PRINCIPAL’S DESK

It is hard to believe that we have only been back at school for a week. All the children have come back into the school in a very settled way and our teaching and learning program has got off to a flying start. It is delightful to walk around the classrooms and the schoolyard catching up with their news. On Friday this week and next week we will be running a 45 minute Clubs program with all students from Year 1 to 6. Christine and I will join with the classroom teachers to offer 12 activities. The students have been asked to nominate the ones that they would be interested in doing and they have been allocated to a different one
for each week. The students will be in mixed age groups across the activities, which gives us another way to promote our whole school learning community.

SCHOOL COUNCIL
All Government Schools in Victoria have a School Council which is formed with elected parent and staff representatives. Parents on School Council have valuable viewpoints and skills which can help shape the direction of the school.

Our School Council consists of 8 parent representatives, who cannot be employed by DEECD in any setting, and 4 staff representatives. The Principal is the Executive Officer of the School Council.

The term of office is for two years with half the members retiring each year, creating vacancies for the annual school council elections.

We have come to that time again when we need to start the process. This year we have 4 parent member positions vacant. The 2 year term is completed for Peter Ryan, Nicole Seymour, Kris Shipham and Julie Ann Sweeney at the March meeting. Parents who have served time on School Council are able to renominate for a further term.

If you require any more information or would like to talk about responsibilities of Council members please come and see me.

Nomination forms are available from the school office. Should more nominations be received than positions available then a ballot will be held.

CLOSING DATE FOR NOMINATIONS IS - 4:00pm Monday 20th FEBRUARY.

A reminder that we have called for nominations for School Council and the timeline is as follows:

Timeline  9/2 Notice of Elections  
20/2 Nominations close by 4.00pm  
22/2 List of Candidates posted  
27/2 Issue ballot papers if required  
6/3 Ballot closes by 4.00pm  
8/3 Declaration of ballot results in newsletter.

ALLERGIES
We have a number of children enrolled at school who are known to have these severe reactions (anaphylaxis) and we need to ensure that we have management plans in place to deal with any situation. One of the best ways to start is to minimise their exposure to the triggers that we know set off their reaction. For a number of our students their reaction is to nuts and nut products. We are therefore asking that children across the school do not have any nut products in their lunches. Things like peanut butter, nutella and raw nuts should be avoided. Many products are labelled to indicate that they may contain traces of nuts as often they have been produced by machinery which may have processed nuts at some stage and we are not asking you to avoid these. The children who do have these severe reactions are well aware of what they are allowed to eat and know not to share other people’s food items.

The treatment for anaphylaxis is an injection of adrenaline into muscle which is administered through an EpiPen. We do have EpiPens in the school and our staff have been trained in their use.

We take the safety of all our students very seriously and ask the school community to assist us in minimising the risk to these students.

STAFF CARPARKS
Please remember that the two car parks are for staff parking only and children are not to be dropped off in or picked up from the car parks. Please make sure that the pedestrian gates are the points of entry for all students and parents. The number of staff cars fills the parking available and it is a great safety concern when there are other vehicles or pedestrians in the area.

THANK YOU
A big thank you to Geoff Warr, a parent in our school, who used his expertise to work with John Fowler to repair the double gates and the pedestrian gate at the Orson Street corner entrance to the school. The gates open and swing freely now and certainly look much better.

WORKING BEE
SATURDAY 18th February from 8:30 to 12:30 finishing with a sausage sizzle lunch.

We enjoy pleasant facilities at Scoresby Primary School and we want to make sure that they are maintained for our students and community. We are asking for our community to support us with their time on the 18th to complete some of the jobs which need doing. Peter Ryan from the Building and Grounds Committee of School Council will coordinate the morning. It is a good opportunity to meet other members of the school community, have a few laughs and provide support at the same time. We would really appreciate your help.
If you can help even for an hour or two please return the reply slip which is in the newsletter, email me at fowler.maureen.e@edumail.vic.gov.au or contact the office on 9763 7484. Morning tea and a light lunch will be provided.

AIM – Finishing off the border around the senior playground, repairing wooden seats, replacing mesh on gate area of breezeway, weeding, pruning some shrubs and hedging, cleaning out the filter boxes on the downpipes which feed the rain water tanks, cleaning out the drain pits and generally tidying up around the school.

Equipment needed if you have it – wheel barrow, spade, rake, garden fork and secateurs.

MAUREEN FOWLER
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will be taken on Tuesday 6th March. On Monday all students received an envelope from MSP Photography. Please DO NOT return the envelopes until Photo Day, when each student will hand their envelope directly to the photographer.

All students will have an individual photo. If you would like to have a FAMILY PORTRAIT taken then you or your child needs to collect an envelope directly from the office. Spare envelopes will also be available from the office. As with individual / class photos, please do not bring the envelope until Photo Day and the eldest child can hand it directly to the photographer.

HABITS OF MIND

As part of our Personal Learning program, Scoresby Primary School specifically teaches Habits of Mind across the school.

Habits of Mind (HOM) enable students to behave intelligently when they don’t know the answer or when they are faced with challenging situations. HOM will equip our students holistically for the challenges of the 21st century. They help to develop a thirst for questioning and searching, within and outside the classroom. In particular, HOM develops good learning habits and thinking skills so that our students can become independent, life-long learners.

The 16 Habits of Mind are:-

- Persisting
- Managing impulsivity
- Listening with understanding and empathy
- Thinking flexibly
- Thinking about thinking
- Striving for accuracy
- Questioning and posing problems
- Applying past knowledge to new situations
- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision
- Gathering data through all senses
- Creating, imagining, innovating
- Responding with wonderment and awe
- Taking responsible risks
- Finding humour
- Thinking interdependently
- Remaining open to continuous learning

Each fortnight we will focus on a new Habit of Mind. Currently we are learning about PERSISTING. Persisting means to “stick to it!” It is persevering a task through to completion and remaining focused. It is looking for ways to reach your goal and not giving up. Scoresby students are being encouraged to persist when they are faced with a problem or challenge.
2012 UNSW Competitions
Each year students in Grades 3-6 are given the opportunity to participate in the University of New South Wales International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS). The competitions will be held in Terms 2 and 3.

This week students in grades 3-6 will receive information about ICAS including a return slip if you would like your child to participate. Students can choose to be assessed in Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and/or Mathematics.

To encourage participation in this program the school will partly sponsor each child wishing to enter, thus reducing the entry fee in each category. If you would like your child to participate in the UNSW Competitions this year please complete an entry form and return it by Friday 30th March, 2012.

CHRISTINE MCEVOY
Assistant Principal

Prep for Parents
Did your child start Prep this year? Would you like tips on how to support your child in their first year at school? Then subscribe to the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development’s new weekly Prep for Parents email.
You will be sent an email every Wednesday during school term that will include tips, advice and information about the day-to-day experiences children have in the classroom and things you can do at home to assist and encourage your child.

To subscribe to Prep for Parents, see:

FROM THE OFFICE
Please be aware that we have had a case of chicken pox in a prep class last week.

If you no longer wish to have the newsletter sent by email please reply to it with “unsubscribe” in the subject line.

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

BEST WISHES TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO WERE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

SUBWAY LUNCHES
Our school has an ongoing arrangement with Subway Scoresby to offer optional, reasonably priced, healthy lunch orders to our students every Friday.

We are starting Subway lunch orders on Friday 10th February.
Families who require order envelopes may collect them from the Office. We also need help collating the lunch orders on a Friday morning at 9.00am. Expressions of interest to me please.

JENNY CLARKE,
Subway Lunch Co-ordinator
The 2012 Commonwealth Bank School Banking program is here!

The School Banking program includes an exciting Rewards Program designed to encourage children to get into the habit of making regular saving. Every time your child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver coloured Dollarmites token. The first token will be received upon the first deposit at school. Once your child has individually saved 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive Dollarmites reward item. Students will have lots of fun saving their tokens for these cool rewards items.

Taking part in School Banking is easy.

• If your child has an existing Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account they can start banking straight away. They just need to bring their deposit in every Friday using their Dollarmites deposit wallet. If your child has misplaced their Dollarmites deposit book or deposit wallet, they can request a new one from either the local branch or contact the School Banking Co-ordinator.

• If your child does not have a Youthsaver account, you can open one at any Commonwealth Bank branch, no forms to fill in! Alternatively, if you are an existing Commonwealth Bank customer with access to NetBank you can apply online. Another option is to download a paper-based application form from commbank.com.au/schoolbanking. Please note this option may take up to 2 weeks before a Dollarmites wallet and deposit book is sent to your home address to start banking at school.

• Any questions please speak with your School Banking Coordinators – Susan Kelly & Nicole Seymour [you can find us in the staff room on Friday mornings]

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Dear Parents

We would like to introduce ourselves – Leah Georgiou and Caroline McPhee. We are the co-ordinators for Before and After School Care including Prep Early Finish and Pupil Free Days, with the help of our team – Kalpana Piparaiya and our new member that will be advised. We would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to Amanda who as you know has been working at OSHC for a number of years. She is now working as an integration aide in the school classroom.

TIMES

Before Care……..7.15 – 8.45 am*
After Care………..3.30 – 6.00 pm
Pupil Free Days…..7.15 – 6.00 pm
Prep Early Finish…2.00 – 3.30 pm*

*Prep children will be picked up by us from their classroom teacher at 2.00pm and can be collected and signed out by parents/carers at the OSHC room at 3.15 – 3.30pm, unless they are staying for After Care.
Before care prep children will be taken to their classroom by OSHC staff at the 8.55am with the 2nd bell, for the 1st term.

Prep Early Finish is a good introduction to Before and After Care for the children. It is a good social interacting time to get together with children from other Prep classes.
We have fun, age-appropriate activities such as “What’s the Time Mr Wolf”, always a favourite and the introduction game called “I like” a bit like musical chairs, where they learn about themselves and others, we also include fun activity sheets, easy origami, cooking story time, playground time and other outside play and more.
A snack is also provided during this session.
We will ensure that we introduce ourselves to all preps prior to 2.00pm and remind teachers of those children who will be attending. Children will all be introduced to each other and welcomed into OSHC by staff. If you are interested in your child attending Prep Early Finish, please see your child’s teacher to add your child’s name to the list and collect enrolment and medical detail from the office staff.

Food and Meals at OSHC - Breakfast is provided for children attending Before Care, however children must be in care by 7.45 – 8.00am for breakfast. An example of our breakfast menu includes cereals, porridge, toast, pancakes—which we cook and cheese jaffles. Variety is always offered, taking children’s likes and dislikes into consideration. Preps will stay with us until 8.55am and are taken to their classrooms, for first term. After Care snacks include sandwiches or pita bread with a variety of fillings and fresh fruit and vegetables. Again, variety is always offered and our menu is always on display – along with the weekly program on the noticeboard.

For the safety and wellbeing of all children attending OSHC please ensure you notify staff of any allergies or medical conditions which may affect your child if these were not completed on the OSHC enrolment form and advise of any changes to medical conditions.

To all parents/Carers if you have any queries or problems the most appropriate time to see us is between 8.45 – 9.15am or phone us. You can let the office staff know of changes to booking arrangements or to arrange casual care.

Please also refer to our information booklet you would have received when enrolling for cost etc.

OSHIC Payments
Please be reminded that OSHC invoices are sent home each Monday for the previous week’s attendances. We ask that you ensure prompt payment for services. Our OSHC payment policy includes the following: Families who have not paid for past care for 4 weeks will be reminded of the date beyond which bookings will not be accepted.

Children will not be booked into care if no payment has been received for 6 weeks of past care.

As ever, parents experiencing financial difficulty are asked to talk with the Principal Maureen Fowler. Fee relief is available from the Family Assistance Office in exceptional circumstances.

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**N.B. Fees can be reduced if you are entitled to Child Care Benefit.**

SPECIAL RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION

Today you will receive form No. GC 566 regarding religious instruction. At Scoresby Primary School we offer ACCESS Ministries agreed Christian syllabus and SIKH. As we are updating our database we would appreciate the return of this form tomorrow with your choice of religious instruction. Please tick the “YES” box for your choice. If you do not want your child to attend religious instruction of any kind the “NO” box must be ticked for both the ACCESS Ministries and SIKH. If no form is received we will be assuming your child is attending Access Ministries agreed Christian syllabus.

MUSIC NEWS

Please return the African Drumming incursion permission by Tuesday 14th February. It will be a fun time for all grades.
To help raise money towards the Grade 6 exchange program to Riverton, New Zealand the CANTEEN will be open at lunchtime on:

- **THURSDAY FEBUARY 16TH**
- **FRIDAY FEBUARY 17TH**
- **THURSDAY FEBUARY 23RD**
- **FRIDAY FEBUARY 24TH**

The only items which will be on sale these days are **Icy Poles at 50 cents** and **Cans of Lemonade at $1**

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**Medication at School**

Scoresby Primary School is committed to the health and wellbeing of all our students. We endeavor to ensure that all students are healthy and safe whilst at school and that incidents and health issues of individuals are addressed appropriately.

**Scoresby Primary School aim is to:**

- Gain an awareness of individual’s medical needs and how to best treat them.
- Improve communication between home and school regarding medical issues and ways to best address the needs of individuals.
- Maintain consistency when implementing first aid to students.
- Ensure staff is aware of procedures and follow them accordingly.
- Provide appropriate training to staff in the use of specialized equipment as needed. (eg Epipen)
- Provide consistent records to enable an accurate recording of all accidents within the school for the Cases registry.
- Meet DEECD requirements

**Parents/Guardian of a student is responsible for:**

- Informing the school of any medical condition for each child.
- Providing an ASCIA Action plan for each child that has been diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being at risk of Anaphylaxis.
- Providing an ASCIA Action plan for each child that has been diagnosed by a medical practitioner as being at risk Asthma.
- ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis or Asthma has to be signed by the medical practitioner, consulting with the child.
- To provide medication for each child due to a medical condition. **This includes:**
  - **Antihistamine**
  - **Epipens**
  - **Ventolin**
  - **Insulin**
  - **Prescription/Non Prescription Medicines**

- Making sure the medication is clearly labelled with the expiry date and the child’s full name.

**CHILDREN SHOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR OWN MEDICATION**

The guidelines for Scoresby Primary School have been set by Work Safe Victoria and the DEECD for the welfare of the student.
BOOK CLUB

CURRENT ISSUE: No 8    DUE DATE: Monday 28th November

Orders placed from Issue No 7 will be distributed this week.

ALISON LANCASHIRE
Scholastic Book Club Coordinator

CANTEEN HELPERS - Please support our canteen as without your help it will not operate.

Your canteen needs your help in 2012!
Your children need your help in our school canteen. This would be on a monthly roster system and no previous experience is necessary.

Times required: Lunch order days – 10:00am to 2:10pm (Toddlers NOT allowed due to safety regulations)
Counter sales only - 12:50pm to 2:10pm – (Toddlers allowed)

The number of Canteen lunch days will be determined by the helpers available

Please fill out the attached form below and return it to the office as soon as possible there will be NO CANTEEN until we have enough people to fill the rosters.

Please support our canteen because without your help it will not operate.

CANTEEN HELPERS 2012

Name: (Parent) _____________________________ Phone Number: ________________

Name: (Of oldest child at school) ________________Class & Room: _______________

Email (To send a Roster)_______________________________

Days Available (please tick all days and times available as this will determine when the canteen will operate. You will be rostered once a month unless you wish to help more often)

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Please return to the office as soon as possible. THANK YOU!

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

We will be doing a stock take of the Uniform Shop after school today. If anyone can help please be at school at 4.45 pm for about an hour. The more helpers the less time on the job.
Scoresby Primary School requires several volunteers willing to be involved in the Sick Bay Linen Roster. This job requires helpers to change the Sick Bay bed linen at the end of each week, take home used linen for washing and return clean linen the next week. With plenty of volunteers, you should only be rostered on twice a year. If you would be able to help, please complete the form below and return it to the school office by **Friday 17th February 2012**

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**SICK BAY LINEN ROSTER**

I would be available to help with the Sick Bay Linen Roster.

| NAME ___________________________ | CONTACT PHONE ______________________ |
| NAME OF ELDEST CHILD __________________ | CHILD’S GRADE __________________ |

If you don’t want to print this out just call in at the office or email steelie.julie.a@edumail.vic.gov.au.

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**SPIRIT MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB**

**Junior registration day - Saturday, 18th February 2012**

**8.30am - 3.30pm - Maroondah Indoor Sports Stadium**

(Canturbury Rd, Ringwood - opposite Cadbury's)

Spirit Magic is a junior domestic basketball club which caters for all genders, abilities and ages beginning from U8’s through to U23's. Training is based out of Yarra Valley Grammar and Parkwood on weeknights and games are played on Saturdays at the Maroondah Stadium and surrounding suburbs. We are ideal for beginners and welcome aspiring new members to sign up! Please visit [www.spiritmagic.com.au](http://www.spiritmagic.com.au) for further information or contact Joe Egan (9879 9859) or Howie Sykes (0413 682 909) for queries. You can also email us- see contacts page on website!

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**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 1. 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](http://www.creativemusic.com.au)
Relaxation & Meditation Classes

★ Held locally in Scoresby
★ Tuesday nights – 7.45pm to 8.45pm
★ 5 session class pass for $40 or $10 per week casual rate
★ All welcome – Beginners through to Advanced
★ Bookings essential. Phone Nicole on 0400 171 001 or Carissa on 0412 197 312

Come and enjoy the calming, blissful effects and general health and wellbeing benefits of Meditation. These classes are a great way to de-stress your mind, unwind and find a place of inner peace.

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**NEW FAMILIES TO THE SCHOOL PLEASE TAKE NOTE**

**Education Maintenance Allowance - information for the school newsletter**

**Information for 2012**

The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen; and
- be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the *State Concessions Act 2004* or be a Veterans Affairs (TPi) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met as at the first day of Term 1 (1 February 2012 which is the first day for teaching staff) and Term 3 (16 July 2012).

The EMA application must be submitted to the school by 29 February 2012 for the first instalment and 3 August 2012 for the second instalment.

The EMA provides an annual amount of $235 for primary students and $470 for secondary students and is paid in two instalments. This amount is split evenly between the parents/guardians and the school. Students turning 16 years in 2012 will be paid on a pro rata basis.

**Payment Amounts**

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information.
KNOX LACROSSE......
GIVE IT A GO!

Like to know more about this exciting sport?
Come and join us for a six week introductory clinic and let us show you what its all about!
Learn how to throw the ball, catch and goal along with many other skills.

WHERE:  Benevolent Roserv Rosehill Road Ferntree Gully 3179
WHEN: Wednesday nights
TIME: 6 pm – 7 pm
Custodian Facility available
COST: NO CHARGE!

For more information call:
Graham Lee
9802 0166
0404 005 095

KNOX CITY FC

Come ‘n’ Try Soccer
Sunday 4th March 2012

Learn new skills
Make friends
Be part of a team
Boys & Girls
5—12 Years Old

Free Ball for all new Players

Knox City FC has been the premier Soccer club in the City of Knox for more than 60 years. The club is open to everyone and provides teams for boys and girls of all ages and skill levels to participate in sport.
We invite boys and girls aged 5—12 to “Come ‘n’ Try Soccer” with our qualified coaches.

Knox City FC
Eastern Recreation Precinct
High Street Road
Wantirna South 3152
Ph: 9947 3036

If you would like more information please e-mail the club at info@knoccityfc.com.au
All Welcome.

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