

Term 2, 2009.

Coming Events

28th May, 2009

NOTE: ITEMS FOR THE
LINK CLOSE ON
WEDNESDAY AT 1.30PM

MAY

Friday 29th
Resuscitate a Mate
Two sessions:
Right Choices students
Leadership group

JUNE

Mon 8th : Queen's Birthday
Holiday

Fri 12th: Report Writing Day—
Students Not required at school

Fri 19th: Winter sports

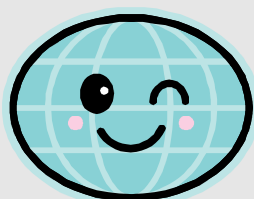
Tues 23rd: School Council

Thur 25th: Reports go home

Fri 26th: Last Day of Term 2
2.30pm finish

JULY

Mon 13th: Term 3 Begins



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Future

Principal's Comments:

Bike Awards

Congratulations to Georgia and Aidan who both won a new bike this week. Thanks to the Salvation Army for donating the bikes. Thanks also to Bruce Hando for ensuring the bikes were roadworthy.

School Website

The address of the brand new school website will be in next week's Link. We are in the process of putting the final touches on it.

Remember to get those permission notes back if you wish to be part of the website.

Swine Flu

General basic hygiene is a key strategy in preventing the spread of HiNi Influenza (Human Swine Flu).

We encourage all students to wash their hands regularly and cover their mouths and noses when coughing or sneezing.

Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.

Active After School Program

Next week will be the final week of this Term's Active After School Program. Thank you to those who have participated and we hope you enjoyed being part of such worthwhile activities.

David Marsh.

Stars of the Week

25/05/09



<i>Prep1 M</i>	<i>Byran</i>
<i>Prep1/O'B</i>	<i>Kyra</i>
<i>Year 1/2 F</i>	<i>Ben</i>
	<i>Angelina</i>
<i>2/3 D</i>	<i>Nicholas</i>
<i>3/4 D</i>	<i>Kane</i>
<i>3/4 H</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<i>4/6 G</i>	<i>Casey</i>
<i>5 SW</i>	<i>Anna</i>
<i>6 M</i>	<i>Jordan</i>
	<i>Ashlee</i>

Principal's Award:

Emilee
Rhiannon
Katrina
Liam
Ricky
Pat

Staff Award: *Travis Stefanos*

French Award: *Prep 1 Martin*

Bank Award: *Darcy*
Brooke

Art Award: *4/6 Griffin*



Congratulations!

Parents Club

We have an up coming Petrol Raffle. 1st Prize \$100 donated by Graham Male, and 2nd Prize \$50.00 donated by the Junction Roadhouse. The roster for selling tickets is attached to this Link. Remember you have to be in it to win it!

Cook books are still for sale for \$10.00. These can be purchased from 'Top of The Town' Salon and the 'Country Kitchen'.

Plastic Pockets also for sale \$3.00

School supplies are for sale from the Office.

Next Meeting is in the Staffroom on Tuesday 24th June at 9:05am

Rebecca and Simone.

School Banking

A reminder to all that School Banking is available every Friday for any students who wish to use this service. It is a beneficial service which encourages a savings pattern which will carry on later in life. This year each student will receive a prize at assembly after they have made any of the following deposits:

Their 10th deposit, 20th, 30th and 35th deposits for the year. Banking is open to all students and any brothers and sisters. Accounts can be opened at any time at the Westpac branch between the hours of 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Amos on 03 5495 2277 or drop into the Westpac Bank.

Music School at Donald

The Wimmera Bands' Group is holding their annual music school at Donald during the July holidays. Enrolments are currently being taken from trumpet, saxophone, clarinet, flute, trombone, baritone, drums and tuba players.

The school runs from Sunday 28th June, to Sunday 5th July 2009.

Cost of attending is \$140.00 per student (there is a discount for members of the St. Arnaud Citizens' Band). This includes tuition, morning and afternoon tea, lunch and text books. Free billets are available if required.

For further information contact Peter and Jayne Battersby after hours on 5495 1780 or Bob Wooley, Bandmaster on 5495 1179 or Mobile: 0419 537 577.

St. Arnaud Rotary Club

St. Arnaud Rotary Club have sent this letter to us at St. Arnaud Primary;

I am writing to congratulate three students of St. Arnaud Primary School who recently attended the Rotary Club of St. Arnaud dinner meeting. Eleanor, Montana and Nick all gave very interesting recollections of their time spent at the Portsea Camp.

Each student is a credit to their family, school and should feel very proud of the way they presented themselves.

I hope Rotary can once again organize Portsea Camp in 2010 and assist young peoples journey through life experiences.

Yours sincerely,

Marg Batters.

Rotary Club of St. Arnaud.

Girl Guides Vic School Holiday Camp

When: Sunday 28th June

Where: Iluka Girl Guide Campsite, Shoreham Road, Shoreham

Who: For girls aged between 10 and 14 years old

Cost: \$550.00 for Girl Guide Members

\$700.00 for non members

Applications close Friday 29th May 2009

Call Girl Guides Vic 8606 3500

Email: camps@guidesvic.org.au

Website: www.guidesvic.org.au

St. Arnaud Primary School Web Site:

St. Arnaud Primary School has joined a program called sponsor-ed that uses school web sites to generate fund raising dollars.

Sponsor-ed (the people behind the program) provide us with a free web site, free hosting, training and on-going support. Websites of comparable quality can cost in excess of \$7,000. A lot has changed in the digital world since we first implemented our school's web site. Back then we hadn't heard of Google, Wikipedia, ebay and the ipod was still pure fantasy.

One of the most significant changes has been the ability of websites to generate sponsorship funds if enough people visit a site. It's a lot like the newspaper world. The more people that see the advertisers message, the more money the publisher can earn. Today, almost by accident, we find ourselves as publishers.

The fund raising dollars we can earn is tied directly to the number of pageviews our web site receives and the sponsors we have on our site. The school has total control over which sponsors are represented on our site. What's a pageview? It's simply a way of measuring how many times our web site is viewed by our community.

One of the things you could do now to help get our web visits up, is to turn your computer's home page to that of the school. You may never have thought much about your homepage or how to change it, but doing so is very easy. On our web site you'll notice a big orange button in the top right hand corner, 'Make this my home page' – just press it and your homepage will become that of the school's.

Apart from the fundraising, the web site has many wonderful and useful features;

- Today's weather and forecast

- A dynamic calendar that will be able to update your own Outlook calendar on your own computer automatically (coming June)

- Search for key words on the site

- Google searching from the site

- Links to local sporting fixtures

- Save the environment, get your newsletters online. When the newsletter's been uploaded, we'll send you an email to let you know it's now available

- Fortnightly Michael Grose article, acclaimed parenting expert

- And much more coming over the coming months.

We will also be setting up sections specifically for Right Choices, Local sponsors, Parent Volunteers and much more.

So make sure you check next week's Link Update for the release of our new web address.

I hope you support this innovative initiative and if you have any ideas on the content that you would like to see on the site please let us know.

Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.