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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **MONDAY 25th to 29th JULY** - Level 4 Swimming - Continues
- **FRIDAY 29th JULY** - Prep Transition - Story Time, Library 10.15-11am
- **SATURDAY 30th JULY** - PFA Trivia Night
- **TUESDAY 2nd AUGUST** - UNSW - English
- **WEDNESDAY 3rd AUGUST** - District Athletics
- **FRIDAY 5th AUGUST** - Winter Sport Round Robin - back up day
- **FRIDAY 5th AUGUST** - Crazy Hair Day - Friday Fun
- **TUESDAY 9th AUGUST** - District Athletics - back up day
- **TUESDAY 16th AUGUST** - UNSW - Maths
- **FRIDAY 19th AUGUST** - Prep Transition - Numeracy Activities 10.15-11am
- **MONDAY 22nd AUGUST** - Book Week
- **THURSDAY 25th AUGUST** - Tri Skills starts
- **WEDNESDAY 31st AUGUST** - Whole School Incursion - Totally Amazing
- **THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER** - Music - Count Us In
- **FRIDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER** - Father Son Night 6-7.30pm

## PRINCIPAL’S DESK

**WELCOME BACK TO TERM 3.**

The year is passing by very quickly! I hope that you all had an enjoyable break from the regular routine of getting children up and ready for school! I was fortunate enough to enjoy a few days away in Adelaide and particularly enjoyed watching the Saints play Port Adelaide.

At present we are enrolling many students for Prep next year and start with our first Transition session on 29th July giving these young children a’ taste of school’. If there are any families in our community who have a young child to start school next year, and have not yet enrolled, we would appreciate hearing from you as we start to think about next year.
SCHOOL CROSSING
We also welcome Doreen who is our new crossing supervisor. Doreen is not a stranger to the Scoresby area or to Scoresby Primary school. Doreen lived in Orson Street from 1977 to 1982. Two of Doreen’s 4 children, Stuart and Lydia attended Scoresby Primary School in that time. Doreen and her family have had a long time association as volunteers with the Scoresby CFA. Doreen has four grand children and black and white border collie dog named Toby. We are very glad that you have re joined the Scoresby community Doreen and hope that your time with us is very happy.
I am sure Doreen that you will have lots of cheery hellos from the students each day.

VEGETABLE GARDEN
Thank you again to the following people who helped out on the first Saturday of the school holidays – the Sheen family, Andrew McPhee, Shaun Williams, the Warr family, the Sturje family, Susanne Pedersen, Kevin Hallett, Peter Ryan, Syl Wellinger, Amanda Norman and Christine McEvoy. We were able to complete the construction of the second large raised garden bed, fill the beds with soil and compact a lilydale topping floor in the shed and area where the hot house will be built.
I was particularly grateful to the parents who took over the organising of lunch and the locking up of the area as I had a family matter to take care of in the afternoon.
We have had a load of straw and manure delivered and now need to spread this over the beds and dig it in. If there is anyone out there who could volunteer to help at anytime please come and see me.
On Tuesday 26th July we will have a visit from Nestle and the newspaper to run a media release on the garden project at Scoresby Primary. Then in a few months time we will have a follow up once the work has been completed.

HOW DO YOU LEARN BEST
At any time walking around the school and visiting the classrooms I see that the teachers presenting learning opportunities in many different ways to cater for the needs of all children.
We know that people learn in different ways. Some learn best by seeing, others by hearing, and still others by touching. Knowing our preferred learning style helps us learn and remember new things.
There are three basic learning styles:

- Auditory (hearing the information)
- Visual (seeing the information)
- Kinaesthetic-Tactile (touching, participation)

A child of any age will learn more easily using their preferred learning style, but this doesn't mean they can't and won't learn any other way. In fact, we encourage the children to use and improve all modes of learning. The more senses they use to learn about anything, the more information they get.
When we consider having to learn a new skill or undertake an unfamiliar task if you’re a visual learner - you’d probably like some reliable written instructions, as an auditory learner - someone to tell you how to do it would be helpful and as a kinaesthetic learner - you would probably just get right in there, using trial and error to work it out.

**Auditory learners often:**
- enjoy oral discussion
- need to have things explained orally
- talk aloud while learning something new
- remember by talking out loud
- have trouble with written instructions
- repeat a telephone number in order to remember it

**Visual learners often:**
- remember visual details
- like to have paper and pens handy
- have trouble following lectures
- prefer to see what they are learning
- doodle while listening
- like to write down instructions or telephone numbers

**Kinesthetic-tactile learners often:**
- prefer activities
- want to actually do whatever is being talked about or learned
- like to move around while listening or talking
- like to touch things in order to learn about them
- remember things by recalling who did what rather than who said what

What do you think is your preferred learning style?

SLAPPED CHEEK – We have had a case of Slapped Cheek in the community and would advise parents to look at [http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/slappedj.htm](http://www.chw.edu.au/parents/factsheets/slappedj.htm) for information if you suspect your child may have this disease or contact the office for more information.
*Maureen Fowler - Principal*
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

MESSAGE FROM PROMOTIONS COMMITTEE
Just a reminder that we are selling green environmentally bags at school for $2 each. The bags can be used for shopping, as a Library bag, a swimming bag, overnight bag, etc........ Every person who buys a bag has their name put in a hat for a $30 Village Cinemas Movie Voucher. We have two tickets to give away and they will be drawn at the end of Term 3. So please, buy a bag and at the same time, promote our great school.

LEVEL 4 FATHER AND SON NIGHT
On Friday 2nd September the school will be hosting a Father and Son Night for Level 4 boys and their dads or grandfather / uncle /” significant other” male. The evening will be held in the school hall and commence at 6.00p.m. and finish at 7.30p.m. There will be low impact games, face painting and a jumping castle. For those families who have misplaced the flyer, there is a copy attached in this newsletter. Please note the Expression of Interest return date is the 26th August.

CHESS CLUB
Chess Club commenced today at lunchtime. If you expressed interest last term the closing date for payments was this week. If you have not paid please do this by Friday.

HABITS OF MIND
This fortnight our Habits of Mind focus is “Thinking Flexibly”.

“If you never change your mind, why have one." Edward de Bono

“Just when I think I have learned the way to live, life changes.” Hugh Prather

Thinking flexibly means looking at it another way.

Attributes of Flexible Thinkers:
- Have a well-developed sense of humour.
- Can approach a problem from a new angle using a new approach.
- Have the capacity to change their minds as they receive new or additional data.
- Consider alternative points of view.
- Deal with several sources of information simultaneously.
- Have and can develop options and alternatives to consider.
- Are able to shift their perspectives.

Some students have difficulty in considering alternative points of view. THEIR way to solve a problem seems to be the ONLY way. They see situations from a very ‘self-centred’ point of view: "My way is the way!" Their mind is made up; "Don't confuse me, that's it."

Without alternative points of view, a person becomes rigid in his thinking. Rigid thinking prevents one from being open-minded in various social situations. Students need to practice flexible thinking as it fosters a tolerance of others, especially important in a multi racial society.

STAFF & STUDENT WELLBEING ACTIVITIES
“FRIDAY FUN”
This term we will be having more Friday Fun days after the success of the FUNNY SLIPPERS DAY. On Friday 5th August all staff and students are encouraged to come to school with CRAZY HAIR!!
UNSW COMPUTER COMPETITION

On Monday at assembly students who participated in the UNSW Computer competition will be presented with their certificates. Parents of students who receive a DISTINCTION or HIGH DISTINCTION are always contacted by phone prior to this occasion.

Chris McEvoy
Assistant Principal

PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the 39 students who have completed the Reading Challenge! There are a number of books that are listed as 'Started', remember to check them off as 'Finished' so that I can verify them. All books read need to be logged online by 31st August, this will give us time to finalize and verify everyone’s details before the Challenge officially closes.

Happy Reading,
Jan Hendrey.
SCORESBY PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS BEEN BUSY

Scoresby Primary School has been busy passing on the water conservation message in style to all the students and the wider community through an ‘Idol Competition’. This is part of our aim to achieve Gold accreditation in the Water – Learn it! Live it! Program. The event was organised as part of the Grade 3- 6 Sustainables Committee plan to continue to make sure the sustainability message was passed on to students and parents in 2011. All students that performed were involved in rehearsals and planning for weeks before the event. On Friday 1st June eleven acts of incredible creativity and calibre performed to the large excited audience of students from across the school and a panel of three judges, two teachers from Scoresby P.S. and guest judge Sophie, from Water – Learn it! Live it! (South East Water). The judges found it hard to separate the acts which ranged from raps to poems, performed individually and in groups. The winner went to a dance-rap group of girls who enthusiastically performed and passed on in a creative manner key water saving messages to the audience. The acts reminded us about topics such as using the half flush on the loo, catching water in the shower to water our gardens and reminding people to fix dripping taps. A great time was had by the performers and the audience as part of a busy term doing lots of things around water.

We have also been lucky to be part of SEW / Monash University Research Program. The children really enjoyed participating in the think tank and home research tasks. They also amazed the researcher on the amount of knowledge they actually had on school and home water saving strategies and messages.

Due to the fact we have new tap and basin areas and basins in the school that don’t have buckets underneath to save water I am on the hunt for unneeded buckets and ice cream containers you have around the home not in use any more. Could you send them along to my room, the more the better?

Thanks you.

Syl Wellinger
Sustainables Coordinator

DISTRICT ATHLETICS

On Wednesday the 3rd of August Scoresby Primary School will have approximately 60 students from grades 3 to 6 participating in the District Athletics at Knox Athletics Track. These students have been invited to represent Scoresby Primary School due to their outstanding results in athletics in PE during term 2.

All students that are attending will be informed about the events that they will be participating in on the day. As soon as the times of these events are available students will be provided with them so that they can inform family and friends - if they wish to come and show their support.

If there are any parents that have this date available and could potentially come and help us out with supervision etc on the day it would be greatly appreciated. If you could let me know ASAP that would be fantastic.

Go Scoresby!
Aaron Palmer
FROM THE OFFICE

- Education Maintenance Allowance is now available for Semester 2. If you applied in Semester 1 there is no need to apply again. If you are a new family to the school or your circumstances have changed, and you have a Health Care Card or Centrelink Card come and see us at the office as you may be able to apply for this allowance.
- Found - One Nintendo DS, one watch and 4 sleeper earrings. Please describe and pick up from the office.

Thank you - Linda and Raelene
taylor.linda.l@edumail.vic.gov.au or davis.raelene.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

MUSIC NEWS

JROCK TICKETS
It is only 4 weeks till show day! Tickets orders close next Tuesday 26th July. We will then order our school booking. We will distribute the tickets as soon as the school receives them from Ticketek. If you miss ordering via the school you can purchase directly from Ticketek. (Ticket sales to the public commence on Friday 29th July). The program starts promptly at 6:30p.m

COSTUMES
I am now collecting each child’s costume requirements. Please send entire costume to school in a labelled bag. A note with costume needs was distributed last term. We seem to be having difficulty sourcing child sized Melbourne football jumpers. Please ask friends and family who support Melbourne if they have a child sized jumper which we can borrow for one week.

SCHOOL MUSIC PROGRAM

Learn keyboard, guitar, here at Scoresby Primary School

Come and join in the fun of learning to play keyboard, guitar, here at the school. Creative Music for Schools conducts a School Music Program of small group classes here at school each week. We aim to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Tuition costs from $14.00 per lesson and enrolments are now being accepted for limited places in term 3. Interested parents should call Swee during office hours on 9818 2333 for more information. You can also access our web page at www.creativemusic.com.au

BEST WISHES TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK
Jai S, Patrick S, Bethany M, Emma H, Emma C, Stephanie W, Tajah-Rose W, Daniel K, Melinda N, Jamie D.

SICK BAY ROSTER
Term 3

Week Beginning 25th July  Sanya Gabriel
Week Beginning 1st August Julie Anne Sweeney
How To Boost Self Confidence In Your Children

Boosting your child's self-esteem can be a very touchy subject. Yes, we parents want to raise self-assured, self-confident children, but we do not want to raise children that have unnecessarily high images of them. We also do not want to create little monsters that want to run the house. There is a fine line between healthy level of self worth and a snotty, self-important child.

Should I let little Johnny or Suzie win all the time?

No! What are you teaching them about the real world? The amount of successes a child should have depends on their age level. Sure, let your five-year-old beat you at checkers once in awhile, but don't let them always win. How will he or she react when confronted with a failure in real life?

What are better ways to boost my child's self-esteem?

1. **Praise** your child for doing a good deed or doing well at school.

2. **Catch him or her doing something right.** When you see him or her picking up a piece of paper, tell the child that you think they are being helpful. Thank your child for the kindness.

3. Encourage your children by really **paying attention** when they show you their artwork, school papers, and other creative works. If you just give them a quick compliment and only look for a second, the child can sense that you are not being sincere.

4. **Applaud your children's effort** to improve. Perhaps little Sally just brought her grade from a B or a C up to an astounding A. How should you react? We parents should not only get very excited, but also perhaps give the child an unexpected reward. This is positive reinforcement.

5. **Listen** to your child when he or she speaks to you. Ask your children questions. As parents, we will encourage our children to develop their verbal skills. Make them know that their ideas and views are important. This also keeps the line of communication open between parent and child, which is very important when the child gets older. Children are much more willing to come and talk to a parent about their problems if they know that the parent will really listen.

Self-esteem is an important thing to instill in our children, but so is **humility**. Before praising your child without any regard for the effect that it has on him or her, think. Really think if it is warranted. Is it age appropriate to let a ten-year-old win over and over? Perhaps this does more damage. Should your child be learning a few of life's hard facts?

We want to have happy, well-adjusted children that have a high self-esteem, but we do not want to raise pompous children that others will view as spoiled brats. We need to raise children that are sympathetic to others- children that have a sense of humanity. Too many kids today are much too quick to tease others without regard to just how that damages the other person. We want kids who head their head high, but not kids who have no concept of reality. Make sure that you do not cross that very fine line when helping your child to have a good self-image.


**You Can Do It!**
Robyn Gangi  
Coordinator
CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen Roster - Term 3

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Paola Faiola - Canteen Coordinator, phone 9759 7848 / 0418 331011, Email jamesdarebh@bigpond.com

UNIFORM NEWS

The Uniform Shop is open on
- Mondays 3.15pm to 3.45pm
- Wednesdays 8.45am to 9.15am
- Thursdays 8.45am to 9.15am

PFA NEWS - NEXT MEETING Thursday August 4th at 8pm.

Trivia Night – Saturday July 30th (flyer attached)
We are currently looking for donations for the night, if you or any of your family members are able to make a donation of any kind small or big please contact Megan Siddall on 0400912889 or megan.siddall@team.telstra.com
For any enquiries regarding the PFA please feel free to contact Megan Siddall on either 0400 912 889 or megan.siddall@team.telstra.com

Footy Tipping Leaderboard

- 96 Tips Correct – Justin Scicluna
- 95 Tips Correct – Lachlan Siddall
- 94 Tips Correct – Aaron Palmer and Harris Family
- 93 Tips Correct – Kyle Steele, Mia Schubert and Marion and Caitlyn (3/04G)

A full detailed list of the Footy Tipping Ladder is located on the staff room glass doors.

For any enquiries regarding the PFA please feel free to contact Megan Siddall on either 0400 912 889 or megan.siddall@team.telstra.com

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

This week's activities are Asian Parasols and Coolie Hats and making Sushi.
Next Week – Painting Mandela's – (Pictures that tell a story).
AASC Starts next week Tuesdays and Thursdays, Jump Rope - Skipping and Circus skills.
The Wantirna Jetbacks Basketball Club and our sponsor, Ferntree Gully Nissan, are excited to announce the return of the Junior Jets Clinic in Term 1, 2011.

This introduction to basketball, for boys and girls aged 5-9, is aimed at teaching participants some basic basketball skills, have a lot of fun through games, and make some new friends along the way! We’d love to see some new faces as well as invite back those who attended past clinics.

**When:** Wednesdays Term 3 3rd August – 7th September  
**Where:** Knox Gardens Primary School’s Indoor Gymnasium – Argyle Way, Wantirna South  
**Time:** 4 – 4.45pm  
**Cost:** $25 for 6 weeks

*Bring a size 6 basketball and water bottle*

Spaces are limited and **enrolment is by pre registration and payment only.** To register or get more information, contact Emma on **97634240 0423 862 468**