### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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### PRINCIPAL’S DESK

**HEALTHY, ACTIVE & ENGAGED STAFF**

Scoresby Primary School prides itself on keeping our students ‘Healthy, Active and Engaged’ and one that values ‘HEART’ (Honesty, Empathy, Acceptance, Respect and Trust).

When we received information about a challenge for a group of staff to take on a “Fit for the Job” Teacher Challenge, it didn’t take long for 11 staff members to put their names down to form a group to take on that challenge.

Our group of teachers will be competing against other school teams to become the school with the greatest average increase in a range of health and fitness evaluations over a 12 week period.
Each member of the team has paid a joining fee and will undergo a series of health and fitness tests next week. They will then use the health and fitness plans which include an exercise program, healthy eating plan and stretching programs to make the difference they hope can be achieved. They will be assessed again after 6 weeks and then, at the end of 12 weeks, there will be the all-telling final assessment.

Each individual also needs to be disciplined enough to record their daily eating and exercise programs in diaries which an online personal trainer will use to keep them motivated.

The ‘Scoresby Heart Starters’ undertaking the challenge are KAREN COSTER, MAUREEN FOWLER, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY, CARRIE SCAMPTON, MIA SCHUBERT, JULIE STEELE, ROBYN GANGI, PETER HOUGH, CHRISTINE MCEVOY. GARY WALLACE, SYLVIA WELLINGER and KYLIE WESTFIELD.

We hope that we can keep you up to date with our results and that at the end of the 12 weeks we can report that we have performed well against the other teams.

DEVELOPING LITERACY & NUMERACY PARTNERSHIPS

This week we had 10 parents attend the first week of the ‘Developing Literacy Numeracy Partnerships’ program on Tuesday evening. Eight of the parents have children currently at preschool. We explored the way children learn and how parents support this learning at home. We also looked at writing and how children develop the skills necessary to become an independent writer. One of the areas we looked at was learning to spell. At school we teach children a range of strategies to deal with the many forms of word structure that the English language presents them with. Spelling is not something which can be just rote learnt, it is a thinking activity which with the use of appropriate strategies can be mastered.

We encourage children to:

- listen to the sounds in the word they wish to spell and record those sounds. They learn that there are many letter combinations which make different sounds and that there is a need to consider which combination is going to be the right one.
- think whether they have seen the word written before and can they recall what it looked like. Using the visual the children are also encouraged to write the word in alternate ways and then select the one which looks right.
- use prior knowledge and make links such as – if I can spell jump then I can spell jumper, jumped and jumping. If I can spell sun and shine then I can spell sunshine.
- understand the context of words such as birthday representing the day of their birth.
- create ways that will help them remember words that are the trickier ones to spell. An example is the way Wednesday is said – when it is going to be spelt the d needs to be stressed and the word could be said as Wed - nes - day. I know that there are many rhymes that have helped people remember certain words as well.

Remember we all learn from having a go and then getting guidance and reinforcement on our efforts. As teachers, we praise the efforts and point out the parts of the word which are correct and in discussion highlight one of the strategies which could help the children correct the rest of the word.

If you are asked at home how to spell a word or are spending time with your child learning spelling words, use some of these strategies to help them make sense of the word as it is more likely to be learnt and retained.

I would like to thank KELLIE SYMONS for her time and work in assisting with the presentation of these evenings.

EDUCATION WEEK

This year we will be celebrating education across the state from Monday 18th May to Friday 22nd May.

Prior to Education Week, we will be having a display at Stud Park Shopping Centre on Saturday 9th May. We encourage as many families to come and visit us. There will be performances by the Choir and Recorder Band. More details and times will follow but please mark down the date.

As part of the celebrations here at Scoresby we will be having an Open Night on Tuesday 19th May from 6.00 to 8.00pm, in which a variety of activities will be taking place around the school. There will be more details over the next couple of weeks.

On Friday 22nd May we will have an Open Morning from 9.00 to 11.00am and would encourage friends and relatives to visit the classrooms to see the children at work. At 11.00am we will be hosting “The Biggest Morning Tea” for the Cancer Council fundraiser and invite as many people as possible to join us for a gold coin donation.

Maureen Fowler,
Principal

OFFICE REMINDERS

EMA CHEQUES
EMA cheques have arrived at the school office. Applicants can collect or sign over their cheque at the office.

SCHOOL START BONUS
If your School Start Bonus Voucher has been mislaid you can get a new one at the office. Vouchers can be redeemed at a post office ($300).

BARBARA YAWNEY,
School Business Manager
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN TEST INFORMATION
In 2008, the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) commenced in Australian schools. The program continues in 2009 with all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 being assessed using national tests in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Grammar and Punctuation) and Numeracy.

All students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia undertake the same tests on the same days. Students have their skills assessed in Reading, Writing, Language Conventions (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar), and Numeracy.

National test results provide information on how students are progressing and support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents and carers can best assist students by making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Their children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class.

All students are encouraged to participate in the national tests and special provisions are made to meet the needs of individual students with special needs. Please contact the school for more information.

The NAPLAN test dates for 2009 are Tuesday 12 May, Wednesday 13 May and Thursday 14 May.

All staff are preparing students with the format of the tests and if you wish to read more about NAPLAN the following website provides some very useful information.
http://www.naplan.edu.au/parents/parents.html

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Special Order photographs of the Student Leadership Team and House Captains are on display at the office. These photos may be ordered at the Office; please see office staff. Each photo costs $15, which must be paid when order is placed.

BEST WISHES TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!
Jarrad C, Malik M.

HABITS OF MIND NEWS
RESPONDING WITH WONDERMENT AND AWE
“The most beautiful experience of all is the experience of the mysterious” - Albert Einstein.

We want our students to feel compelled, enthusiastic and passionate about learning, inquiring and mastering.

Students who respond with wonderment and awe display an "I can" and "I enjoy" attitude. These students seek out problems to solve for themselves and to submit to others. They make up problems to solve on their own, and they request them from others. These students solve problems with increasing independence, without the teacher's help or intervention. We hear their growing autonomy in statements such as, "Don't tell me the answer! I can figure it out by myself!"

Students who have developed this habit are curious, and they derive pleasure from thinking. Their environment attracts their inquiry as their senses capture the rhythm, patterns, shapes, colours, and harmonies around them. They will stand transfixed in the beauty of a sunset, study with fascination the geometrics of a spider web, or be charmed by the opening of a spring bud. They can't help but exclaim their exuberance: "Wow!" "Cool!" "Awesome!" "All right!"

Students who have developed this habit also display compassionate behaviour toward other life forms. These students understand the need to protect the environment. They respect the roles and values of other human beings, and they perceive the delicate worth, uniqueness, and relationships of everything and everyone they encounter.

Christine McEvoy,
Assistant Principal

SAFETY HOUSE NEWS
The next meeting for the Safety House Committee will be held at the Scoresby PS Staffroom on Tuesday 28 April at 7.30pm followed by the Annual General Meeting at 8.00pm. Election of positions will be held during the AGM. All of the Scoresby community is welcome, including those members who do not regularly attend meetings. Any questions, please contact Allison Webb on 9763 7417.
YEAR 7 TRANSITION INFORMATION

Last Monday, 20th April, all Grade 6 students were sent home with an envelope containing their “Application for Enrolment” form to Government Secondary Schools for 2010. Please read this enrolment package carefully before completing your choices for next year, then sign and date your child’s enrolment form before returning to school, no later than Friday 15th May.

It is very important that you and your child use the next few weeks to attend as many Open Days / Nights as you are able, so that you can confidently select the Secondary School most suited to your child’s individual needs.

Please check your child’s school diary, school newsletter and local newspaper for details of these in your area.

If you have any concerns, please feel free to see or call me.

Knox City Council- Youth Services invites you to attend the

Knox School’s Expo 2009

An informative night for parents of Year 5 & 6 children changing to Secondary School in 2010 – 2011

A guest speaker will discuss how to choose the right school for your family, reasonable expectations and social & emotional issues that can arise with school transitions.

A short animation film will be screened featuring Secondary students’ experiences of transition and their advice for parents and young people.

A panel of youth and education representatives will answer questions from parents and young people.

Representatives from every Secondary School in Knox have been invited to attend to promote their school, and there will be an opportunity for parents and young people to ask them what their school has to offer.

For details of School Open Days please visit www.knox.vic.gov.au/youth

Date: Thursday 30th April
Time: 7.00pm - 9.00pm
Venue: Knox Civic Centre
511 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna South, 3152

For more information contact Knox Youth Services on telephone: 9298 8533 / 9298 8308 or email angela.thurbon@knox.vic.gov.au

ANZAC DAY

Parents and friends are all invited to share with us a time to reflect on and commemorate this very significant day in our history by attending our own commemoration ceremony at our flagpole tomorrow, Friday 24th April at 10.45am.

During the week, children will have the opportunity to buy ANZAC badges supplied by the RSL, ranging from $2 to $5 and will be encouraged to bring flowers to lay at the flagpole before the ceremony.

ANZAC badges will be available for sale from the Office at 3.30pm all week, until Friday 5.00pm.

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

“LAMORAC” DANCE INCURSION

Just a reminder to all students in grades 3-6 to wear either shorts or track pants as their uniform on Thursday 30th April for the hip-hop dance incursion. This will make it more comfortable for them to move in.

J-ROCK

Please put the date Tuesday 26th May in your diaries. This day will be a whole-school ‘Alien Dress-up Day’, so get thinking about what creative alien dress-up ideas you could come in. More details to come.

KAREN COSTER,
Performing Arts Co-ordinator

Q. What do the steel in a fridge, a pen, a park bench and a ruler have in common?

Find the answer later in this newsletter...

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

CAN YOU HELP?

I have some requests for items for use in the Art room and would appreciate any donations that members of the community are able to make:

• old newspapers for paper maché activities
• anything to do with cows (eg. pictures, photos, calendar of cow images, cow print, etc).

Thanking you in anticipation.

MELANIE BEERS,
Visual Arts Co-ordinator
**Canteen Roster**

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**Premier’s Reading Challenge**

It is obvious, looking at the increase in the number of books which have been verified this week, that lots of students spent plenty of time reading over their holidays. We still have a long way to go, so keep up the awesome effort.

Congratulations to the following students who have completed their Challenge this week:

HELENA B. and JACK L.

**Entertainment Books**

Each family will receive a flyer / order form today for the 2009 Entertainment Book. These are very popular, as they contain over $15,000 in offers for a wide variety of eateries, retailers and services - so get in now to order your copy. Once we receive your completed order form, with payment, an Entertainment Book will be sent home with your child for you to start using immediately. If you would like to view a copy of this year’s book, please see the Office staff.

**Mother’s Day Stall**

The PFA will be holding a Mother’s Day Stall on Thursday 7th May. All children will be given the opportunity to attend the stall with their class at a designated time. A variety of gifts will be available for purchase, ranging in price from 50c to $6.00. Please provide your child with a plastic bag on the day in which to bring their gift home.

**Footy Tipping**

Leaders after Round 4

- Lachlan Downes .....................26
- Rea Family .............................25
- Christine Williams ...............24
- Luke Hitchin ..........................23
- Natalie Madigan ..................."  
- Jon deLaine ..........................."  
- Maddy Brouwer ......................"  

**Diary Dates**

Please note the following dates in your diary. More details regarding these events will be forthcoming:

- Walkathon – Friday 5th June
- Disco – Friday 19th June

**Ink Cartridge Recycling**

Q. What do the steel in a fridge, a pen, a park bench and a ruler have in common?

A. They can all be made from the cartridges you return through the Cartridges 4 Planet Ark program.

Every cartridge dropped into a collection box is sent to Close the Loop in Melbourne where it is sorted. About half the laser cartridges are returned to their original producers for their remanufacturing processes. The rest are crushed, their component materials separated and used to make new products - ranging from sheet metal to plastic rulers and from pens to eWood, an Australian-invented wood replacement product.

**Next Meeting**

TBC

Thank-you for your ongoing support.

Parents and Friends Association
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE 
SCORESBY 

KIDS

MONDAY 28TH APRIL – FRIDAY 1ST MAY
• Greek Easter traditions.
• Cooking.
• Egg Carton Critters.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES
The activities for term 2 have been chosen and they are Dance/Aerobics (provided by Fitnessworx) on Tuesdays and Basketball (provided by Kilsyth Basketball Association) on Thursdays.

LEAH, AMANDA, CAZ, LACHLAN, STACY AND ASHLEIGH,
OSHC Staff

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Specialist Maths tuition and English tuition
Phone 9574 1764 now
for an assessment and introductory lesson – ALL FREE!
www.numberworksanwords.com

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 private or small group classes each week here at the school aiming to give children an excellent grounding in music. Children will learn to read music and play their chosen instrument. Lessons can be started at any time during the school year. Tuition costs from $13.40 per lesson (payable per term) and enrolments are now being accepted for Term 2. Interested parents should call Swee during business hours on 9818 2333 for more information or visit our web site www.creativemusic.com.au

HAVE A SHOT at LACROSSE

NEXT SATURDAY
APRIL 25th
11.30am
COME & TRY
Lacrosse skill games & BBQ
4 Pupils & Parents
BENEDIKT PARK
Rosehill Rd
Scoresby

WANTIRNA JETBACKS
BASKETBALL CLUB INC.

Seeking players aged 5-11 to join our basketball club

The new Winter Season will start at the end of May and now is a great time to join.

As a special introduction, we are offering a reduced Registration Fee and a team uniform to all new players.

There couldn’t be a better time to give basketball a try!

If you are interested, call Brendan (President) on 9755 8598 to discuss.

IRISH DANCING

Boronia
Upwey
Montrose
NOW AT: KNOXFIELD
Phone Keith for details:
0434517636
59633869
Knox City Council Youth Services, in collaboration with Knox Community Health Service and the Division of General Practitioners are pleased to be able to offer a FREE Parent Information Session for parents in the Knox City region.

“Healthy Kids”
May 6th at 7.00pm
Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy, Wantirna South

Guest speakers will look at a number of issues relating to raising healthy and happy kids and will also feature an expert panel ready to answer parents’ questions.

For reservations or more information please call Crystal on 9298 8311

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You Can Do It Program!

In continuing our development of the “Foundations of Achievement and Success,” all classes have now moved away from our Term 1 focus of “Getting Along” to our new focus of “Organisation.” This is often a challenging one for us all, but vital if we are to keep up with the daily demands and commitments, life in our society places upon each and every one of us.

Our focus will therefore be twofold;

1. To Organise our Behaviour,
   - Making sure you understand the directions to assignments.
   - Having a study schedule or weekly timetable.
   - Writing down class assignments including when they are due.
   - Breaking down a large assignment into smaller parts or steps.
   - Scheduling the various steps of an assignment far enough in advance to avoid rushing work.
   - Following the information/directions written down on the board.
   - Keeping class notes and handouts in an organised notebook with dividers.
   - Handing in homework on time.
   - Studying high priority material before working on less important material.
   - Setting a goal.
   - Using a checklist to complete an assignment.

2. To Organise our Habits of the Mind,
   - Goal Setting: getting a good education will help you to achieve your goals in school as well as to get a good job; make your long-term goals big, to be the best you can be at what you do; setting short-term and daily goals helps you to do your best; commitment to your work helps you achieve success.
   - Time Management: break down long-term assignments into simpler steps; schedule these steps on a calendar; by planning your time, you will have more time left over for having fun.

Please support your children in helping them to understand and practice these important habits this term and share with them, your own experiences of how you use and have used these strategies in your own life.

Thank you for your Continuing Support,
Robyn Gangi
Y.C.D.I. Coordinator