PRINCIPAL’S DESK

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUPS

On Monday morning at assembly we will be presenting badges to the members of the SRC and the Sustainables group.

Congratulations to the following students who will represent their grade and students across the school in the Student Representative Council:


Sustainables:
Level 3 – Aidan S, Olivia B, Shenaye H, Alex M, Georgia P, Hailee B, Jemma F, Lilly C, Olivia D
PREMIER’S ACTIVE FAMILIES CHALLENGE

We are always promoting being Healthy and Active at school so here is a challenge that our community can take on and spread these ideas beyond the school fence!

The Premiers Active Families Challenge is on again, and our school has the chance to win up to $1000 of sports gear and sports clinics with high profile sporting personalities. All you have to do is get active and have fun with your family!

Take the challenge and do 30 minutes of physical activity a day for 30 days between 19 March – 30 April. The more students who register from our school, the more chances we have to win.

Just by registering you and your family will receive special offers, including:
- 15% off at Rebel Sport
- 20 free YMCA passes
- One free child pass to National Sport Museum
- One free child pass to Melbourne Aquarium.
- Plus go in the draw to win Rebel Vouchers and Ipad!

Anyone can register, so get your friends and family to take the Challenge too.

Get more active more often, spend quality time together and have fun. It’s free, it’s easy, and there are plenty of chances to win!

Register online at www.betterhealth.vic.gov.au/challenge or call 1800 463 684, and remember to include our school’s name when you register.

There are some leaflets available at the front office and posters around the school. I encourage you to have a look at the website and consider taking the challenge on with your family.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

CURRICULUM DAYS
This year schools have been asked to choose 3 days which will be pupil free and allow the staff to attend Professional Development activities planned by the school. I am just letting the community know that School Council has passed the following dates:

Tuesday 1st May  Friday 17th August  Monday 5th November

You will receive more information about these days as the time gets closer and there will be all day childcare available through our Outside School Hours Care program here at school.

TERM DATES
In case you are planning holidays:

2012
Term 1: 1 February to 30 March  Term 2: 16 April to 29 June
Term 3: 16 July to 21 September  Term 4: 8 October to 21 December

2013
Term 1: 29 January to 28 March  Term 2: 15 April to 28 June
Term 3: 15 July to 20 September  Term 4: 7 October to 20 December

MAUREEN FOWLER
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

KNOX FESTIVAL
PRIMARY BANNER COMPETITION

This is just a reminder to the community that the Knox Festival is on this weekend. Our school has entered a banner painted by students into the Primary School Banner Competition so try and go along and have a look. If you vote for our banner we could be in the running for a prize!

The Knox Festival is on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4th March and it is located at Wally Tew Recreation Reserve (previously known as Ferntree Gully Recreation Reserve), Brenock Park Drive, Ferntree Gully (Melway 74 B5).

Here is a sample of what our banner looks like! A big thank you to all those Level 4 students who contributed their art skills and also to some of our Prep students who pressed hand prints on to the design.
RESILIENCE AMBASSADORS

Last Friday Andrew Fuller visited our school to work with our Level 4 students on a program called the Resilience Ambassadors. All students completed a survey, “How resilient are you?” and this will be repeated again in May to see if there is any change. Students were divided into 8 groups with an adult. Each group had to come up with an idea or “Project of Change” which would make our school community a better place. They then had to draft a plan of how they would make their project happen, what resources they would need and how they would obtain the resources.

Students were provided with a can of drink and BBQ lunch kindly cooked by John Fowler and Geoff Raymer. The Knox Leader newspaper came along in the afternoon to take a photo of students working with Andrew.

Some of the great ideas students came up with were:-

- Decorating the wooden frame that goes around our Friendship tree with tiles decorated with the HEART values of our school.
- Decorating the wooden frame around our other asphalt area tree with Habits of Mind tiles.
- Designing boards or banners to place along the side of the vegetable garden which faces Orson Street to make it more aesthetically pleasing for passersby.
- Raising awareness and understanding of Autism and fundraising for Autism Victoria through a fun carnival day.
- Donating worn shoes to those in need in another country.
- Creating an anti-bullying film to show younger students.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

This is just a reminder that School Photos are being taken next Tuesday 6th March. Students are reminded to bring payment envelopes to school on the day (not before) and hand them directly to the photographer. Parents wanting a FAMILY photo are asked to collect a special envelope from the office.

PROMOTING OUR SCHOOL

Don’t forget that we have green recyclable shopping bags for sale at the school with the Scoresby has HEART motto. The bags cost $2 each and can be used for a range of purposes including a Library bag; swimming bag; overnight bag; etc.

So support our school by buying a great reusable bag!
**VOLUNTEER WORKING BEE & FUNDRAISER**

**FRIDAY 23**

We are indeed fortunate that CityLife Church has chosen Scoresby Primary School as a venue for a community based project. Nineteen CityLife church staff are going to donate their time and energy into completing a range of jobs that need to be done around our school. This is a great way for them to give back to the community and we greatly appreciate their offer. Jobs include sanding back and painting all the seats in the school including the rotunda; weeding; and clearing grass away from around the edge of the running track.

As well as making our school grounds look more attractive, the volunteers are also going to organise a Sausage Sizzle luncheon around a theme of Mad Hatter’s Day where students can wear a different hat or decorate a hat. Brett Ryan, who is in charge of organising the Working Bee will award prizes for the most creative hats!

Shortly I will send out a flyer with information about the food which will be for sale, including an order form.

Another bonus about this activity is that City Life Church will be donating the profits from this day back to the school. The money raised will go towards supporting our Level 4 Resilience Ambassadors “Projects of Change” so that students can purchase materials and resources to make our school community a better place. It’s a win-win situation so we hope you can support us on Friday 23rd March!!

**CHRISTINE MCEVOY**

**Assistant Principal**

**LOST PROPERTY**

Could all parents please make sure your child’s hats, windcheaters, jackets, drink bottles, lunchboxes and any containers are named.

Lost property is now located outside Mrs Maguire’s classroom – Room 3

Thank you

**PFA NEWS**

All new and existing parents are welcome to attend PFA’s AGM on Thursday 8th March at 8pm in the staffroom. Please come along and have a say in what you would like to happen with our fundraising program.

**MEGAN SIDDALL**

**PFA Chairperson**

**LIBRARY NEWS**

**Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge**

Once again our school has registered to participate in the Victorian Premier’s Reading Challenge. The Challenge promotes the importance of reading among students and encourages families to support their children’s reading at home. It is not a competitive event but one that emphasizes individual challenge and participation. For more information about the Challenge visit [www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/prc/). Consent forms will be sent home this week. Please encourage your child to take up the challenge during this National Year of Reading!

**Library Bags**

Students in Prep to Yr 2 require a library bag in order to borrow books from our library. Bags help to protect the books and need not be expensive, a plastic shopping bag will do.

Happy Reading,

Jan Hendrey
BEST WISHES TO THOSE STUDENTS WHO WERE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK

Julie D, Drayden T.

UNIFORM SHOP 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

SALE OF RECYLED CLOTHES – THURSDAY 8TH MARCH 3.30 PM OUTSIDE THE UNIFORM SHOP. $2 EACH PIECE OR 3 PIECES FOR $5.

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Mon 5 – 16th March
Help us make a Dinosaur Diorama with an erupting volcano to complete it, so it will be authentic as possible, and all the facts we can learn about dinosaurs. At the end we will have
a special treat - a Jurassic Fizz or Yummy Volcano Delicious Drink and lots of science experiments. We will draw some dinosaurs from our ‘I can Draw book’. Join with a buddy and make a friendship bracelet and some origami. Coming Up – our early Easter program before end of term.

Prep Early Finish has been great to see the Preps settling in to OSHC, having fun and enjoying themselves. It is also nice to see the older students helping them out and making them feel welcome. With such a big transition for small children both in school and care, they are understandably tired but very happy at the end of each day. Congratulations preps you are all starting full time after your prep early finish transition. We all enjoyed the experience of meeting you, and some of you are continuing to join us in before or after school care.

Active After-School Community Program
We would like to ask parents to encourage their children’s participation in ALL of The Active After - School Community activities. Besides the benefits to children’s health and fitness, this is part of our program and all children are expected to participate when at OSHC.
A reminder the Active-After School Community Program finishes at 5.00pm. So that we don’t have disappointed children please parents arrive after 5pm or stay and watch.
A copy of the leaflet from AASCP at the end of newsletter informs you about the program and its aims. The sport activities are changed each term and we ask for feedback from the children and parents. Programs are repeated if they were enjoyed previously, the outcome being learning new skills and games associated with the skills.
If you would like to join this program please book at the office or see the OSHC staff.
Tuesdays – Circus Skills and Thursdays – Target Games/Ball

Bookings/Cancellations - refer OSHC Introduction Booklet
-Bookings may be Casual or Permanent
-A Permanent booking is for the same sessions (say Monday, Tuesday and Friday afternoons) of each week on an on-going basis for a term at a time.
Permanent bookings guarantee a place for your child in those sessions, and the fee is lower than for Casual bookings.
-A Casual booking is for use of the service - ad hoc basis. Casual bookings will be taken by the service if places are available.

Bookings may be made by phoning the school office on 9763 7484 up until 3:15pm or, preferably the day before the service is required. Bookings can be made on 0402 829 723 during service hours, or by filling in and signing the green Change Booking Leaflet.
If you have booked your child for the program and he/she is unable to attend, you must notify the school office on or before 12 midday on the day for which the child is booked.

- A full session fee will be charged to Casual users if the cancellation is not made before 12 midday.

- Families with Permanent booking will be charged for a session if their child is absent. Families however will still be eligible for Child Care Benefits if the absence is due to illness or parental work arrangements (refer to Parent Handbook for details).

Parents please note for your Child Care Benefit and Rebate entitlements you need to contact Centre link /Family Assistance Office 136150 or on-line and ask to be assessed for CC Benefits. I have available copies of Child Care Information for Families.

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Curiosity  A fun afternoon of quirky circus theatre!

When Alex is sent to her room to tidy up, she discovers a land of curiosity. It is a magical place that can only be reached via the tunnel in the bottom of her toy box. While she’s there Alex encounters many strange things and gravity defying feats.

Sunday 25 March 2pm & 4pm

All tickets $14.50 (Children under 3 free)

Knox Community Arts Centre, Cnr Mountain Hwy & Scoresby Rd, Bayswater

Tel: 9729 7287
Awards presented on Monday 27th February 2012

Prep B – Fletcher
Fletcher has been given the award for the way that he ‘thinks of new ideas’ in the classroom. During our first maths lesson, Fletcher was able to demonstrate to the grade how we can count a group of blocks by picking one up at a time, counting it and making a new group so he didn’t get confused. Your ability to ‘think of new ideas’ and explain your thinking is a great quality to have. Fletcher, you are a Habits of Mind Superstar!

Prep E – William
For his sensational listening skills. When William is part of an audience he shows that he is listening by looking at the speaker, he keeps his hands still, he doesn’t talk to others and he answers questions. Well done, William. Keep up the fantastic work.

1/2A – Naree
Naree worked very hard last week and produced a beautifully presented and detailed Mandala of the communities she belongs to. Naree always puts in extra effort to do the best she can and strives for excellence. She is always willing to help others, is a terrific role model to her peers and with her radiant smile makes those around her happy too!

1/2N – Melissa
Melissa has set herself the challenge this year of becoming more confident and joining in more class discussions and activities. Melissa you are already well on the way to achieving your goal. This week you have started to use a big strong voice and have shared happily in all our class discussions. Well done Melissa, keep persisting and you will easily achieve your goal!

1/2W – Rihanna
For her wonderful listening skills and putting 100% into everything she does. Rihanna has made the effort to get to know her classmates and regularly helps myself and others when needed. Each day Rihanna arrives at school with a bright and positive attitude.

3/4D – Kayla
For being so organised both at school and home. Kayla always ensures that her diary is signed and at school every day and has made a great start with her daily reading log. Kayla also completed her homework early and has shown an enthusiasm for ensuring that all tasks are completed by the end of the week. Well done Kayla on demonstrating such Persistence and Organisation in our class!

3/4G – Serenie
For the care and attention she takes in completing and presenting each task asked of her. Serenie takes pride and strives for accuracy in all that she does. Her handwriting is MAGNIFICENT, she rules all lines with a ruler and effectively uses colour pencil when creating headings and illustrating her work. Serenie, you are a great role model for demonstrating what can be achieved when you have an "I Can Do It" attitude.

3/4W – Alicia
The class and Miss Wellinger voted for Alicia because she demonstrated empathy by playing with someone who had no one to play with. Her spelling scores each week have been consistent showing she has persisted with practicing them. She also has been respectful to her class members and the teacher. A great start to the year Alicia, keep it up!
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<td>Simran</td>
<td>For making a fantastic start to her Grade Six year. Simran is very well organised, she works with great concentration and takes the time and care to present every piece of work beautifully. Simran is always quick to offer help to others when they need it. She is a lovely, caring person who always demonstrates our HEART value of empathy. We are lucky to have her in 5/6K.</td>
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<td>5/6J</td>
<td>Bec</td>
<td>For her outstanding contributions during Level 4s Resilience Ambassadors Day last Friday. Bec did a great job reporting back to the whole level about what her group had decided as their project of change. She spoke clearly and answered questions in a thoughtful and mature way. We are very proud of you. Well done!</td>
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<td>5/6S</td>
<td>Elyssa</td>
<td>For the amazing flowchart that Elyssa created on how fossil fuels are transformed into electricity as part of our Sustainability unit. Elyssa clearly demonstrated the Habit of Mind ‘Create and Innovate’ to produce some amazing illustrations that made me ‘Go Wow’. Well done Elyssa- I hope that just a little bit of your creativity will ‘rub off’ on me by the end of the year!</td>
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<td>Dom 5/6C</td>
<td>For demonstrating the Habit of Mind “Creating, Imagining and Innovating” when he contributed to making the design for the Knox Festival Banner. Dom created a great layout for the banner and gave up his own time to help get the banner finished. Well done, Dom Da Vinci!!!</td>
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<td>French</td>
<td>Macey 5/6S</td>
<td>For his cheerful greeting of “Bonjour” as he walked into the first French class for the year. Even though Macey was a little later coming into class than his friends, he remembered to stop and say hello to me in French before he sat down. Macey was then able to help teach his aide, Kathy, about how we say hello and goodbye in French. I am very proud of you Macey and the way you enthusiastically share your knowledge. Keep up the great work!</td>
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<td>Music</td>
<td>Joyce 3/4D</td>
<td>Joyce and her class played music to accompany the rap “Rappin’ the Beanstalk. Joyce was chosen to play “Jack’s Cool Theme” a very tricky tune on the keyboard. She persisted in this difficult task, first to read the music and then to play the tune. Well done Joyce! You played beautifully during our class rehearsal!</td>
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<td>PE / Health</td>
<td>Daniel 5/6C</td>
<td>Daniel has made a fantastic start to the year in Physical Education! He has approached all sporting activities with a great attitude and plenty of enthusiasm. Daniel has started to attend running club in preparation for athletics and cross country and has also recorded the longest discus throw in the school. Well done Daniel!</td>
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**2 X RABBITS**

- **1 X DWARF** Brown/White
- **1 x LOP (large)** White/Grey

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Knox Schools Expo 2012
Thursday March 15
6.45-8.45pm
Knox Civic Centre, 511 Burwood Hwy
Wantirna South 3152

The Knox Schools Expo is an annual information night for parents/guardians of Years 5 & 6 children changing to secondary school in 2013/14, or for those with younger children who wish to plan ahead.

An expert speaker and Q&A session provide the audience with an opportunity to: explore/ discuss critical factors when selecting a secondary school, and representations from every secondary school in Knox have been invited to attend, providing parents/guardians with an opportunity to have initial contact with a variety of schools.

For more information contact Knox Youth Services on:
1300 851 851 (mobile)
www.k Knox.youthservices.vic.gov.au
Bookings are required.

Scoles Registration Day
Saturday 31st March 2012
10.00am - 12.00pm
Scoles Secondary College
Carnegie Street, Scoresby
Register online at www.scoleskicks.com.au before 30th March
& receive FREE tickets to the Footy:

Knox Churches Soccer Club
Knox Churches Soccer Club is a family friendly, encouraging club and welcomes players of all abilities to play the world game. The club is located at Knox Park, Ferntree Gully Road, Knoxfield.

The club is fielding teams in the VCSA league competition for season 2012, ranging from U8 through to U17 with matches played on Saturday mornings.

Knox Churches Soccer Club also run their Goalkick program, designed to introduce the skills and the game of soccer to beginner players (suitable for ages 5 up to 9 years) on Saturday mornings.

Registrations are now open to all interested players (while positions remain available). Please contact:

Kerryn on 0407 055 139 or Karen on 0409 208 606 for further details, or visit our website: kcssc.victorian.org.au.

Knox City FC
Come 'n' Try Soccer
Sunday 4th March 2012
Learn new skills, make friends. As part of a team. Boys & Girls - from Prep to Grade Six
FREE Ball for all new players

Wandin North Harvest Market
220 Warburton Highway
Wandin North 3139
Sunday 18th March
9.00am - 2.00pm
Quality Craft, Fresh Produce, Food and Activities.
Free Entertainments and Free Parking
Stallholders Welcome
Phone Megan Gibbons: 03 9964 4259

Knox Churches Soccer Club
March 17 is Audition Day!
Boys and girls aged 5 years and up are invited to audition for the Victorian Boys Choir or Victorian Girls Choir on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at our venue in Ringwood East.
Choir Victoria Inc is a performing choir employing professional music staff to give your child excellent musical tuition in an atmosphere of great fun and friendship.
For an affordable musical and wonderful lifetime experience for your child, please contact Ken or Sam to arrange a booking for your child’s audition.

Contact: Ken 0403 472 033
Sam 0407 311 128
Website: www.choirvictoria.org.au
Email: admin@choirvictoria.org.au

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL!
CAN YOU HELP?

Are you looking for a great way to help protect our children as well as join a great team of like-minded parents who are making a difference in the Scoresby area??

The Scoresby Safety House Committee welcomes new volunteers to help with:

- MORE Safety Houses (particularly in the Sheppard Dr area)
- MORE Monitors for Safety Houses in the Scoresby area. (approx 20min walk monthly)
- MORE Committee Members (approx 1 hour on second Tuesday of the month)

This is a great way of meeting new people from the Scoresby Primary School community.

If you can help or would like to know more please speak with your classroom teacher or

Allison Webb    Amanda Norman
President        Vice President
9763 7417       8682 9063

Or return the slip below to the office and we can contact you:

Name:  

Phone:  

Email:  