

NEWSLETTER

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Term 1 Week 4

Tuesday 17 February 2009

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Anne Stewart

I am sure you will appreciate the following from a colleague at a school not too far from here.....

'It was just before the bell and a fourth grade girl came in to the office dragging her school bag. She opened the bag and struggled to lift out a very large tin money box. You know the type of money box—the one that has the \$50 note embossed on the side. She lifted the large money box on to the counter and pushed it across to me.

When I picked up the money box I had to use two hands to lift it—it was that heavy. When I asked her what the money was for she just said, "It's money for the children of the fire -"

"How much is in here?" I asked

"I don't know", she said, "but I have been saving it all my life", and then she zipped up her bag, smiled and quietly left the office.

This young fourth grade student had just donated her life savings !!'

Such is the impact on all of us around Australia to want to assist the children and families in Victoria, and, also not forgetting the people in Queensland where 62% of the state is under flood water. In response to the devastating bushfires ravaging Victoria, we have decided to support School Aid's Victorian Bushfires Emergency Appeal. Our Student Representative Council have decided what we would like to do as a school, and, at last week's P & C meeting, the parent members voted to match the children's donation dollar for dollar. Please support our students in their thoughts for other children.

In 1999, School Aid was established for schools and children to raise money to help schools and children in times of crisis. School Aid is a non profit organisation that provides a way for school children to make a contribution to the victims of disasters. The organisation works closely with Departments of Education and Principals to establish where assistance is most needed. School Aid has launched an emergency appeal to enable Australian school students to support children affected by the bushfires.

We encourage you to visit the website www.schoolaid.org.au to gain more information.

Thank you for your great efforts in sending toiletries to our school which will be going to Victoria later this week.

Congratulations to Whitney (4M) who competed in the Sydney Metropolitan Branch Surf Championships held at Palm Beach on the 8th February. Whitney competed in the U/10 beach events, 100 mt sprints, flags and the girls' beach relay. Whitney won a bronze medallion in the beach relay and has qualified in her age group to represent the Metropolitan Branch and Collaroy at the state carnival held at Swansea Beach this weekend. We are very proud of Whitney's achievement at this level of competition and her dedication to her chosen sport.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

... .. Mrs Glynis Bridgwood

PARENT INFORMATION EVENINGS

Teachers from Years 1-6 are looking forward to meeting parents this week at our Parent Information Evenings. Details are as follows:

Years 1 & 2

Tuesday 17 February from 5.00 until 5.45pm

Years 3 & 4

Tuesday 17 February from 6.15 until 7.00pm

Years 5 & 6

Thursday 19 February from 6.15 until 7.00pm

- Please note parents of students in 5J have a separate timetable and need to read their class note.
- All meetings will be held in your child's classroom.



BAND NEWS

The Annual General Meeting for the band will be held on Thursday 5 March at 7.00pm. Parents of all members of the band are most welcome to attend. There are a number of committee positions that need to be filled and we would love to see our new parents at the meeting.

CANTEEN NEWS

If you are available to assist in the canteen for a day or even a hour or two, please drop in and see us or phone 9875 3269.

Term 1 Week 4:**Wednesday 18th February:**

Heather Laherty, Priya Desai,
11-1.45: Shyama Ratnam.

Thursday 19th February:

Cassandra Collins, Dharni Chanmugan, Sharrie Hodder.

Friday 20th February:

Alanna Paterson, Alison Baker, Sharrie Hodder, Karen Seamons.

Term 1 Week 5:**Monday 23rd February:**

Debbie Prater, Pru Struik,
11-1.45: Fiona Fleming.

Tuesday 24th February:

Phil Brady, Brenda Magill, Vida David,

HELPERS NEEDED FOR MEAL DEAL.**Wednesday 25th February:**

Kimberley Macri, Petro Cloeraine,
11-1.45: Sam Macri, Gabrielle Martin.

Thursday 26th February:

Michelle Friery, Tiffany Budden, Amanda Bull,
11-1.45: **Helper Needed.**

Friday 27th February:

Sharon Smith, Cassandra Collins,
2 HELPERS NEEDED.

SPECIAL NOTE:

Due to unforeseen price increases, Jelly Straws will now cost 15 cents each.

#Tuesday 24th February is Pancake Day. We are having a Pancake Meal Deal. There will be no other lunch orders this day, including NO SUSHI. Recess and Lunchtime counter sales as normal.

New Product for 2009: Mini JJ Noodle Snacks. They come in two flavours: Chicken and BBQ and cost 40 cents per packet.

Just a reminder FUZE DRINKS are no longer available.

A new price menu will be issued Term 2.

We thank all of the above parents and helpers/carers for their time given in helping to provide this service for the children of Cherrybrook Public School.

Nicole Digby and Sue Canty.
Canteen Managers

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

Year 6 Commemorative Polo Shirt

A reminder that the final day for orders for Year 6 Polo Shirts is Wednesday 18th February.

Mirza Tong

Uniform Shop Co-ordinator 0412 041 910

VICTORIAN BUSHFIRE AND QUEENSLAND FLOOD MUFTI DAY

On Wednesday 25th February (week 5), Cherrybrook Public School will be having a mufti day to raise money for children and schools affected by the recent devastating floods in Queensland and bushfires in Victoria.

Students who choose to dress in mufti need to bring a gold coin donation but larger donations will also be gratefully accepted.

Thank you to the Cherrybrook P&C, who have very generously offered to match the money raised on the day dollar for dollar.

CRUNCH & SIP

This year Cherrybrook Public School is committed to improving children's health through education and supporting the Department of Health's Crunch&Sip[®] initiative.



Crunch&Sip[®] is a set break for students to eat fruit or vegetables and drink water in the classroom.

We invite you to support your child to participate in Crunch&Sip[®] by providing a clean water bottle to sit on the desk and a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for Crunch&Sip[®].

Research has shown that drinking water and eating fruit and vegetables is essential for good health and can help concentration throughout the day.

Crunch&Sip[®] will start at our school on **Monday 23rd February 2009**. Please remember to send suitable fruit/vegetable and a small clear plastic water bottle.

Please find attached to the newsletter the Crunch&Sip[®] brochure for further information. You may also like to visit the Crunch&Sip[®] website at: <http://www.crunchandsip.com.au>.

GALSTON HIGH SCHOOL OPEN DAY

Parents and students of Year 5 and Year 6 are cordially invited to OPEN DAY Wednesday 4th March 2009 from 9.00 am-11.30 am. For further information please contact 9651-2222.

WEST PENNANT HILLS SCOUT GROUP OPEN DAY

West Pennant Hills Scout Group will be holding an open day on Sunday 22 February 2009 1-3pm.

The open day will be held at West Pennant Hills Scout hall, Campbell Park, Wilga Street, West Pennant Hills.

OAKHILL DRIVE NETBALL CLUB

Oakhill Drive Netball Club urgently requires players turning 7, 11-15 and Seniors (over 21) to complete our 2009 teams.



Games are played on Saturday at Kellyville commencing March through September and training is held after school at Oakhill Drive Public School.

Please contact the registrar Zoe Nicholls on 9894 4698 or 0407 226 426 or email: odnc_enquires@yahoo.com.au

HORNSBY SHIRE LIBRARY

Hornsby Shire Library will be hosting "An evening with Andy Griffiths" on Monday 30th March 2009 at Pennant Hills Library, Cnr Ramsay and Yarrara Roads Pennant Hills 6.00 pm-7.00 pm. Book-signing after the session until 7.30 pm. This event is free but bookings are essential. For bookings please contact 9847 6738.

CHERRYBROOK PUBLIC SCHOOL MORNING TEA

Cherrybrook Public School and the P & C Association would like to welcome all parents of Cherrybrook Public School to a Morning Tea.

The Morning Tea is on Wednesday 4th March 2009 in the school hall starting at approximately 9.30 am.

This is a great chance for new parents to meet other parents from their class and within the school community.

For catering purposes can you please fill in the form below and return it to the office by Friday 28th February 2009 if attending. Toddlers are welcome.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Alanna Paterson on 0414 980 863 or agpaterson@optusnet.com.au

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Cherrybrook Public School Morning Tea RSVP

Name: _____

Eldest Child's Class: _____

SEMINARS FOR PARENTS

Positive Parenting is a 3hr seminar for parents of children aged 2-12 years. This seminar will assist parents to:

- Recognise the importance of positive communication with their children.
- Learn a model for giving children feedback.

Monday 2nd March from 6.00-9.00 pm held at Interrelate Family Centre, 685 Old Northern Road Dural.

Enquires & Bookings phone 9653 9533.

SPORTS DATES

- Week 5 27 Feb School Swimming Carnival
- Week 7 10 Mar Zone Swimming Carnival
- Week 8 20 Mar Cyclical Sport, Rotation 1 ends
- Week 10 30 Mar Area Swimming Carnival
- Week 10 3 April School Cross Country
- Week 11 6 April School Cross Country Back-up date
- Week 11 8&9 April PSSA Swimming

DIARY DATES

- 18 February:** Teddy Bears Picnic Kindy
- 19 February:** SRC Training Day
- 20 February:** Cyclical Sport
- 23 February:** Young Leader's Day
- 24 February:** Year 2 Gym