PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Important Dates

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Message from your PA

Hello All,

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and enjoyed the blessings of the Easter period, whether it be Christian or Orthodox. I certainly enjoyed spending some quiet time with my family during this time.

As ever we are hitting the ground running. Please see further on in the newsletter for information on the Mothers’ Day functions. Times for the Second hand uniform shop will be published in the school newsletter ASAP. If you would like to be a late starter in the footy tipping, please contact Shane Whitwell ASAP.

We have most classes covered with co-ordinators now, please check with your child’s teacher to see if they have someone to assist them, the job does not entail much, just occasional contact with your fellow families in the class to remind everyone of upcoming events including PA events, and school events. Please contact me if you would like to help out.

Thankyou
Josie

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∞ Upcoming events ∞

Mothers’ Day Stall
The PA Mothers’ Day stall organization is well underway. For our new families to the school the PA co-ordinates a stall so that our children have the opportunity to purchase gifts that they can select for themselves and surprise mum with. Coming soon will be a list of gifts and prices, these are well priced and the children can buy something nice for mum for under $10. Students will be given the opportunity at selected times including recess to purchase gifts. A maximum of 2 gifts per child will be allowed, to ensure all children have the opportunity to purchase. Once this has occurred, there may be a chance for children to purchase further gifts.

This year, the Mothers’ Day stall is being organised by Maria Raucci and Connie Ferrara. Please contact us if you are able to help Maria and Connie on the stalls on Monday 4th or Tuesday 5th May.

Mothers’ Day Breakfast
If you are new to our school community, you may not be aware that each year the PA host a Mothers’ Day breakfast in the school hall. Breakfast commences from 7am and finishes at school start time. The proceeds of the stall sales enable us to pay for the breakfast. Mothers’ Day breakfast is for Mum’s / Grandma’s / Carers and students; Dad’s you will get your turn to have breakfast with your children later in the year.

Stavroula Katavolos is coordinating the breakfast for the PA. Please see the form further on in the newsletter to book for breakfast. Please note that you will not be able to share breakfast if you have not booked (we need to ensure we have catered for everyone) Please return your form to the office by Monday, 4th May.

On this form is also a return section for Dads to assist on the morning. We need your help to cook the BBQ, serve breakfast, clean tables and do dishes (and we so deserve it….. but again remember, we return the favour in September for Fathers’ Day) Please contact Stav or Josie if you have questions or if you can help.

There will be raffle tickets available for purchase on the day for some beautiful gifts. This is a wonderful tradition at our school and the kids love having a special breakfast with their Mum and their Friends as well.

Father & Son Camp – Save the Date ** Saturday 17th Oct & Sun 18th October **
This year the Father & Son camp will be held at The Summit (www.thesummit.net.au) and the activities and accommodation on offer will vary from the YMCA camps.

We can confirm the accommodation will be in the 5 Star Tent Village. Each tent will have its own 12 volt lighting, individually heated (seasonal only), with veranda, tables & chairs. The tent village also has its own toilet and shower block. Each tent will accommodate 6 people; 4 on bunk beds and 2 on mattresses.

Example of activities on offer:
- **Snowy River Challenge** – An obstacle course of ropes, swings, mud pits and tunnels.
- **Sky Bridge** – Participants to walk across an 80m suspended bridge

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- **Bush Challenge** – An obstacle course which includes a mud wall, getting out of a foam pit, travelling across low wires, memory game, finished off with a giant puzzle.
- **Rock Wall, Giant Swings, Leap of faith...plus more**
- Evening activities to include; Inflatable City (Indoor Giant Human Foosball), Night Walk...

Payment is not required until October; however, we would appreciate if you can please register your interest/details to Lilian talarico497@gmail.com or to Lori lori.dinatale@optusnet.com.au.

∞ **Recent events **∞

**Shrove Tuesday – the Student’s Perspective**
As we gathered at the front door to the hall, the scent was like a gateway to heaven. The pancake aroma lured us into a dream of all things sweet and sticky. After entering the hall, the parents gave us exquisite pancakes that put smiles on our faces.
As I took my first bite it was a melting sensation. I just couldn’t stop and I engulfed the whole pancake. When the teacher told us that we could have seconds, it felt like I had just won a prize! I slept with sweet dreams of maple syrup, lemon and sugar.
We would like to thank the Parent Association and volunteers for their contribution to our Shrove Tuesday ritual. We appreciate the work that was put in to provide TWO pancakes for every student!

Joel and Abigail
Level 5/6

**End of Term 1 Sausage Sizzle**
Once again, the PA put on a sausage sizzle for the students. We would like to thank our helper for the day - Joylene Donovan, Anna Giannikos, Angela Stefanatos, Josie Hill, Dave Cochrane, Gavin Kenny and Jacob Zerger.

**Mother Daughter Camp**
The Mother / Daughter camp held on the weekend of the 13th & 14th of March provided an enjoyable, adventure filled time for all the mothers and daughters who attended. We were blessed with beautiful weather!

The activities we chose this year were: Beach Games, Raft Building, Geo Caching, Tree Top Adventures, Rock Pool Rambling, Kite Flying, Low Ropes and Orienteering. It was lovely to see kites flying around at the end of each day and to hear the girls and mums talking about their various adventures.
After a great day outdoors the night time activities were Games and a Movie.
We would like to thank the following parents for their help:
- Renea Wintle & Kimberlea Flynn (organizing games)
- Danielle Buckhurst, Joyce Peacock, Aph Bizouard, Nicky Predl, Renea Wintle, Maria Raucci and Sumi Thilak-Mathew (Group Leaders)

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A special thanks from the PA on behalf of the school community for the tireless efforts of the camp organisors Jessica Manton, and Stavroula Katavolos

∞ Footy Tipping ∞

Footy season has begun, and so has the sacred heart tipping competition! With a late scramble, we managed to increase the participation in this year's competition from 13 to 21 in the last 24 hours before the 1st round so thanks to all involved.

The 1st 3 places are filled by William Soulsby, Emily Venturoni & Jen Suares all on 11 points.

For clarification/example if there happens to be 3 people on top at the end of the season, they will share 1,2 & 3 prizes between them. With the amount of members on hand the minimum prize pool should look as follows -

1st - 65% $402.00
2nd - 25% $155.00
3rd - 10% $63.00

This allows for $15.00 per week to be allocated for the tipper of 9 winners per round, which has jackpotted $45.00 for round 3 (Jen Suares so close in round 1 with 8 winners tipped). If there are any funds left from this section at the end of Round 23, this will go back into the general pool to be distributed to the winners/placegetters.

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Payment for the competition is due by the beginning of this round so for those that have not paid, or need an extension, please contact Shane Whitwell ASAP.

∞ Cake Raffle ∞

The cake raffle has commenced. It is wonderful to see the children getting excited about the prospect of winning a cake, whilst learning that this process raises money that we use for pastoral care in our community. If you know of anyone who needs some pastoral support due to illness, death in the family or hardships, please contact Jan Morice or Josie.

∞ Scholastic Book Club ∞

Book Club has had a Make-over!

New brochures
- These are now specifically targeted at your child’s age group. No more shuffling of multiple brochures!
- Also, keep an eye out for the $1 and $2 books in every issue! These are really great popular and current books and are very affordable!

Pay and order online
- Use the new scholastic LOOP system to create orders and pay online. No more sending orders to school!

OR

Use the scholastic LOOP app to create orders
- Download the scholastic LOOP app from the app store to create orders directly from your mobile device!

The LOOP system is the preferred form of payment; we will however still accept cash or cheques payments if required.
MOTHERS DAY BREAKFAST

Friday 8th May 2015

Breakfast commences at
7.00am and finishes at school start time.
Place – School Hall

Come along and enjoy breakfast with your children whilst being waited on by our volunteer fathers.

To organise catering, it is important that you complete and return this slip by Monday 4th May 2015.

Yes I am coming and my children are coming. Indicate the total number attending:

Family Name:_________________________________________

Adults__________________ Children____________________

________________________________________________________________________

We need the help of fathers on the day. Yes I can help.

Name___________________ Telephone___________________

Indicate the time you can help by circling. I can help between:

6.30-7.30am 7.30-8.30am 8.30-finish