

Term 3, 2009.

Coming Events

6th August, 2009

Active After School Program

Mon:—Self Defence 3.30pm
Tues:- Soccer Magic 3.30pm
Fri: -Gymnastics 3.30pm

August

Fri 7th:

Parent Club Sav Day (No lunch orders on this day)
* Fundraising order form due back today

Mon 10th:

Parent Teacher Interviews

Fri 14th: Casual Clothes Day

Monday 17th—5pm School Council Finance Meeting

Tues 18th: School Council

*Parent Club Meeting at 9.05am

Wed 26th : School Dance

Theme: 'The Seventies'

September

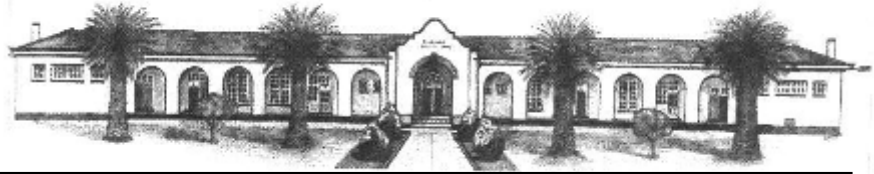
Thursday : 3rd

Parent Session
' Outward Facing Schools'
5.45pm—6.45pm followed by finger food.

Fri 4th: Horsham Athletics

Fri 11th: Zone Athletics

Fri 18th: End of Term 3



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Future

Principal's Comments:

The Spelling program in Grades 2-6 has begun very smoothly. The Literacy block is now very structured for these classes which is great. The first half hour of each day is still the allocated time for reading which fits in perfectly with our wonderful group of 'Reading' parents.

Don't forget that the Walking School Bus operates daily. To find out more just ring Jenny or Shirlee in the office.

Westpac currently deliver our school banking program and donate many items for students who bank regularly. They have just announced a wonderful offer where they will donate \$100 to the school for anyone who takes out a home loan or home refinancing with them. Whilst the school does not endorse any product, as a supporter of the school it may well be worth considering the offer. Just contact Chris Amos in St. Arnaud or Greg Dwan in Horsham [53825144] for more details.

Remember check out the website and make it your home page. Every page view raises money for the school!

[Website](http://www.starnaudps.vic.edu.au)

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Electives Program— Thanks for those members of the community and parents who have contacted the school in regards to electives. We are getting close to having enough volunteers for this to go ahead.

Receipts : If you require a receipt for any payment to the school just contact Shirlee or Jenny in the office and it will be done.

Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.

**REMINDER: NO LUNCH ORDERS
TOMORROW FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST
DUE TO SAV DAY**

Walking school bus not operating 10 to 24 August

Stars of the Week



07/08/09

<i>Prep1 M</i>	<i>Lara</i>
<i>Prep1/O'B</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<i>Year 1/2 F</i>	<i>Angelina</i>
	<i>Cooper</i>
	<i>Tyler</i>
	<i>Tom</i>
	<i>Jarrood</i>
<i>2/3 D</i>	<i>Kyle</i>
<i>3/4D</i>	<i>Renee</i>
<i>3/4 H</i>	<i>Andrew</i>
<i>4/6 G</i>	<i>Sam</i>
<i>5 SW</i>	<i>Next Week</i>
<i>6 M</i>	<i>Next Week</i>



Congratulations!

Assistant Principal's Comments:

Intensive Spelling Program Update

The Intensive spelling program has begun and is off to a great start. The students have been punctual to date and are progressing well. Each day students are undertaking a thirty minute session where they have been experiencing various spelling strategies to enhance their spelling abilities.

As you are now aware, the introduction of the program has meant some changes have had to occur to the morning literacy block. The school day begins at 8.55am (the music starts playing at 8.52am). From 9.00 – 9.30 students are involved in a writing session. 9.30 – 10.00 is when the students are involved in the spelling. 10.00 – 11.00 is designated to reading.

The spelling program involves very prescriptive lessons. Each day students across the school complete the same lesson number. That is why it is very important students are in attendance. There will not be an opportunity for students to catch up on missed lessons. Another aspect of the program is that students are streamed into ability groups. For the thirty minute session, students are working with different students in different rooms.

Teachers are very optimistic about the program's success and are committed to the initiative. If parents have any further questions they should speak to their child's classroom teacher.

Chris Walter.
Acting Assistant Principal.

Parking Warning

The School has been asked to remind Parents that the parking bays immediately out the front are '**drop off only**' bays . If parents intend on bringing children in whilst leaving their car parked there, then they must ensure they adhere to 5 (five) minutes only, otherwise they must park else where. Thank you.

Junior School Council

Junior School Council would like to let everyone know there will be a fundraiser for the Asthma Foundation. We would like you to come dressed in casual clothes. We are just asking for a gold coin donation. So don't worry about wearing school clothes, just come along dressed in casual clothes! It is on the 14th of August so we hope you can come dressed casually.

Belinda and Jessie.

Parents Club

Upcoming events: Fathers & Special Gentleman's Day Stall is approaching. Donations for this would be a great help! We are having a 'Sav' Day on Friday, orders were due back on Thursday the 6th plus we have our **Slice & Lollies fundraiser due this Friday August 7th.** Please put the eldest child's name and grade on the forms. Cheques are to be made payable to St. Arnaud Primary School. There will be prizes for the highest sales.

Our school really reaps the rewards from our fundraising efforts!

Plastic pockets are available for \$3.00

Cook Books for \$10.00 are available from 'Top of the Town', 'Country Kitchen' and the Office. School supplies are still available.

Our next meeting will be held at 9.05am in the staffroom on the 18th of August.

Thank you for your support!

Auskick News

All Parents and Auskickers, August 11th is the last week of Auskick. This is our break-up day and it will be held at the Stadium.

There is no need for footballs to be brought on the day as there will be no Auskick at all, it is a presentation of Certificates etc, and thank you to all those involved throughout the year.

Could Parents please bring along the chocolate fundraising money that has not yet been handed in as this needs to be banked as soon as possible.

We hope to see you all there!!!

Auskick Co-ordinators

Annette, Joanne and Narelle.

St. Arnaud Community Cinema

Friday 14th August @ 7.30pm

Rated: PG Screening:

\$9.00 per ticket

Ice Age 3—Dawn of the Dinosaurs

Child Abuse Prevention Service (CAPS)

Parenting isn't always easy, so it's good to know that help is available! For free, confidential, 24 hour, parent and carer support call CAPS on 1800 688 009. CAPS support workers can help;

If you are finding it hard to cope with your children.

If you are having issues with the behaviour of your children.

If you would like information about communicating with or disciplining your children.

If you have concerns about the safety and welfare of a child you know.

If you think you might harm a child.

If you need clarification about what child abuse actually is.

If you want to report abuse but don't know how.

If you have any questions or need any information about child abuse.

If you need help but don't know where to get it.

Or if you just need someone to talk to!

You can find out more information at www.childabuseprevention.com.au or call 1800 688 009.



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Friday Lunchtime Videos in the Multi-Purpose Room.—Run by School Chaplains

1.45pm every Friday during Term 3, beginning Friday 31st July. 'Veggie Tales' feature the computer animated adventures of a team of talking vegetables as they re tell Bible stories and spin some entertaining yarns of their own to help children deal with issues such as: overcoming fear, mercy and forgiveness, telling the truth, being good friends, etc. Attendance is by choice of both child and parent/guardian. Presented by School Chaplains