self-esteem and pride, school unity, and a sense of achievement
- Increases the involvement of parents in their child’s reading
- Increases library borrowing
- Contributes to increased literacy levels.

More than 110,000 students from 96% of South Australian schools complete the Challenge with many students reading far more than 12 books. All information about the Premier’s Reading Challenge can be found at: [www.prc.sa.edu.au](http://www.prc.sa.edu.au)

## PREMIER’S BE ACTIVE CHALLENGE

This week is the final week of the Premier’s Be Active Challenge. Student information will be recorded on a website and those that have been successful will receive recognition later in the year.



**Multiple Intelligences work.**

**By Holly**

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## PARENT CLUB NEWS

### Fruit Kebabs

Fruit kebabs, provided today to all students for morning recess, were a huge success. Thank you to the great turn-up of parent helpers.

### Canberra Camp Hot Dog Fundraiser

Canberra Camp students and their families are busy fundraising and have organised a Hot Dog Day, in conjunction with Parent Club, to be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Please indicate on the order form enclosed the number of hot dogs you would like and whether or not you would like cheese. The cheese has been kindly donated by Warrnambool Cheese & Butter, Mil Lel for which we are extremely grateful.

Orders need to be placed and paid for in advance by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

### Easter Raffle Reminder

Parent Club will be holding an Easter Raffle tomorrow at Sports Day. It will not be too late to contribute to the basket in the morning. Tickets will be sold during the day at 50¢ each with the raffle being drawn after presentations.



### Fishers IGA Rewards

If you shop at Fishers IGA at the Centro Shopping Centre you may register to support our school through their rewards program. Registration forms are available in store. You will receive a key ring and every time you shop the key ring will be swiped with 1 cent in each \$1 spent going toward Parent Club as a school fundraiser. Last quarter we received a total of \$50 just by people shopping at Fishers IGA.

### 2010 End of Year Concert DVD

If you are still interested in purchasing a copy of last year's End of Year Concert you are still able to at a cost of \$5 which goes toward Parent Club fundraising. Please see Liza Kirby.

### School Telephone Book

School telephone books will be organized again soon so if there are any families who would like to be included, or need a change of details, please let Stacey Stafford know.

**Next Meeting** – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May at 9am. All parents are welcome to attend. Hostess – Sandra Robinson.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

You will find further information regarding the following on our Notice Board situated in the foyer leading in to the Front Office or by contacting phone numbers or visiting websites provided.

### DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB

#### Sounds Like Fun

Lots of hands-on activities while you learn about the science of sound, and make a range of simple musical instruments and noise-makers.

WHEN: Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 6.45pm WHERE: Tenison Woods College Science laboratory  
AGE: 8+. COST: \$1/members, \$3/non-members, \$5/family. To book your place, phone Thea Shaughnessy on 8725 9051, or email [jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com](mailto:jtshaughnessy1@bigpond.com)

### JUNIOR MAYFAIR

Does your child love to sing? Are they aged between 8 and 12? Why not bring them along to Junior Mayfair, where they can learn singing techniques and performance skills and in a fun and relaxed environment. Junior Mayfair has been running for over 15 years. We meet on Mondays at 4pm. Come and try a session for free. For more info phone Lauren 0438 954 549.

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