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CALENDAR

Mon 20 July	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
Wed 29 July	Fete Meeting 7pm
Fri 14 August	Trivia Night
Mon 17 August	School Council Meeting 7.30 pm
2—4 September	Italiano Campeggio

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parents,

The start of each semester abounds with promise. Minds, spirits and bodies are rested, flexible and patient. Any and everything is possible. It's a time to cherish. What's ahead?

Our students, if they haven't already done so, will each write an Individual Learning Plan (ILP) for this second semester. (You may have talked about these next goals at your child's student led conference in the last week of term.) This plan will be brought home for you to endorse; once it is returned to the teacher, your child will receive a copy to keep at home. Children can be supported best in their learning when they, their parents and their teachers are in agreement about the goals that will take their learning to the next stage.

The teachers are active participants in professional development. Two main projects over the next six months are improving the instruction of writing and maths by implementing some common, teaching and

learning procedures. One of these is explicitly teaching students how to "get their knowledge ready" at the start of a lesson, ie, setting them up to learn more about what is going to be taught; another is a focus on vocabulary learning. Following on from last year, leading maths educator, Andrea Hillbrick, will spend three days working in classrooms and with teachers after school. This is an exciting prospect.

For the school, preparing the four year plan for improvement, the School Strategic Plan 2010-2013, is the major curriculum work. Managing the Commonwealth-funded projects, the National School Pride (NSP \$125,000) and Primary Schools for the 21st Century (P21 We expect \$2,000,000) will be transforming work that will continue into 2010.

Some Reminders *Being on time* to school, between 8:45 pm and 9:00, is important. Lateness has a negative effect on the education of not only those students who are late, but also on the other students in the class. For the tardy student, it's like being late to see a movie and not being able to understand what's happening, who the characters are and what the plot is.

Teachers have staff and team meetings each Tuesday and Wednesday after school. Consequently, they are not available at that time to meet with parents.

Human Swine Flu, H1N1 Good general hygiene is an important part of preventing the spread of this. Please reinforce with your children the importance of washing their hands and covering their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. If they are unwell, keep them at home.

2010 Preps If you have a child who will be starting school next year, please phone for, or collect, an enrolment form at your earliest convenience.

Belated Thank You Thank you to parents, **Amelia Watkins, Lisa Stephens, Lola Dimitropoulos, Minnie Frysteen, Natasha Silke and Rose Lau, Natasha Silke** for organizing Pie Day, a great "end of term", warming event.

Baby Boom Update Wishes and flowers were sent to our new parents, Lucy Williams & Peter Hocking, Kelly Leyden and Cecilia Sinclair from BSWPS community.

Davis McCaughey Williams hit 1 kg last night so he has nearly doubled his weight. He will be in the *Herald Sun* next Sunday as part of an article about a grant the Royal Women's has been given for research into premature babies.

Yours sincerely,
Louise Chocholis

HEAD LICE

There has been a case of head lice in Elaine's class in room 23. Please check your child's hair.

L'ANGOLO ITALIANO

Welcome back to another term. Studenti from 3-6 will start with I numeri. Back by popular demand are the giochi of SU E GIU', SCAMBIO and a new one called SOMME. Find out how to play these by asking any studente! We will then revise I COLORI and then start our wonderful unita` on Roma and Pompei. I have already heard about all the studenti that have visited the Museo di Melbourne to see the wonderful exhibition on Pompei. Jesse C also brought in some wonderful coin replicas from that era. Many enjoyed the 3D movie on the eruption. Preparations are also on the way for IL CAMPEGGIO ITALIANO.

Saluti, signora Bruna

LUCKY LUNCHBOX

Don't forget to help your monitor collect your tickets. First draw for the Term will be on Monday!

Nicoletta

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos were sent home today.

If you have any queries, or you have late orders to send in, please contact Schoolpix direct:

Schoolpix,
P.O. Box 5222,
Hallam 3803
Ph: 9796 3380
Email: info@schoolpix.com.au

SRC PHOTOS

If your child is a SRC representative, you can order a photo. A copy of the SRC photo is displayed at the office. Envelopes went home with your child today.

LINGO LEARNERS FRENCH CLUB

We have places available next term in the French club held after school on Monday afternoons in Room 21. AMUSE-TOI BIEN ["Enjoy yourself"] is a fun, friendly after school French club which offers an introduction to the language and culture of France using games, songs, role-plays and other activities all designed to be stimulating and fun for children.

AMUSE-TOI BIEN clubs give children the opportunity:

- To learn French at an age when they are most receptive and uninhibited
- To learn in small classes with children of their own age-group
- To achieve a high standard through activities that are interesting, rewarding and fun
- To have some experience of learning French prior to secondary education

The cost of the program next term is \$120 per child. Sessions are held at school on Monday afternoons from 3.45 - 4.45pm. No previous experience of French is required. To enrol your child or for further information please contact LINGO LEARNERS directly on 9375 4776 or by email info@lingolearners.com.au. Merci beaucoup et à bientôt!

ART ROOM

The first ART SHOW meeting is next week—Monday, 20th July, 3.45 in the art room. All welcome—no expertise needed—just enthusiasm!

Hope to see a few new faces.

A very big thank you to Jenny Simpson for washing the smocks and Helen Ralston for doing lots of tricky sewing.

Cheers
Sue

PORTFOLIOS

It is time to make sure all students' portfolios are returned to school, ready for term three work to be added. We hope you've enjoyed sharing some of the highlights and achievements of semester one that students have displayed in their portfolios.

Cathy

FETE MEETING

There will be a fete meeting on Wednesday, 29th July, 7pm in the staffroom.

All welcome.

Newsletter Insert: READ FOR 30 DAYS – CELEBRATE 30 YEARS!!

There's still time for students to join in the celebrations of the 30th year of the MS Readathon. Due to popular demand the reading period for the 30th **MS Readathon** has been extended! Students can now read for any 30 day period during the months of June, July or August. Here's how to get involved:

- Click** online for free registration and receive a **FREE** MS Readathon wristband
- Flick** through books during the months of June, July or August (you can count books from other reading programs too)
- Collect** sponsorship donations from family and friends and collect some terrific rewards

Visit www.msreadathon.org.au or call 1300 677 323 for more details.



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EMA (EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE)

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Application close on **7 August 2009**.

Parents who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August/early September.

If you did not receive the 1st instalment and you have a Health Care Card or Pension Card valid for 13 July 2009, you can apply for the 2nd instalment.

Parents who transferred children from another school after 27 February and prior to 7 August, 2009, must reapply here for the second instalment.

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by **7 August 2009** for the second instalment.

Sorry, we cannot accept late applications.

Contact Heather at the office for application forms and further information.

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn here at Brunswick South West Primary School

Come and join in the fun of learning to play here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts an Instrumental Music Program of small group classes at school each week aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music.

Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from \$13.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for term 3. Interested parents should call Mary-Anne during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au

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Trivia Night

14th August 2009

7pm for a 7.30pm start

\$15 per head

Tea, coffee & dessert provided

BYO everything else

Limited Tickets

10 per table

Great Prizes

Prizes for the best themed table or

best dressed table

Book at the office