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### Our Vision

To cultivate a love of  
 life long learning, in  
 a collaborative,  
 diverse community so  
 that every child can  
 reach full potential.

# NEWSLETTER

JULY 16th

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<i>JULY</i>	
<b>JULY 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>FRIDAY MARKET 4/5/6 Lisa</b>
<b>JULY 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION PARENT INFO EVENING AT 7.00PM.</b>
<i>AUGUST</i>	
<b>AUGUST 18<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOLS FINALISE THEIR READING AND RECORDS FROM THIS DATE TO ALLOW TIME TO COMPLETE AND CHECK DATA BEFORE 31 AUGUST</b>
<b>AUGUST 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK - BOOK SAFARI</b>
<b>AUGUST 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>VICTORIAN PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE ENDS. THE CHALLENGE ONLINE APPLICATION CLOSES. NO DATA CAN BE ENTERED AFTER THIS DATE</b>



### TERM DATES FOR 2009

**Term 3: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July to  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> September**

**Term 4: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> October to  
 Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**



## SWIMMING: Sarah & Jill's Learning Communities

### FRIDAY MARKET ROSTER. TERM 3 2009

Term 3		
Week 1	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Lisa
Week 2	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Elizabeth
Week 3	Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> July	Jill
Week 4	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> August	Chris
Week 5	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	Tess
Week 6	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> August	Kerrie
Week 7	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> August	Phill
Week 8	Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Sarah
Week 9	Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Darren

## *From Robyn*

### **Welcome Back**

It was really lovely to see everyone back at school this week safe and sound. A shock for me though, every day in NT was 30o and above. BUT we all just love Melbourne's crisp mornings and blue skies. We have had word from Anne that she arrived safely in Greece where it is also very warm. Lucky Anne.

### **3-Way conference**

Yesterday was a great day for families, kids and staff. The children had prepared well for their conferences and I believe they did a great job at presenting their work. Well done kids... I am very proud of you. Sharing work enables children to develop their metacognitive skills (articulating what it is they have learned and know) and supports them to take some control of their learning.

Staff were also well prepared and as always put in 110%, thanks to them the conferences went smoothly and children had lots to be proud of. Parents and carers are to be congratulated on their support for this process and helping kids to celebrate their successes but also to help reflect on where they need to go next.

We tried something a little different in our organisation this time and from our perspective it went very smoothly but we would like to hear from you.

Once again thank you for your support and patience.

### **Invention Convention**

I know the Invention Convention was held last term, but I have to mention how fantastic it was. I walked into the Hall and it looked amazing. The children and teachers had put so much effort into the presentation, it was obvious how significant this unit of work had been. It was great to see the culmination of a term's work come together. Once the convention began, it really did look like a convention. The children were proud of their work and presented maturely and with obvious knowledge. Well done to all the staff and children involved.

### **Building The Education Revolution**

The \$2,000,000.00 we are entitled to through the Federal Government's Building Education Revolution is about to be granted to us. The plans for our proposed building works (refurbishment) have arrived and we expect a project manager to be knocking at our door very soon. Now that funding is a reality we thought we should give families an opportunity to see and hear how we got to where we are today. So that can happen we have arranged an information night to be held on **Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> of July at 7.00pm in the Hall** for all parents and carers to attend if they would like. We will also go through the plans for Kitchen Garden works in more detail if there is time.

### **Expenses, Expenses, Expenses**

Unfortunately there are a few things happening this term that cost money. Family Life, Excursions and for some families-swimming. I am apologising in advance because I know when you have a couple of children the costs add up when they come all at once.

We are trying to give advance notice but if you have problems paying please come and see me and we can make arrangements.

### **Work In The Yard and Plantings**

During the holidays, quite a bit of work was started in the yard. The giant posts are up for the shade sails and the Library verandah is underway. Thanks once again to the tireless efforts of Tania and Russell. What would we do without them?

Something wonderful is also happening down near the oval... with a more natural flavour. When you are next at the school, have a look at the climbing plant next to the pyramid net in the senior playground. The Purple Coral Pea (*Hardenbergia Violacea*) that Tess's 3/4 class planted last year has 'taken off'. The Monday gardening group have worked to guide it up the cyclone fence. It looks beautiful and adds just that something extra to the school.

## **IMPORTANT INFO AT BEPS OSHC**

- **OSHC Accounts:** We currently have a high number of unpaid accounts, and wish to remind families that all accounts need to be paid on a fortnightly basis. **CAN ALL UNPAID ACCOUNTS BE PAID ASAP.**
- **Term 3 Bookings:** All OSHC Program bookings will be carried over and charged for into term 3, unless we are notified of changes in writing (in the Booking Changes Diary).
- **OSHC Bookings;** Tuesday Beforecare and Wednesday Aftercare days are currently full, so, you will need to contact the program or speak to Phyllis or Rena to check if a space has become available. Unfortunately, we may not be able to offer you a place – we may have to put you on a waiting list. If we are able to fill a cancelled space with a late booking, then you will not be charged for it if we are over our maximum numbers.
- **Parent Representative for OSHC;** Contact by e-mail; [jayne.crowley@csl.com.au](mailto:jayne.crowley@csl.com.au).
- **Active After-School Communities Program:** Term 3, 2009;  
Tuesdays: 'Breakdancing'(Foster the Arts); 4.15pm - 5.15pm; start – July 28th  
Wednesdays: 'Multi-Skills' (Phyllis); 4.15pm - 5.15pm; start – May 6<sup>th</sup>  
Thursdays: 'Fun'n'Games'(Fitnessworx); 4.15pm - 5.15pm; start – July 30<sup>th</sup>

### **Quality Assurance Update**

**We have now received the final accreditation decision from NCAC – we continue to be an accredited service and received 'high quality' in all quality areas and principles. Copies of the composite profile and report are up on the OSHC noticeboard.**

**THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OSHC FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE QA PROCESS.**

### **Weekly Program Plan:**

<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Activity &amp; Experiences</b>
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>'Body painting' (Zara) &amp; 'Basketball' (Elizabeth)</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>'Decorative stringing wheels' (Harri) &amp; 'Outside Games' (Rustin)</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>22<sup>nd</sup> July</b>	<b>'Decorative stringing wheels' (Harri) &amp; 'Straw Painting' (Zara) &amp; 'Soccer' (Gus)</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23<sup>rd</sup> July</b>	<b>'Music Games' (Elizabeth) &amp; 'Outside Games' (Gus) &amp; 'Cooking Club' (Zara)</b>
<b>Friday</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>'Super-challenges' (Rustin)</b>

## Family Life for students in grades 3/4/5/6

Family Life trained presenters will conduct three, one hour sessions in classrooms this term. Family Life has operated at BEPS for many years now and offers students in grades 3-6 the opportunity to gain accurate, age appropriate information about puberty and reproduction. The program has been designed to help schools implement particular aspects of the health curriculum.

The content of the sessions is age-specific and interactive, using a variety of audio-visual materials, discussion and games. The approach used is simple, straight-forward and sensitive and respects and supports the role of family in sexuality education. We encourage our students to participate in this valuable, educational program.

**Dates: Gr 5/6 Monday - 27 July, 3, 10 August 2009**  
**Gr 3/4 Monday - 27 July, Wednesday - 5 & 12 August 2009**

Children will bring home a permission note today with further information on topics covered. I am happy to answer any questions you may have regarding this program.  
Darren

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## Sport and Physical Education



This term our school focus is on athletics. All BEPS Gr 3/4/5/6 students will participate in the Brunswick District Standardised Athletics event on August 13 with selected students competing at the Brunswick Championship Athletics event on August 28. A BEPS Athletics Day is also planned for the younger students. More information will be sent home along with permission notes as these dates approach.

# Education Maintenance Allowance - Instalment Two



## Sample Newsletter Article

### Education Maintenance Allowance

#### Instalment Two

The second instalment of the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) payment is due from mid August onwards for those parents/guardians who have chosen the EFT payment option on their application form at the start of the year.

Parents and guardians who lodged an EMA application at the beginning of the year do not need to lodge another EMA application to receive the second instalment EMA payment.

Any parent/guardian wishing to change from a cheque payment to an EFT payment will need to submit a new application form to the school for processing. Applications close on **7 August 2009**.

Parents/guardians who have chosen the cheque payment option will receive their payment from late August / early September.

Further information can be obtained from:  
[www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/aboutschool/lifeatschool/ema/default.htm)

**Contact:** School Office for application form and further information

#### Key Dates:

- Eligibility day - **13 July 2009**
- Parent applications close - **7 August 2009**
- Census day - **7 August 2009**
- EFT payments - **Mid August 2009** onwards
- Cheque payments - **Late August / Early September 2009**



**Instrumental Music with Katherine Anderson**

I have a number of places free at the moment for students to learn Recorder, Flute, Saxophone, Clarinet or Guitar. Places are available for both individual and paired lessons.

Please contact me if you are interested or would like further information.

Thanks,  
Katherine Anderson  
0419133173  
kelisabethanderson@gmail.com



**EXCHANGE STUDENTS IN NEED OF VOLUNTEER HOST FAMILIES.**

**Have you ever considered introducing your own children to an older international sibling?**

**World Education Program is looking for Volunteer Host Families for International Students arriving in February 2010.**

**Our Big Brothers & Big Sisters from France, Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Italy, and Belgium are keen to start corresponding with a family they can call their own and learn about the place they will call home.**

**If you would like more information on becoming a Host Family, please contact:**

**Nikki Medwell  
Inbound Exchange Administrator  
World Education Program**

**Ph: (03) 9598 4733  
Fax: (03) 9598 4233  
Toll Free: 1300 884 733  
Email: nikkimedwell@wep.org.au**

**An information pack can be sent on request.**

**It's easier than you think & a fantastic experience for all!**

### ANGELICO ART Clubs for Kids

Fun & creative art classes for primary school children  
run by artist & primary teacher Rebecca Claire.  
Activities include construction, painting, drawing & collage.

**Holden St Neighbourhood House, North Fitzroy**

ALL CLASSES NOW FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS

**Mondays** 5:00-7:00 \$150 per term

**Thursdays** 5:00-6:30 \$125 per term

Concessions for pension/healthcare card holders

Casual attendance welcome if places available

**Bookings 0438 090 107 angelicoart@gmail.com**


### Are all your music and photo files backed up?

The most frequent problem I see is a computer that has stopped working without a backup having been taken of all the important files, especially iTunes and digital photo files.

Many times I can recover your important files but from time-to-time it is just too late!

If you do nothing else, then please review my guide on [how to back up](#) your important data and "**do it now, before it is too late**".

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Please Take One

You are invited to attend a great night of  
laughs & fun at the

# St Linus' Kindergarten

# TRIVIA NIGHT!!!

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> July 2009  
Commencing 7:30pm Sharp

Pascoe Vale North Primary School Hall  
(Cnr Kent Rd & Derby St)

\$10 Entry per person (adults only)

Fantastic prizes to be won!  
Raffle Tickets \$1.00 ea

Organize a table or join in on the night, bring your own plate and drinks, and we'll provide the FUN at this fantastic fundraising event

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