

Term 2, 2009.

Coming Events

18th June, 2009

June

Fri June 19th
Winter Sports at Birchip

Tues 23rd : Parents Club
Meeting 9.05am

Tues 23rd : School Council

June 24/25th
Reports Go Home

Fri June 26th :
End of Term 2
2.30pm finish

July

Mon 13th: Term 3 Begins

Tues 21st : School Council

August

Wed 26th : School Dance

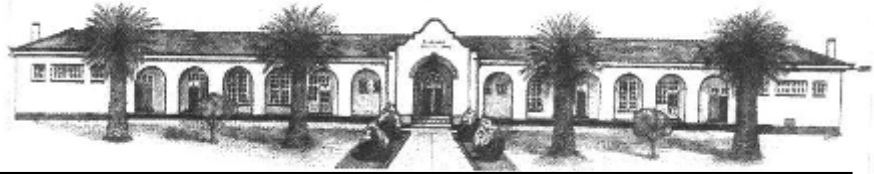
STORYTIME
@
ST. ARNAUD
LIBRARY

THURSDAY 25TH
JUNE

@

4.05PM

Come along and
listen to a story and join
in a fun activity



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Future

Principal's Comments:

We only have one week to go but still have the Winter Sports, Parents Club, School Council and Reports to go home. It is a busy time. I thank all the teachers and school staff for their dedication and flexibility through this busy time.

Both David Marsh and myself attended a 'Communities in Control' Conference in Melbourne on Monday and Tuesday that had over 1000 in attendance and high quality speakers. Through our attendance at this event the opportunity to speak on ABC Radio about the Right Choices Program eventuated yesterday.

The New School website is now up and going. We are constantly working on ways to improve the site and keep it updated.

Check it out at;

<http://www.starnaudps.vic.edu.au/>

There are new smoking laws effecting all schools from July 1.

As of 1 July 2009, the Minister for Education will exercise the power vested in the *Education and Training Reform Act 2006* to prohibit smoking on all Victorian government school premises.

At present, smoking is not permitted in Victorian government school buildings or enclosed outdoor areas. However, smoking is permitted by adults on school grounds in unenclosed spaces and out of view of students.

The ban includes all activities that take place on school grounds and within all school buildings, both during and outside of school hours. This promotes the message that non-smoking is actively encouraged by the Victorian Government.

Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.

IMPORTANT REMINDER: Can Parents/Guardians please make sure that we have your *up to date contact numbers* in case we need to contact you. This is essential for us to ensure the continued best care for your child.

Stars of the Week

18/06/09

<i>Prep1 M</i>	<i>Aidan</i>
<i>Prep1/O'B</i>	<i>Zali</i>
<i>1/2 F</i>	<i>Dion</i>
	<i>Abby</i>
	<i>Jenna</i>
<i>2/3 D</i>	<i>Kacie</i>
<i>3/4 D</i>	<i>Ailseann</i>
<i>3/4 H</i>	<i>Alexis</i>
<i>4/6 G</i>	<i>Jacqueline</i>
<i>5SW</i>	<i>Harley</i>
	<i>Leeton</i>
<i>6M</i>	<i>Linley</i>
	<i>Toni</i>

Congratulations!

Junior School Council

Next Friday on the 26th June J.S.C is organizing a pyjama day. We would like everyone to wear their pyjamas to school and have a fun day. No gold coins are necessary. Thank you and don't forget to wear your pyjamas and have a good day!

Eleanor and Jacqui.

J.S.C. Representatives

Parents Club

Parent Club would like to thank the School Community for supporting our fundraising efforts so far this year. Cook Books are still for sale at Country Kitchen, Top of the Town and at the office for \$10.00. School Supplies are still for sale at the office. Plastic pockets are also for sale \$3.00. Our last meeting for this term is in the Staffroom on Tuesday the 23rd of June at 9.05am

Thanks Rebecca and Simone.

Winter Sports

The Winter Sports will be held tomorrow Friday June 19th at Birchip starting at 10.00am. Details have been sent home already. All the best to those competing.

Travis Stefanos.

H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu)

From the Department of Education

PARENT COMMUNICATION

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified 'sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor

as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

Visit www.health.vic.gov.au

Call the **Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007**

Call **Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024** – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)

Visit **your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

Hockey

Kerang Carnival is on Sunday 29th of July. Entry forms will be going home as soon as possible and are to be returned by the 2nd July to your hockey coach. Please contact your hockey coach for further details and keep Sunday 29th July free if you wish to participate. Sections are: **U9, U11, U13, U15 boys and U9, U11, U13, U15 girls.** All sections are 6-a-side round robin. \$5.00 entry.

Trudi Jackson.

St. Arnaud Camera Club

Hobbyist or just enjoy photography? We have regular outings. Membership \$20.00.

Contact: Meagan Ferguson Ph; 5495 1306.

St. Arnaud Community Cinema

Tickets at door cost \$9.00pp. Screening at 7.30pm
Friday 26th June: '17 Again' Rated PG, comedy