



Wednesday Weekly

12 August
2015

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From the Principal

Curriculum Day –

This Friday 14 August 2015

Families are reminded that **Friday 14 August is a Curriculum Day with children not required to attend school on this day.** Before and after school care will not be operational with alternative arrangements needing to be made for the care and supervision of children on this day.

YEARS 1 & 2 CONCERT “THE MEOW-DA-SEA”

Congratulations to the Year 1 and 2 students on their wonderful presentation of *The Meow-da-sea* – a story based on the ancient Greek tale *The Odyssey*. Our young performers battled stage fright, nerves and excitement to put on a wonderful show. The story was complemented through the presentation of songs and dances in a wide range of styles, from opera to folk to 80s pop.

Throughout the whole concert, you could see the smile on children’s faces and how much they loved the opportunity to perform.

Putting together such an event requires much organisation, planning and rehearsal. I would like to thank staff who worked hard to support students and make sure the concert was possible. A very special thank you to the Year 1 and 2 team for all their hard work and collective efforts – Mark, Sue, Melissa, Vikki, Chloe, Kerri, Haylee (Musical Producer) and David Perry (Musical Director). Great job everyone!

MATCH IT TV SERIES

Last year, several students attended filming of the Match It TV series. We have been informed that the episode featuring some of our students is due to air on Monday 21 September at 7:00am on Channel 72.

VIETNAM VETERANS COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE

A reminder that the Diamond Valley Vietnam Veterans Sub-Branch, is conducting a Commemorative Service at Greensborough Memorial Park this Saturday 15 August, commencing at 11:00am. A representative group from our school will be in attendance and we will lay a floral tribute during the service on behalf of our school community.

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Due to the unfavourable weather conditions forecast for today, we have postponed our school athletics carnival to Monday 17 August. **As a result of the change, there will be no assembly on Monday with students in Years 3 to 6 departing early.**

ONE TO ONE NETBOOK PROGRAM

Our school is committed to providing a dynamic learning environment that challenges and supports students to perform to their personal best. We aim to continually enhance teaching and learning in order to increase student outcomes in literacy, numeracy, inquiry learning and ICT (Information and Communication Technology). In order to achieve this, last year we investigated the introduction of a learning program that is designed around the use of student personal laptops, referred to as a 1:1 netbook program. Over the last few years, schools across the state have been implementing 1:1 computer programs aimed at fostering and developing skills for 21st century learners.

In order for the program to go ahead last year, we needed a 90% uptake from families. Unfortunately we just missed out from reaching this target with parent feedback indicating that whilst the majority of families were in favour of the program, the costing associated with the program was seen to be far too excessive. We have taken on board this feedback and sourced alternative devices which will serve the same purpose, but come in at a much lower costing figure.

Tina King (Principal)

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Hello everyone

Following our intense week of birthday celebrations, we spend this week dissecting and reflecting with the children on our experiences. We all agree, without doubt, last week was one of our 'better' birthday weeks. I guess everyone wants their 21st to be up there with the best! The fact that the week was 'child driven' made it the outstanding success it was. So far this week, we have discussed our science experience from Monday afternoon's incursion. The children expressing how they would like to expand on their new knowledge as well as setting up their 'wish list' for future incursions. We have also re-danced into our Disco event. Tara and Eden offered their fellow Cool- carers a wonderful afternoon with an outstanding mix of very appropriate hits, which is great as we now have a CD ready to use for many of our musical based games which we play on a regular basis. Prizes were allocated to quite a few lucky children. Sportsmanship, once again, raised its friendly face with the children gallant in their defeats. This afternoon we will discuss our movie experience and the same will be done Thursday and Friday for our Talent Quest and games afternoon. Touching briefly on the Talent Quest (which was held Thursday afternoon), it was absolutely super! A little re- cap on some of our other events include Connect 4 tournaments, origami construction, worm farm development and maintenance, reading and quiet relaxation, homework completion, show and tell, art and craft creativity and of course, much, much more. Once again, apologies to any families that requested care for this Friday's Pupil Free Day. The minimum needs of 20 attendances were not reached therefore, we will not be operating Friday 14 August for care.

Have a great week everyone, call me if we can be of any Cool Care assistance.
Stay Cool, Jenny

Canteen News

Hi everyone! How are you all coping with the cold weather? Hopefully the hot food and hot Milo from the canteen has helped.

As you know, this Friday is a Curriculum Day. So that our many "Friday Regulars" don't miss out – we are offering a **FREE FRUIT STICK** with **EVERY** lunch order **THIS THURSDAY, 13 August**.

Also, a reminder that **TASTY TUESDAY** is still available **EVERY TUESDAY**, and still only \$5.00 for a

- SAUSAGE ROLL OR PIE
- A MINI MUFFIN
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- A SLURPEE OR HOT MILO

Have a nice long weekend!

Cheers, Di and Karen



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The poster features a young boy in a green helmet and red shirt swinging a bat, and a woman in a red shirt and cap catching a ball. At the bottom, there is a cartoon character of a yellow Minion wearing a baseball cap and holding a baseball glove.



You can help our school by collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Just collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points when you shop at Woolworths between **Monday 15 July and**

Tuesday 8 September 2015. We will redeem these for awesome educational resources for our school.

Simply pop them on to a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and once it's completed, just bring it back to school or drop it into the Collection Box at your local Woolies.



SPRINGBOARD DIVING
DVE Aquatic presents an introduction to diving

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7.00-8.00pm THURSDAY, 20 AUGUST 2015

Carey Grammar Sporting Complex, Bulleen Road Bulleen. Diving demonstrations by DVE divers. Diving coaches will run through basic dives and answer any queries. Enquiries: Greg McGregor 0409 333 374, Ken Houghton 0404 480 511 or Tiffany Lands 0400 665 631
HEATED INDOOR POOL



TERM 3 PERFORMING ARTS EVENTS

Take a deep breath ... we have: **Tuesday August 18**, Diamond Valley Choral Festival (choirs); **Tuesday August 25**, Year 5/6 Bands Night at Loyola College; **Thursday September 3**, Year 3/4 Curriculum Concert at WNPS Hall; **Thursday, Friday and Saturday September 10, 11 and 12**, State Schools Spectacular final rehearsals and performance (Senior Choir). And that's just for starters! Looking ahead to Term 4, we have: Prep Concert at WNPS Hall, **Tuesday 1 December**, Performing Arts Concert at Montmorency SC auditorium (TBA) and Choir Tour (TBA).

YEAR 5 & YEAR 6 BANDS NIGHT TUESDAY NIGHT 25 AUGUST

Notices about this event will be coming out soon. All Year 5 and 6 students are involved in this event (formerly known as "Battle of the Bands") which will take place in the hall at Loyola College (just up the

road). Each grade has prepared a pop song on full band equipment, and other ensembles will also be featuring – a fun night for all!

STATE SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR REHEARSAL

Note that Senior Choir members attending the State Schools Spectacular rehearsal on **August 19** have been given a permission form. We will be travelling by train into the city and returning after home time – please attend to this asap. It promises to be a fun day!

David Perry (Performing Arts Coordinator)

AUDITIONS

STATEWIDE TALENT SEARCH

Males & Females 10-18yrs



Don't miss your chance to work with industry professionals and feature in a new staging of this high-energy musical!

Performers – Singers, Dancers, Actors, Musicians, Acrobatic Gymnastics

Technical Creatives – Young people interested in lighting, audio, costumes, hair/make-up, set design & stage management



FRIDAY, 21 AUGUST

Performing Arts Centre

Prep to Grade 2 from 6.00 to 7.00pm

Year 3 to 6 from 7.30 to 9.00pm

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO MORE ORDERS TAKEN FOR GLOW SHOWBAGS.

ENTRY ONLY tickets can be purchased for \$5 until **THIS THURSDAY** - this is the very last opportunity to attend the Disco! We are still looking for **FIVE** parent helpers in the Year 3-6 session (please note a Working with Children Check is required). If you are able to assist,

please contact:

Maria.cogger@gmail.com

PE & Sport News

YEAR 3-6 HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

**** **RESCHEDULED** ****

Due to the inclement weather, our House Athletics has been rescheduled to:
MONDAY, 17 AUGUST 2015

Departing WNPS: 9.00am; Return WNPS: 3.15pm (approx) at the Meadowglen International Athletic Track,

McDonalds Road Epping

If you offered to assist as a Marshall, please come along on Monday if you are still available. If you weren't available for assistance on Wednesday but would now like to help next Monday, please come and see me at the event.

It is important that we have the assistance of parent helpers to make this event run smoothly for all students involved.

**Thank you, Trent O'Sullivan
 (PE & Sport Coordinator)**



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Registrations now available for boys and girls

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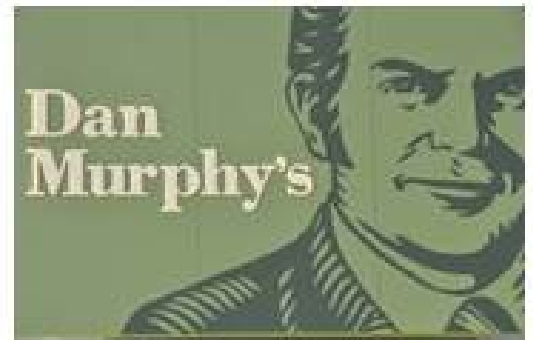
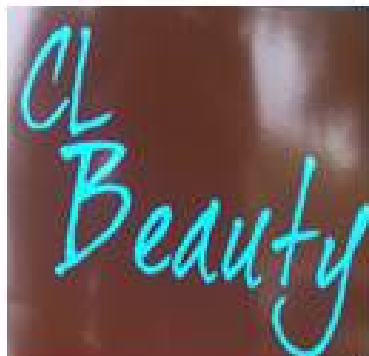
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