



# NEWSLETTER

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## SCHOOL COUNCILLORS:

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## Dear Parents and Students:

**Thanks:** We are coming to the end of another busy term. We appreciate the ongoing support from our parent, friends and community volunteers. Without their help, many of our school programs would not be able to be maintained. Thank you all so much.

**Swimming:** Next term we look forward to our annual swimming program. This will be conducted in the first and third weeks of November. We will be subsidising the instruction and pool entry costs for all students with our Drought Relief Grant. The cost therefore to parents will be \$2 per day. We hope all families will take the opportunity to participate in the program as we may not be able to offer the same level of assistance in the future.

**School Musical:** We have also engaged a production company to assist us to present a whole school musical performance on December 3<sup>rd</sup>. This company "Musical In A Day" assists us with staging, costumes and the co-ordination of the production. Keep the date free for a wonderful night of entertainment.

**Staff:** We wish Mrs Angus a restful long service leave for the first five weeks of term and welcome back Mrs Jade Loricco in Chris' absence.

**Holidays:** I wish everyone a safe and restful vacation and look forward to the busy final term for 2009.

**Judy Foley-Acting Principal**

## MEASLES

We've had two cases of the measles recently. A child must stay home for at least four days after the onset of the rash. It is recommended that unimmunised students should stay at home for 14 days after they've been in contact with a child who has the measles. (Regulations 13 & 14 of the Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 2001). A letter was sent home to some families this week requesting their child's immunisation details. Your

child's current immunisation certificate can be obtained at the Medicare office. Please bring in the certificate if you received a letter.

## PEER MEDIATION

Many thanks to our hard working Year 6 Peer Mediators, who have continued to work hard to help solve the problems of their peers. We appreciate that they give up their lunch time to help out at the Peer Mediation Station. So far this year the mediators have helped solve **95** problems, which is an incredible effort. Some of the solutions they have helped come up with are:

- Say 'Sorry' • Let's clean it up!
- Be nice • All play together
- Don't get involved in other's games
- Only use balls on the basketball court and the footy oval
- No hurting • No teasing
- Shake hands and be friends • Play nicely
- Take turns listening
- Take turns to play with the ball
- No hiding unless Hide & Seek
- First play horses, then play skipping
- Dig a new hole in the sandpit

The solutions are easy to put into place and are evidence of the excellent conflict resolution skills the Peer Mediators have developed.

## YEAR 4 CAMP

Camp payment **must** be finalised by tomorrow.

## EMA CHEQUES

EMA cheques are available at the office for families that qualify.

## MATHS & SPELLING CHALLENGE

Our students enjoyed participating in the Australian Maths & Spelling Challenge 2009 during Numeracy and Literacy Week. A total of 136,681 students participated in the event across Australia, gaining 37,877,310 Curriculum Mathletics points, 47,072,435 Spellodrome points and 15,453,386 Live Mathletics points.

Our top students were:

- Joshua Storer (yr 4) with 1,820 curriculum mathletics points
- Jakob Hynes (yr 5) with 3,780 spellodrome points
- Jackson Henry (yr 4) with 1,631 live mathletics points

Well done boys!

## SOCIAL SERVICE

**Footy Fever Day:** Tomorrow we will be having a footy fever day. Dress up in your favourite footy colours and donate a gold coin.

**State Schools Relief:** Thanks for the support for State Schools Relief. So far this term we have raised \$352.90. What a great effort. After tomorrow's footy day the total for the term will be even higher.

**UNICEF:** Next term we are raising money for children in third world countries through UNICEF. This is to provide health care to children. We would like to help save lives of children with diarrhoeal dehydration. A single course of Oral Rehydration Therapy is often all that is needed to save a young child's life. Five small sachets of sugar and mineral salts mixed with water (costs 6c) will save a life. ORT helps 4,500 young lives each day.

## LOST PROPERTY

Once again it's the end of term and our lost property box is overflowing with jumpers. Please feel free to come in and check the box for any missing items your child is not bringing home. Jumpers will go to charity at the end of term.

## CONTACT DETAILS

Please update phone numbers, particularly mobiles or change of address if details have changed recently. It's important to have up to date contact details especially if we need to phone you if your child is ill. Just ring the school or send a note with your child if you prefer.

## STEPPING STONES

Stepping Stones Children's Services are offering vacation care at our school in the activity centre during the September/October holidays. Children between the ages of 5-12 years are welcome to book in. Care operates from 7am-6pm Monday to Friday for both weeks. Bookings are essential on 1300 665699. A timetable was sent home with last week's newsletter. Spares are available at the office.

## SCHOOL NEWSLETTER VIA EMAIL

We have over forty families receiving the newsletter via email now. If you'd prefer to receive the newsletter this way simply go to our website [www.colacps.vic.edu.au/](http://www.colacps.vic.edu.au/) to subscribe to it. Click on the newsletter link, click on subscribe to newsletter and fill in your details. The newsletter will be emailed to you each Thursday. Alternatively leave your email address details at the school office.

## HEAD LICE

Due to the prevalence of head lice we request that girls and boys with long hair tie it back at school. Please keep checking for head lice even during the holidays.

**OUR VALUES WINNER IS  
PAIGE COPELAND  
CONGRATULATIONS. PAIGE HAS  
EARNT HERSELF A FREE LUNCH AT  
THE CANTEEN**

## OUR VALUE THIS FORTNIGHT IS RESPECT

A part of **RESPECT** is **CLEANLINESS**.

Cleanliness means bathing regularly and keeping your body clean. It means wearing clean clothes.



## PLEASE MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

### 2009 CALENDAR

|                       |                                                    |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|
| Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Footy Fever Day-gold coin                          |
| Sep 18 <sup>th</sup>  | Term 3 ends - 2.30pm pick up                       |
| Oct 5 <sup>th</sup>   | Term 4 commences                                   |
| Oct 7 <sup>th</sup>   | Parents Club meeting-9am                           |
| Oct 7-9 <sup>th</sup> | Year 4 Camp-Anglesea                               |
| Nov                   | Swimming - 1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> weeks |
| Dec 3 <sup>rd</sup>   | School Musical                                     |

### PARENTS CLUB NEWS

**Movie Night:** Thanks to people who donated raffle prizes for the movie night. Thanks also to families for bringing along a plate of supper.

**Bags Of Potatoes:** 10kg (\$12) and 5kg (\$6). See Julie at the office to buy a bag.

**Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October at 9am in the staffroom.

### STUDENT OF THE WEEK

|         |                    |
|---------|--------------------|
| ROOM 1  | SHAKIA PEARCE      |
| ROOM 2  | LAURA ELLEMOR      |
| ROOM 3  | NANCY ELABDE       |
| ROOM 5  | MARNIE DUNNILL     |
| ROOM 7  | ALANNAH O'DONOGHUE |
| ROOM 8  | ALEX RICHES        |
| ROOM 9  | JAZLYN LEAK        |
| ROOM 10 | MEGG YOUNG         |
| ART     | NANCY ELABDE       |

### CANTEEN DUTY

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> September

10am-12pm

12pm-2pm

Fiona Penny  
Danni Veitch  
Dianne Wood

Sandra Martin  
Sue Quinney  
Katrina Seabright

### SPORTS NEWS

**Interschool Basketball:** Both our girls and boys teams got through to the grand final last Friday and they played Sacred Heart. The girls lost 21-6 and the boys lost 20-6. Both games were hard fought, everyone displayed great sportsmanship and enjoyed a fun day. Many thanks to Mr Gardiner for volunteering his time to coach both the boys and girls teams.

**Zone Athletics:** Several students travelled to Landy Park in Geelong last Tuesday to compete against many schools from the Barwon region. Liam McCarthy competed in long jump (3<sup>rd</sup>) and hurdles, Alannah O'Donoghue in 100m heat (1<sup>st</sup>) and the final (4<sup>th</sup>), Paige Mahoney in hurdles (4<sup>th</sup>), Mitchell Mackay in Discus (3<sup>rd</sup>) and shotput, Tayla Robertson in 1500m put in a great effort and Ben McCarthy in high jump and hurdles (unfortunately pulled out due to injury). Everyone had a great day and enjoyed competing in warm conditions.

### REBELS BASKETBALL CLUB

**Teams:** Girls teams were distributed with last week's newsletter. Boys teams finalised this week.

Dates for the 2009/2010 season are as follows:

**Registration Night:** will be at 4pm tonight Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> September at Bluewater Fitness Centre. The cost is \$35. Look for the Rebels registration table.

**Junior competition:** commences week beginning 12<sup>th</sup> October. Teams will be notified of the night that they play.

### OUTSIDE NEWS

#### WANTED

Baby animals to display in the Birregurra Preschools animal nursery at the Birregurra Weekend Festival. 10/11<sup>th</sup> Oct. Please ph. 52362169 or 0488 426442 if you have kittens, puppies, guinea pigs, mice etc

### COLAC INDOOR SPORTS CENTRE

September school holidays: Tennis clinics on Wed, 23<sup>rd</sup> & Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. \$12 for 2 hours, coach is Michael Mullen

Sports available in term 4: rebound cricket, soccer & netball, tennis & tennis coaching. Birthday parties too. For all enquiries on the above sports ph. Michael Mullen on 52314788

### COLAC & DISTRICT IN 2 CRICKET PROGRAM

If you missed sign up day, register on the first day of play, Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Oct at Western oval, 9am-9.45am

Season: Oct 17<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Dec, Saturdays 10-11am at Western oval.

For more details/register online visit [www.in2cricket.com.au](http://www.in2cricket.com.au)

### HOLIDAY FUN AT BLUEWATER FITNESS CENTRE

2 weeks of activities, both in the pool including discount Fridays 1pm-7pm and in the stadium.

Pick up a timetable from the front desk

HAVE A  
HAPPY  
SAFE  
HOLIDAY