



Dear Parents

20 AUGUST 2009

Last week we enjoyed this years' ECC and Junior School Art Exhibition. This exhibition was a wonderful display of student art, presented in a most professional setting. New school display boards showed off the colour and vibrancy of student pieces in a stunning array of creativity. Special thanks to Mrs Reeman and her helpers who spent hours assembling and displaying student art in such a great way. Also to Mrs Ellis and her staff who arranged various treats at the viewings through the week. If you were unable to attend this year, please make special note not to miss next year.

This week our students have had the opportunity to enjoy activities as presented by our Middle School students and the Senior Science Department. Immersion in Science Week activities has provided students with fun, excitement and engagement in science principles and learning. Rockets launching, slime walking and a visit on Tuesday evening from Professor Bunsen have all helped to promote science at our school.

I am sure students have thoroughly enjoyed these activities during the past few weeks. This week we have also held our House Athletics competition in perfect pre Spring weather on Wednesday. Children competing for their House in events are not limited to those events for District team selection, where trials continue in PE lessons.

Next week we celebrate our studies of the French Language. Our French Day and activities are planned for Tuesday 25 August with a French costume and rotations day. A special lunch is also available by prior order. As usual it has been a very busy, but exciting time at school for our students.



### Music:

Grand Music Showcase tickets are now on sale through the Frankston Arts Centre. Our Grand Music Showcase is our premier instrument and choral performance for the year and is always of the highest calibre. Our students have been in earnest preparation for this evening, to be held on Wednesday 2 September. This is an evening where tickets sell out quickly. I encourage all families who are available to organize tickets as soon as possible.

### Family Life:

Parents and students of Year 6 enjoyed the Family Life evening on Tuesday. Our instructor Mrs Elizabeth Morgan is a Family Life Education officer with many years of experience, who presented age appropriate information, helpful hints and channels for communication that were appreciated. I extend our thanks to Mrs Morgan who as a senior school teacher at Peninsula School, gives of her time freely to assist the healthy development of our children.

### Communion Preparation:

Father Dan will begin another Holy Communion preparation class next week. Parents who are keen for their child to be prepared in this way, or who seek further information are invited to contact Father Dan for details. Communion is celebrated as a part of our Junior School Chapel services once a term and in Middle and Senior School, communion is available to all students on a weekly basis.

### Traffic:

Again I thank parents for their driving patience and consideration in and around our school. A tragic accident locally serves as a poignant reminder that as a school community we are not immune from such sad events. Please continue to drive with the utmost safety at all times.

### Book Fair:

Our Book Week activities and Book Fair will run until Friday. Top quality books will be available for purchase to boost home libraries. I am aware that many families have visited already and demonstrated a keen support for home reading and children literature.

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	<b>Don't Forget:</b>
TUESDAY 25 August	FRENCH DAY—Dress Up in a French Theme.
Wednesday 2 September	Grand Music Showcase Frankston Arts Centre
Friday 4 September	PSPA Father's Day Stall

### House Maths Competition:

Please note that our planned calendar date for House Mathematics competition has been postponed from this term until next. This is due to an unfortunate clash of dates and the general busyness of Term 3. Further details will be communicated early next term.

### After Hours Supervision:

Students have been reminded that when catching buses or awaiting parent pick up after school that they should be in the correct area as arranged and waiting patiently. We have had a small number of students who confused their pick up details and caused considerable anxiety for our supervising staff. We have teachers on duty in the Junior School daily until 5.00pm. Senior teachers are on duty until 5.15pm. Children need to report as soon as they are aware that any problem or misunderstanding has occurred, so that we are able to communicate with parents as

appropriate. Parents are invited to contact the Junior School office if they experience any delay to the scheduled pick up times.

### Absences:

With many absences due to illness, I thank parents for contacting our office to communicate absences. Please also mention the fact that a music lesson may be scheduled for that day so that we can communicate that information to the music department. Parents are also invited to contact the Music Department directly if there is ever any issue with music lessons.

Have a safe and enjoyable week.

Regards



Jon Pittard, Head of Junior School

## SPORT News

### House Athletics—Curtis Cup

As is tradition, the Curtis Cup kicks off our House Athletics carnival and always provides great performances. This year was no exception with both the boys and girls race exciting to watch. The girls race was hotly contested but it was **Riley Cridland** who won in the last stride over Kayla Cheasley who had led for much of the race. The boys race saw Justin Wolsley put up a great fight to lead the early stages with **Callam Bell** too strong over the last 800 metres. Matilda Cole and Jacob Weitering were also impressive in their respective third places.

It is interesting to look back at the names of previous winners on the Curtis Cup. There are three World Schools Cross-Country representatives, ten National athletics and cross-country representatives, four State Cross-Country Champions, three National triathlon representatives and an AFL draftee to list just a few of the achievements these students have gone on to attain. We wish this year's winners and indeed all participants the very best in their future sporting endeavours.

With warm winter sunshine especially ordered for the day, the 2009 House Athletics carnival was a huge success. It was a fantastic sight to see students all around the ground either involved in various events for their house or supporting fellow students. It was also very pleasing to see so many of our Year 6 students assisting younger children get to events. Lots and lots of wonderful individual performances from every age group; a triple jump record to 10yo Tom Small was a highlight and of course our overall Athletics Champions for the day Riley Cridland and Zane Zovak who both scored big points for their respective Houses on the day. Our winning House was Ansett who took the lead early and were never headed.

**FINAL POINTS TALLY - ANSETT:** 441    Clarke & Town: 400    Carr: 377    Newton: 355    Country: 337

Congratulations to our newly named Athletics Captains; super sprinter Ellie McKenzie and jumps king Zane Zovak. I have no doubt these students will lead the athletics team proudly as it progresses through District and on to Zone and Region. Selection for District is a multi-pronged process using results from trials in both PE and Sport, House Athletics and some additional trials in the following weeks. A reminder that District is now to be held in Term 4 on **Tuesday 5 October. This is the first day back at school for students in Term 4.**

A day like House Athletics can not go on without enormous support from many people. From Cheryl and Deb in the office who assist with programs, to the grounds staff for setting up and packing away, our audio department for our sound, the ladies in the canteen for providing staff refreshments and to the wonderful Junior School Staff who assist in running the events. This year we also had a terrific team of Year 7's and 8's on board to help out. Thankyou to our parents for coming along to support the children. It all made for a great day of athletics!

*Nicky Frey, Junior School Sports Co-ordinator*

*Warwick Armstrong, Mark Cook & Marg Pike, Junior PE Teachers*





# Student of the Week

## WEEK ENDING 14 AUGUST 2009

Sahiba Gill	2A	being a good friend to everyone in Year 2
Grace Robinson	2B	being a motivated and organised student at all times and in all School activities
Ariane La China	3A	some most impressive recount writing
Ella Pusterla	3B	excellent oral presentation on the history of New South Wales, for her Inquiry Studies group project
Cyntara Antonie	4A	her excellent work on the Multi-Lit program
Holly Gray	4B	making such a positive and enthusiastic start at your new school
Isobel MacSporran	5A	excellence in text response
Holly McKenna	5B	being a reliable and responsible member of the class
Brenton Barling	5C	excellent results and a terrific effort in the area of Mathematics, especially fractions
Emma Locandro	6A	her solid application to all of the week's curricula and extracurricular activities
Lucas Fay	6B	a determined effort to improve the accuracy and creativity in his story writing
Harrison Mein	6C	knowledge, understanding and application of his culinary skills
Gemma Dunsmore	6D	making an extra effort to complete all Mathletics tasks
<b>FRENCH</b>		
Nick Sujecki	6A	his consistent great application to all written tasks in French
<b>ART</b>		
Kurt Stevens	4A	the production of his 'Map' artwork inspired by the book 'Tom Tom'
<b>PE</b>		
Charlotte Holland	4A	superb application in game situations. A true leader!
Lochlan Matulis	2A	his improved concentration and persistent practice in PE classes
<b>MUSIC</b>		
Jordyn Barnett	4A	achieving an A for her AMEB First Grade Examination.
Chloe McDonald	2A	making excellent progress in Music
Alayna Wassylko	4A	leadership in teaching new songs to other class members
Jerry Gao	6C	outstanding AMEB Examination result
<b>LIBRARY</b>		
Ben Taylor and William Weight	6B	their willingness to offer assistance in the Library. Greatly appreciated! Many thanks, Mrs Lawrence
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<b>YEAR 2 STRINGS TROPHY</b>	2A	Chloe Vigliaroni – for her interest and obvious enjoyment at playing two new pieces during class.
<b>YEAR 5 BAND TROPHY</b>	5A	Chelsie Priestley - Clarinet for excellent progress and diligence

# Social Service Report



Last Thursday, we had our fundraiser/ Book week dress-up day. We had a parade to determine who was the best dressed book character. In 1<sup>st</sup> place was Kendel Pittard, 2<sup>nd</sup> was Brenton Barling and 3<sup>rd</sup> was Jack Edwards. We also had a sausage sizzle to raise funds for an orphanage in Peru. In total, over \$1,200 was raised.

Thankyou to all who participated and contributed to such a worthy cause. In particular, a big thank-you to Brian Denvir for supplying the Bakers Delight bread from Patterson Lakes and to Village Meats who supplied 150 sausages.

Look out for our next worthy fundraiser which will be a cup-cake day and will assist the RSPCA. More information will be supplied soon! *Jacob Oliver Lucy and Bonnie*



*Our Music Teacher Miss Heggie with some of the students she met during her visit to the Peru orphanage last year.*



## Year 3A Writing

### My Weekend *ANNIKA SKOGLUND, 3A*

Friday night seemed like a good night until we lost by playing basketball against the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest team on the ladder.

I got home after the game and got undressed and jumped into bed. It was the middle of the night. I am so sore and my back hurts I am on the ground and I wondered how I got down here?

I slept there for the whole night then woke up in the morning. I got up and had some breakfast, and then I got dressed for basketball. Dad took me there. We won by 9 points! It was an easy game but there were some hard players.

Before we got back from basketball we asked Annie if she wanted to come over to my house for a play and she said that she would. We arrived home at last. We ran inside to tell my mum we had won the basketball match. We played for about an hour or so and then dad dropped Annie and I off at her place because I was having a sleepover at her house.

We were playing on the computer having lots of fun until my big brother Anders rings up on the phone and said "You're going to miss out on pancakes ha ha ha ha.....!" I didn't really care because we were having ice-cream but I do like pancakes so I hope they will save some for me. Annie's mum gets home and said, "Get into bed its 9.00 sharp!" "But we haven't had dinner yet!" I replied "Then have some it's on the table." "No thanks," we said..... So we ran into bed and pulled the doonas over ourselves.

We slept for the whole night with no waking up. In the morning I went home and got up on a stool and my dad gave me some breakfast. The rest of the day was great. We had lots of fun!!!!

### Football Presentation *Ethan Hamilton 3A*

*It was a peaceful Sunday morning. I woke with high spirits and ready for my footy game. It was the Lightning Premiership and I was to play three half games.*

*We won the first game by 5 goals and the score was 38 to 2. The second game we won again 2 to 1 but the third and final game we lost and came second in the tournament, the score being 0 to 2 the opposition's way. After that, our team got together and sang the theme song.*

*The club rooms were being used so our team went to the Mornington Race Club which is where our coach works, for our presentation. Everyone in the team was there and we had lots of fun. There was a sausage sizzle, burgers, cupcakes, chips, potato salad, pasta, fudge, orange cake and chocolate balls. When the presentation began the team seated themselves down on chairs then Fraser, our coach, presented the trophies, mine had a missing thumb.*

*It had been a tiring weekend but a fun one just the same. When we arrived home I went upstairs, washed off in the shower got my PJs on jumped into bed for an early start to the week.*

### Not a good weekend *Joshua Fahmi 3A*

It was going to be the best night of my life. My family and I were going to my favourite restaurant and I was having pizza. It took two hours for the pizza to be made.

On the way home my cousin and I felt sick in the tummy and I thought I was going to vomit. So I took a big breath and thought of something else.

When we finally got home my cousin and I watched a DVD. By the time the DVD was finished my cousin had to go home and I had to go to bed.



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