

Term 2, 2009.

Coming Events

11th June, 2009

June

Fri June 12th
Report Writing Day—Pupil
Free

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

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

**The 5 min zone at the
front of the school pro-
vides a terrific service,
especially at the end of the
day. To ensure this con-
tinues to work well, we
ask people to observe the
5 min rule, especially if
they are leaving their car.**



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Future

Principal's Comments:

The New School website is now up and going.

Check it out at;

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

It is a work in progress and will be added to and improved on a regular basis. A reminder to all that the more hits we get on the site the greater the sponsorship dollars that come to us. There has never been an easier way to raise money for the school.

Parent Club Raffle

Congratulations to the winners! Well done to all those parents who helped sell tickets, especially to Darleen, who did some very lengthy shifts !

A reminder to all parents that tomorrow is a pupil free day for all state schools in Victoria.

Influenza H1N1 (Swine Flu) Update

Victoria is now in a modified 'Sustain' phase of its plan to manage the impact of this strain of influenza in our community.

There is no longer a need to quarantine everyone who has been in contact with a confirmed case of H1N1 Influenza. Only confirmed cases will need to be quarantined.

Students, teachers, and classes that were in quarantine, as a result of being in contact with a confirmed case of the virus, are to return to school as soon as practicable.

Schools will no longer be closed when cases are confirmed. Settings such as special developmental schools and childcare centres will be managed on a case-by-case basis. Schools that were closed have been reopened.

Any further information can be accessed through
<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/>

Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.

REMINDER: Friday 12th June

**A reminder that tomorrow is Report Writing day and students are
NOT REQUIRED AT SCHOOL**

Parents Club

Thank you to all the parents who helped to sell raffle tickets down the street and to all those who bought tickets. We raised over \$500.00!!!

A **BIG 'thank you'** to Graeme Male and the Junction Roadhouse for your generous support with the prizes. First prize went to The Russ Family and second prize was won by Mr. Warren McRae. Congratulations!!

A reminder that cook books are still for sale for \$10.00. These can be purchased from Country Kitchen or Top of The Town.

Plastic pockets also for sale for \$3.00

School supplies are for Sale at the office.

Next meeting is in the staffroom on Tuesday the 23rd of June at 9.05am.

Rebecca and Simone.

2/3D

In our class 2/3D we have been doing rocket writing about a bear, giant and a watch. The class have chosen to share these stories.

I saw a giant with a giant black bear. I looked at my watch it was 12.00 in the day, I said "time for lunch". I had pancakes for lunch, the giant bear and the giant smelt the pancakes I was cooking.

The black bear was a fully grown male 10,000lbs and the giant was 140 feet tall. At least I had a stick. Then the big black bear charged at me, so did the giant. I got my stick out and I scared them both. They ran away and never came back. Then I lived happily ever after eating my pancakes for lunch.

By Cody

Once upon a time there was a giant cheetah his name was Cougar man. He was an African animal. He wanted to go on a safari hunt for a giant bear. He was going to hunt for meat to go in his pack for his master. But he didn't know how to get the giant bear or how many bears there would be. So he said to Cadbury "Will you help me go and catch some bears with me?" "Okay" said Cadbury. We can swim through the river and get a bear, and bring it back to the pack.

They caught two bears and Cadbury got a medal for helping him. Cougar man was given a golden watch for his hard work.

By Jake

Poem about Miss D

Miss D is very nice,
Other teachers are as strict as spice.
I love being in her class,
Others make's me as thin as glass.

Miss D is the best there will ever be,
I hope other kids think like me.

By Julia

Winter Sports

The Winter Sports will be held next Friday June 19th at Birchip starting at 10.00am. Details will be sent home with the relevant students in the next few days.

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.

ST. ARNAUD BADMINTON ASSOC. INC.

BEGINNERS:

We still have places available for any students aged 8 and upwards who would like to learn to play Badminton. Come along to the St. Arnaud Stadium on Wednesdays at 4pm. Racquets are available and the cost is \$2 per week.

For more information please ring Sue Sutton on 54944247.

JUNIORS:

Monday nights at 4pm for those who have played for at least one year.

2nd COMPETITION A & B GRADE:

Second Competition of the Season will start Wed. 15th July 6.30 pm.

Names for A or B Grade by 8th July to Trudi Torney at the Stadium, or Sue Sutton 5494 4247. New players most welcome.

Singles and Doubles Championships:

To be held in the school holidays. Singles: Wed. 1st July 6.30 pm Doubles: Wed. 8th July 6.30 pm. Graded competition.

Social Badminton:

Every Thursday morning, all year round, at 9.30 at the Stadium. Supervision available for children. Racquets available.

Sue Sutton.

Auskick News

Just a reminder to the parents that if it is raining on Tuesday afternoons, Auskick will be held at the Stadium. Parents are reminded to collect their child from school and sign them in and out. This will help avoid any problems with children going off anywhere they are not supposed to. Thankyou for your support in this matter.

Annette and Narrelle

Net-Set –Go Important Notice

Net-Set-Go will resume on Tuesday 16th June.

Student Banking—Westpac

Westpac St. Arnaud runs weekly School Banking every Friday for any student who would like to use this service.

The idea is to get the students to start a savings pattern which will be beneficial later in life. The bank is also going to deposit \$5.00 in all participating students' bank accounts with their first deposit. The school receives .30 cents for each deposit that is made each week. Banking is open to all students and any brothers and sisters. Any student who does not have a Westpac Bank Account will be able to open one at any time. Westpac is open between 9.00am and 5.00pm Monday to Friday.

Identification may be required so please make sure you have the documents with you. If students have an existing account, then that account can be used.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Chris Amos on 03 5495 2277 or drop into the Westpac Bank.

Chris Amos

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

School Timetable

Just a reminder for the school community:

8.57am Music

9.00am School Begins

10.00am Fruit/Health Snack

11.00am Recess (First five minutes in class)

11.27am Music

11.30am Classrooms

1.30pm Lunch (First ten minutes in class)

2.22pm Music

2.25 Classrooms

3.25pm Dismissal