DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 12th JUNE 2009 ........................................................ Report Writing Day – Pupil Free Day (OSHC avail.)
THURSDAY 18th JUNE 2009 ............................................. Winter Round Robin Sport.
FRIDAY 19th JUNE 2009 ........................................................ PFA Student Disco.
MONDAY 22nd JUNE 2009 ................................................... Life Education sessions commence.
WEDNESDAY 24th JUNE 2009 ........................................... Report Information session – 7.30pm in Room 8.
TUESDAY 23rd JUNE 2009 ................................................... Uni. Of NSW SPELLING & WRITING competition.
THURSDAY 25th JUNE 2009 .............................................. Prep – Gr. 5/6 Basketball Clinic excursion.
FRIDAY 26th JUNE 2009 ........................................................ Winter Round Robin Sport.
MONDAY 12th JULY 2009 ................................................... Term 2 concludes – 2.30pm.
MONDAY 20th JULY 2009 ................................................... Level 4 Swimming Program commences.
THURSDAY 23rd JULY 2009 ............................................... Prep – Gr. 2 Basketball Clinic excursion.
WEDNESDAY 29th JULY 2009 ............................................ Gr. 3/4 ‘Hooptime’.
MONDAY 3rd AUGUST 2009 .............................................. Gr. 3/4 Basketball Clinic excursion.
TUESDAY 4th AUGUST 2009 .............................................. Uni of NSW ENGLISH competition.
SATURDAY 8th AUGUST 2009 ............................................ PFA Trivia Night.
WEDNESDAY 12th AUGUST 2009 ....................................... School Council meeting – 7.45pm.

PRINCIPAL’S DESK

REPORTING TO PARENTS

During the first week of Term 3 parents will be receiving their child’s report. The teachers are currently spending time writing the reports to enable you to have a clear picture of your child’s progress at school. Teachers at Scoresby Primary have planned the curriculum very carefully and are eager for you to know what each individual has achieved. The reports will be followed up with a Parent-Teacher interview during the week beginning 20th July. More information will be coming home from your child’s teacher.

The students will receive a letter rating – A B C D or E – for each of the areas they are assessed in. The standards have been set so that children reaching the standards appropriate for their grade level at the time of the year will be rated as a ‘C’. It is important to note that the standards have been set with a high expectation and are certainly not a minimum standard. These standards are used across the State by all Government schools.

For some parents, the A B C D E that they received on their school reports had a different meaning and so there will be a need to look at the letter rating in a different light. The old ratings made comparisons against children in the one grade, at
that one time on a teacher-made test with a certain percentage getting an ‘A’ and another percentage getting a ‘B’, etc. Those ratings did not necessarily relate to a standard across the state or reflect the ongoing assessment which we now use in schools.

The computerised reporting system now used in Government schools requires teachers to enter a mark for a student and then the program converts this to the ABCDE rating. The marks entered relate directly to expectations set at 6 monthly intervals, reflecting the June and December expectations at each grade level. To gain a ‘B’ the students need to achieving at between 6 and 12 months above their grade level and for an ‘A’ they need to be approximately 12 to 18 months above their level.

The comments which the teachers write are very important to consider when looking at your child’s report. The comments will help you understand how your child is performing within the rating.

We will also be sending home their portfolio which holds many examples of their work and builds a picture of their learning.

Ellie Symons and I are offering parents the opportunity to hear more about the reporting system and the curriculum that each grade is assessed against at an information session to be held on Wednesday 24th June at 7.30pm in Room 8. If you are attending the information session, please complete the tear-off slip below and return it to school.

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REPORT INFORMATION SESSION
Wednesday 24th June

Yes, I/we will be attending the Report Information session for parents.

NAME/S ____________________________________________

ELDEST CHILD ___________________________________

CHILD’S GRADE ____________________________

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Maureen Fowler, Principal

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LIFE EDUCATION MOBILE CLASSROOM
As mentioned in previous newsletters, the Life Education Mobile Classroom will be visiting our school during the last week of Term 2.

All students have received a notice, including permission/payment form. Please be reminded that permission forms with payment included are due back to school no later than Thursday 18th June. If you require another form, these are available from the Office.

Parents are invited to attend a free Life Education Parent Information Session on Monday 22nd June at 9.15am. If you are interested, please let me know as places are strictly limited.

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PARENTING SUPPORT & WELLBEING

HELPING CHILDREN COPE WITH FEARS AND WORRIES
Understanding children’s fears

Children get scared for all sorts of reasons. Often their fears seem unreasonable to adults. But even what may seem illogical to adults, can be very real to children.

Some fears are very common amongst children, with different sorts of fears appearing at different ages. Preschool children are often afraid of imaginary things like monsters hiding under the bed. In early primary school children are usually more fearful of real things that might happen, like being hurt. Later fears are more typically about possible failure at school or in sport.

Noticing when children are afraid

It’s not always easy to tell when a child is frightened or worried. Obvious things that the child responds to immediately, like thunder, are easy enough to recognise. But some things are not as obvious. Children may not tell you they are scared. Often they show it through their behaviour instead. When children are scared or worried they may:

• become clingy or demand that a parent or carer stay close to them

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BEST WISHES TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO ARE CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK!

Luke O, Alex Mc, Jordan B, Darcy C, Jessica V, Noah H.
• have sleeping difficulties or want to sleep in their parent or carers’ bed
• lack confidence to do things they did happily before
• avoid situations that make them feel scared or anxious
• ask a parent or carer to do things for them or with them
• complain of tummy aches or headaches.

Helping children to cope with fears
Children need adult support in order to learn to cope with fears. They need reassurance to reduce their anxious feelings, and skills for coping so that they can gradually learn to manage fears themselves.

How parents and carers can help
• Acknowledge how your child is feeling. Naming it, (e.g. ‘feeling scared’), helps the child begin to see fear as a normal emotion that can be overcome.
• Stay cool yourself so you can model positive coping.
• Tell them how you learned to get over fears when you were their age.
• Positive self-talk can help children put fears into perspective. For example, “The storms on TV are far away from here. My house will be O.K.”
• Asking what a favourite hero might do in this situation can sometimes be helpful for encouraging children to be brave.
• Learning relaxation skills is often very helpful for dealing with fears.
• Help the child put realistic limits around the scary situation. For example, Jessica’s parents could explain that the TV pictures she saw were about something that happens rarely and only when the weather is extreme.
• Since television is a frequent trigger for children’s fears it is important to monitor television viewing to minimise exposure to things that may be frightening. It can also help to discuss scary things at the time they are seen on TV.

Christine McEvoy,
Assistant Principal

CAN YOU HELP?
A parent of two children in our school is hoping someone in our community is able to assist her.

Susanne (mother of Lauren 3/4E and Tyler 4/5D) has broken her leg and is unable to drive her children to school until after the holidays.

With the help of family and friends, she has been able to make arrangements for each day except Tuesday 23rd, Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th June (last week of term).

Susanne lives in Rowville, on the south side of Wellington Rd. If there is anyone in the school community who lives in the area or passes the area who would be able to transport Lauren and Tyler to and from school on those days, she would be most grateful for the assistance.

Susanne can be contacted on 0413 955 025 or via Maureen Fowler.

CANTEEN NEWS

IMPORTANT NOTICE
Due to an increasing number of lunch orders being placed with insufficient money included, the following procedure is now in place in the Canteen.

Any lunch orders received with insufficient money included will only be provided with a main lunch item (i.e. sandwich); any drinks, snacks, ice-creams will not be provided. Canteen volunteers will write the reason for items being withheld on the lunch order bag which is returned to students.

ATTENTION CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS
We thank all the parents who assist in Canteen each week – without you we could not operate this service for the children. We do ask that if you are unable to attend on your rostered day, that you please arrange a swap with another parent in advance. In consideration of the school’s policy regarding handling of monies, the Canteen cannot be manned by a single person. We know you will understand our position and thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

CANTEEN ROSTER

| Friday 12th June | Pupil Free Day |
| Monday 15th June | L. Bull, L. Bentley, N. Cavallin |
| Tuesday 16th June | N. Hamilton, D. Connolly |
| Counter Sales Only | |

PAOLA FAIOLA
Canteen Co-ordinator

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the students involved in the Premier’s Reading Challenge – we are now well over the half-way mark on our Challenge Monitor for the number of books required for Scoresby to meet its Challenge.

Don’t forget when you have completed a book to get an adult to sign your Reading Log. This just lets us know that an adult is keeping track of the books you are reading as you are reading them and then we can verify them online.

Congratulations to students who completed the Challenge this week:

OPSIMRAN K., ERIN M., SHAUN E., MALIK M., AMRITPAL K., ANNABELLE D.
WALKATHON
How lucky we were to have great weather in which to complete our Walkathon last Friday. The children were all very enthusiastic and there were some wonderful lap PBs recorded. It was also very encouraging to see parents walking the track with their children! Thank you to all the parent helpers who assisted on the day with setting up, recording laps and packing up. We also thank the staff for their support and assistance on the day.

Please take careful note of the important dates listed below in relation to the Walkathon. Of particular importance is next **Friday 19th June**. ALL sponsorship money and forms must be returned to school by this date to ensure students receive their prize. **NO PRIZES WILL BE ISSUED FOR MONEY OR FORMS RETURNED AFTER THIS DATE.**

Fri. 19th June  
ALL Sponsorship Forms and Money to be returned to school. No prizes can be given for forms/money returned after this date.

Tue. 14th July  
Prizes handed out to children.

SCHOOL DISCO
The school Disco will be held on **Friday 19th June**.

**Prep - Grade 2**: 4.30 to 6.00pm ($4.00 entry)

**Grades 3 - 6**: 6.30 to 8.30pm ($4.00 entry)

**IMPORTANT**: Younger siblings are welcome to attend the Prep - Grade 2 disco, however older siblings may not attend this session. Younger siblings may not attend the Grade 3 - 6 session. These rules are in place to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all children attending the disco.

All children are to be dropped off and collected from the rear hall entrance; there is no access via the front of the school. Glow-in-the-dark bracelets will be on sale at the disco for 50c each. Children will receive a drink and snack during a break at each session.

FOOTY TIPPING

**Leaders after Round 11**

Maddy Brouwer ................. 65
Jon deLaine ...................... 64
Lachlan Downes ................ 63
John Bricknell ................... "
Anthony Papa ..................... "
Collings Family .................. "
Troy Battishall ................... 62
Super Murrio & Friends ........ "
Alyssa & Kyle Balej ............. 61
Christine Williams .............. "

TRIVIA NIGHT 2009

Here’s a date for your diaries…on **Saturday 8th August** we will be holding our annual Trivia Night. As those who have attended before will know, this is a night of much fun and frivolity - with a little friendly competition thrown in! Mark it down now because you don’t want to miss out.

Highlights on the night are always the Raffle and Silent Auction. If there are any members of our school community who could contribute to this via a donation of goods or services which we could offer as prizes on the night, we would be extremely grateful. Perhaps your workplace or business - or someone you know with a business - would be willing to participate. By way of thanks for their generosity, all businesses or individuals who make a donation towards the Trivia Night will be acknowledged both on the night and in our school newsletter.

If you are able to help, or would like further information, please contact Megan Siddall (9763 3334) or Julie Steele (9753 3373).

MEETING TIMES

We would like to inform the community that we are changing our regular meeting times. In an effort to encourage more members, we will now be alternating our meeting times between mornings and evenings.

Our next meeting will be held on **Thursday 18th June** at 9.15am in the Staffroom. We would like to welcome any interested parents to attend, perhaps after dropping your child to class or helping with reading.

We are always looking for new members to join our friendly group of parents and offer fresh ideas for fundraising and social events. Our common goal is the addition and improvement of facilities for our children and we welcome anyone who feels that they could contribute in any way.

Meetings will now alternate between the second Thursday of the month (mornings) and the second Monday of the month (evenings).

THANK-YOU FOR YOUR ONGOING SUPPORT.
Parents and Friends Association
OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE

SCORESBY

KIDS

PUPIL FREE DAY – Friday 12th June
Our program for Pupil Free Day is an OSHC Cool Kids Fun Day! We have developed an exciting program using suggestions from our regular OSHC attendees. These will include circus / magic skills, learning to juggle, a disco, cheerleading, football and tennis skills, cooking our own hot lunch and afternoon tea – plus NEW dvds.

THIS WEEK…
Cartooning has been very popular this week in OSHC. Check out this awesome Simpsons character drawn by Jake. Nice work, Jake!

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

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