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CALENDAR

Fri 27 Feb	Parent EMA applications close
Fri 27 Feb	FETE
Wed 25 Mar	Performing Arts Show
1—3 April	4/5/6 Camp

PRINCIPALS REPORT

Dear Parents,

The Fete Now only two more sleeps, and our lucky preps have the whole day to rest so that they have plenty of energy to enjoy the festivities! Our fete is a wonderful community event, our biggest for the year and our largest fund raiser. I'm looking forward to our first use of the oval, (Why are the weeds green and the kikuyu mainly yellow?), the children's almost unbearable excitement, the hurly burly, seeing past students and families, the fresh juice, great food and produce, trash & treasure . . . and surprises!

If you haven't already signed up to help, please do! While it will be hard work, it will also be fun, a great way to meet other parents and you will be helping your child's school. **On Friday, more people are needed to help on stalls after 6 pm.** Helpers are needed to put up shelters & marquees *on Thursday evening*, to set up *all*

day Friday and to clean the school oval *on Saturday*.

Meanwhile, the fete is invading my office, tomato sauce on one wall and more than ten hampers crowded around the chair. Roll on Friday!

Share Time Our organisation for Share Time this year is slightly different this year. Your oldest child will bring home one notice with all your appointment times for all your children. You should receive it either today or tomorrow. If you don't, please contact your oldest child's teacher asap.

Teachers will have very tight timetables for share time so, please, be on time. Also, if you are unable to keep your appointment, a phone call would be greatly appreciated.

If you wish to see me, I'll be in my office; I intend to clean out my filing cabinet so you won't be disturbing me.

School Garden Despite the drought, our

orchard is doing well, thanks to the early morning watering between 6 and 8 am on Tuesdays and Saturdays during the holidays by our enthusiastic gardening parents. Our students will now take over the watering, harvesting water from the drink fountains. Each class will be responsible for the care of a fruit tree and the surrounding plants. (Each tree needs about 9 litres twice/week.) These include passionfruit, borage, beetroot, pepino, nasturtiums, rosemary and many more I don't know.

The orchard and the bird life in our grounds are two daily delights as I walk in to school of a morning. Today a sunflower was in bloom, (and has more than fifteen more buds!), and the magpies weren't around; the raucous chatter of a huge flock of rainbow lorikeets filled the air. I encourage to regularly walk through the orchard which is on the north side of the hall.

Student Accident Insurance I'm obliged to inform you that:

- the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not provide personal accident insurance for students.
- Parents are generally responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs.
- Reasonable, low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Yours sincerely
Louise Chocholis
Principal

KIDS & FRUIT

Lots of apples this week—Sundowners, Golden Delicious & Galas.

EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

EMA Forms need to be at the office by Friday, 27th February.

2009 Application Forms are available at the office. Please also bring your health care card or pension card with you.

Sorry we cannot accept late applications.

FETE HELP NEEDED

Thanks to the many parents who have volunteered to help out on fete stalls. Many spots have been filled now, however we do need a few other areas covered.

If you are able to help out with any of the following, please call Robin Curwen-Walker on 9380 2863 or 0409 987153:

- Thursday night set-up and/or Friday morning (mostly putting up small marquees for the stalls)
- Friday night pack-up after the fete finishes at 8.00pm
- Saturday morning pack-up—mainly putting things back where they belong and general tidying up
- We also need stall holders for some stalls at later times after about 6.00pm

LUCKY JARS—Lucky jars still needed. Donations for things to go into lucky jars (wrapped lollies, small toys, hair accessories)

WINE needed for our Grange or Grunge stall. This is a lucky dip for adults.

RAFFLE tickets—more at the office and we will be selling tickets at the fete.

ESKIES—We need reasonable sized eskies. Please leave at the office. Make sure your name is on it.

Hope you can help and look forward to seeing you all for a fun evening on Friday.

Robin Curwen Walker

L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

Studenti have been very diligent with the returning of their compito. Fantastico! Compito is going home again this week. Grazie mille to Daniel's mamma Rosa who kindly borrowed the old versione of L'alfabeto for us. We have had fun listening to our versione and this one and we have all sung along. It was wonderful to see Ananya bringing to class great books on Pompei e Vesuvio direct from her mamma's trip to Italia! Dylan also brought in un interessante book on Pompei and Meg showed us lots of postcards from her parent's trip to Italia. Many studenti are into the swing of speaking Italiano when they see me....also many parents have involved themselves with their child's learning and practising Italiano with them at home. Grazie to all that are so keen to show an interest in spoken Italiano.

Don't forget the great LOTE website; www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/languagesonline it has italiano, tedesco, francese e Indonesian links to follow.

Bella settimana,
signora Bruna

HEAD LICE

There has been a case of head lice reported in Lucy's classroom this week.

Could all families please check their child's hair as soon as possible and treat it if necessary.

Information on how to treat head lice can be found at www.health.vic.gov.au/headlice/about.htm

Please remember to report cases of head lice to the class teacher and/or the office.



LUCKY LUNCHBOX

Our first draw will be to make sure your monitor is collecting your tiat Monday's Assembly....so don't forget ckets.

Thanks, Ruby and Nicoletta.

Back to School Spike



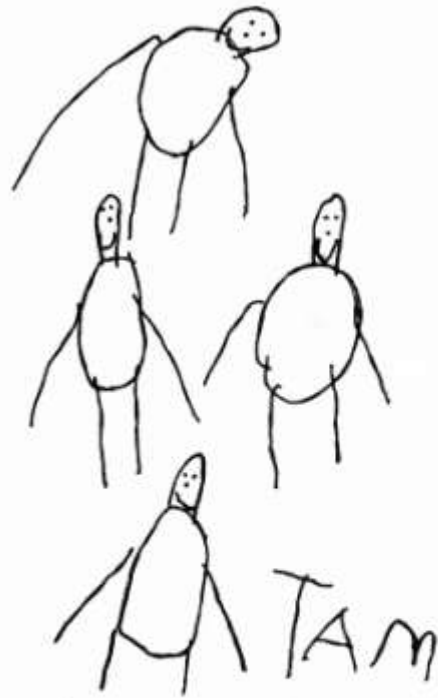
Back to school time presents a phenomenon called the 'February Epidemic', which is a well-documented occurrence of an increase in asthma hospital admissions in children. This trend occurs two weeks after school goes back, with the spike generally occurring in mid to late February.

- An increased exposure to colds and flu, the most common triggers for asthma, can explain the peak.
- Schools can ensure that all students with asthma have a written Asthma Action Plan that outlines their asthma management, including details of medication, emergency contact details, asthma triggers and what to do in an asthma emergency.
- Knowing the probability of an asthma attack is higher during this time of year, it is vital that parents ensure their children take their prescribed preventer medication and carry their blue reliever medication at all times.

For further information, please call the Asthma Telephone HelpLine on 1800 645 130 or visit www.asthma.org.au or www.asthmafriendlyschools.com.au

Welcome to our Preps

This week we welcome the students from Chris's P/1/2.



I like playing with my friends
Rui and Tatsuyuki.
Tam Ho

RUI



I like building with the lego.
Rui Crocitta



I like playing with my friends in the playground.
Tatsuyuki Tanaka



I like playing hide and seek with my friends.
Chelsea Wu



I like to play with Jessica.
Zoe Tsamis



We are going up the ladder and down the slide.
Elisha Bonthron-Nash



Justin Jamolo

**BRUNSWICK SOUTH-WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL
VOICEMAIL NUMBERS
2009**

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS		9389 3329
ART ROOM	SUE GRAEFE	9389 3318
READING RECOVERY	BRIGID MCCAUGHEY	9389 3324
L.O.T.E.	BRUNA CENTOFANTI	9389 3321
ROOM 2	MAURICE RYAN	9380 1074 (reception)
ROOM 3	STUART MILLS	9389 3303
ROOM 4	MARGARET KENNEDY	9389 3304
ROOM 8	DON GROSS	9389 3308
ROOM 9	KELLY LEYDEN	9389 3309
ROOM 11	BARB SMITH	9389 3311
ROOM 13	CHRISSY TEMPLE	9389 3313
ROOM 14	CHRIS GOSS	9389 3314
ROOM 15	CATHY JESSOP	9389 3315
ROOM 16	KAY READING	9389 3316
ROOM 19	CAROLINE WIGNELL	9389 3319
ROOM 20	LUCY WILLIAMS	9389 3320
ROOM 22	BASEROOM	9389 3322
ROOM 23	CECILIA SINCLAIR	9380 1074 (reception)

ADVERTISING

GET THE MARKET OUT OF CHILD CARE

A public meeting on the future provision of child care in the Moreland area.

At least two child care centres in the Moreland area are threatened with closure (Blyth St ABC and Kids on the Avenue, Coburg). The failure of ABC Learning has proven that child care should not be for profit. It's time for federal, state, and local government to act and secure a not-for-profit future, fully funded and regulated by the government, for all child care centres threatened with closure.

Return Child Care to Public Hands

Speakers include: Barbara Romeril, Community Child Care Vic.
Kelvin Thomson, ALP MP Wills
Colleen Hartland, Greens MLC
Paul Slape, Australian Services Union

Chaired by: Toby Archer (Greens, Moreland City Council)

Moreland Community Health Centre, 93 Bell St., Coburg
Saturday, February 28, 2.30pm—4.00pm (near corner Sydney Road)

For more details ring Reita Mason 9383 3147

Endorsed by: Solidarity, the Greens, the Australian Services Union, the Moreland Community Health Service.

MOOMBA Waterfest

FREE fun over the Labour Day long weekend
(6-9 March).

Pick up the Moomba Waterfest 2009 event
program at the school office.



**FITNESS
ADDIX**

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*Open 6 Days a Week
Mon - Fri 9am - 10pm
Sat 10am - 2pm
*Subject to change
Sunday - Opening soon

THERE'S ONLY ONE THING WORTH BEING ADDICTED TO!

KID'S FITNESS CLASSES AT FITNESS ADDIX

Two classes for different age groups. NO Contract Fee. NO Joining Fee.

4.30pm - 5:00pm
5 - 7 year olds
"LITTLE ADDICTS"

5:00pm - 5.45pm
8 - 12 year olds
"THE CONTENDERS"

Monday / Wednesday / Friday

More classes available for specific sports Tuesday and Thursdays...please call to find out more.

These classes are dedicated to educating children on how fun it is to be fit and healthy and find out what they love and what they are good at in one action packed class. Motivating, fun, rewarding and challenging programs look at fitness, sport specific skills, nutrition, discipline, dedication, co-ordination and much more.

The classes cover sports such as football, soccer, boxing, kick boxing, martial arts, body weight training, gymnastics, ball skills, dance, and much more.

A team of dedicated trainers are here to encourage and educate children allowing parents to train in the fully equipped gym while they wait.

Cost - \$150.00 per 9 weeks (based on school terms)
Maximum 3 classes per week per child

All trainers have level 2 first aid certifications and are qualified to instruct over a broad range of areas including strength and conditioning coaching (allie level), gymnastics, martial arts, boxing and much more. All trainers are certified in children's fitness, personal training and group fitness.

Please call for more information.



**Each child
receives a
T-Shirt and
Drink Bottle**