

Term 4, 2009.

Coming Events

5th November, 2009

November

**Mon 9th: Kanga 8's
cricket in Maryborough**

**Tues 10th: Parents Club
Meeting @ 9.05am**

Fri 13th: Childrens Fete

**Mon 16th:
: Year 5/6 Camp to
Wilson's Promontory**

December

**Tues 8th:
Prep & Grade 6/Yr 7
Orientation Day**

**Thursday 10th
Graduation Dinner**

**School Concert Date
change TBA**

**Fri 18th:
: Last Day of Term
2.30pm**



Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Future



Principal's Comments:

Schools First Presentation

David Marsh and I attended the Schools First Presentation and Workshop two weeks ago to accept the award on behalf of Right Choices. Whilst we didn't win the \$100 000, we enjoyed the opportunity to speak to other schools doing similar things. We were lucky enough to be the only school chosen to speak about our program in front of dignitaries and the media. This went very well and David even managed to get the Minister for Education's ear for a minute or two. You will need to ask David about how that went.

A reminder to all parents regarding the five minute zone at the front of the school. This zone was set up to allow the quick and easy delivery of students in the morning and collection of students in the afternoon. If you are intending to leave your car, we would prefer that you use other areas such as the top car park.

There will announcements soon regarding the date for the School Concert.

Classes 2010

Teachers have spent considerable time working in groups to begin to formulate classes for 2010. Academic and social factors are being taken into account and discussed at length. This year classes are being formulated first, and only once they are settled, will I appoint teachers to each grade.

Therefore, since I will not be changing any students within classes myself, I will not be taking 2010 requests as I have done the last three years. So whilst none of us are mind readers, I have great faith in the process of groups of teachers working together [and David giving all classes the onceover!] to get the class dynamics right.

Classes will be announced in the last week of school. This is left till then because, traditionally, the transient nature of our student population continues right up until the last week, making it difficult to settle with classes when families are still unsure if they will be here in 2010. Prep classes are treated a little differently and these students may be notified earlier.

*Mr. Mark McLay.
Principal.*

Stars of the Week
02/11/09

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| <i>Prep1 M</i> | <i>Lockie W</i> |
| <i>Prep1/O'B</i> | <i>Josh B</i> |
| <i>Year 1/2 F</i> | <i>Ashlee M</i> |
| | <i>Molly H</i> |
| | <i>Jarrood P</i> |
| <i>2/3 D</i> | <i>Sam L</i> |
| | <i>Tyler L</i> |
| <i>3/4D</i> | <i>Brodie B</i> |
| <i>3/4 H</i> | <i>Thomas E</i> |
| <i>4/6 G</i> | <i>Whole Class</i> |
| <i>5 SW</i> | <i>Next Week</i> |
| <i>6 M</i> | <i>Lynley G</i> |
| | <i>Sam C</i> |

Congratulations!

Hats Term 4—A reminder to all that hats are required to be worn during all outdoor activities—no hat! no play! sad face!



Children's Fete

Time to clean out the cupboards!

I would greatly appreciate any donations of Trash and Treasure for the Children's Fete. Many thanks.

Annette Driscoll.



Community Cinema

When: Friday 6th November at 7.30pm

Rated PG

'Aliens In The Attic'

Tickets: At the door

Cost: \$9.00 per person

IMPORTANT DATES

December 2009

Tuesday 8th: Prep and Grade 6/Year 7 Orientation Day
Thursday 10th: Graduation Dinner
Friday 18th: Last Day of Term
Students dismissed at 2.30pm
School Concert: To Be Advised

January 2010

Wednesday 27th: Staff Return, Planning & Development
Thursday 28th: Staff Professional Development/ Planning
Student Free Day
Friday 29th: Staff Planning, Meetings
Student Free Day

February 2010

Monday 1st: Students Return to School for Term 1

Parents Club Vision Portraits

Well done to Sharon Douglas who won the \$175.00 photo pack.

Thankyou to everyone who has supported this fundraiser, it was a great success.

Sun Block

We are having a SunBlock Australia Fundraiser, forms were sent home with last week's Link, could you please return order forms with money by the 12th of November with your child's name and class on the bottom of the form.

Icy Poles

Icy Poles for sale this term for 50 cents, brands are Black and Gold and Bulla.

Michelle F and Darleen B are rostered on this week.

If members would like to help to sell icy poles, there is a roster up in the Photocopier room. Please feel free to add your name to the list.

Our next meeting will be held in the Library at 9.05am on the 10th November.

Rebecca and Simone.

Victorian Student Number Information for Parents and Students

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development has released the following information for Parents and Students in regard to the VSN (Victorian Student Number). This VSN is being implemented State wide with all schools to be implemented by end of Term 4 2009.

The Victorian Student Number (VSN) is a student identification number that will be assigned by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development to all students in government and non-government schools, and students in Vocational Education and Training Institutions. The number, which is unique to each student, will be used as a key identifier on a student's school records, and will remain with the student throughout his or her education, until reaching the age of 25. The VSN is nine digits long, randomly assigned, and tied to identifying information about the student (name, gender, date of birth).

The introduction of the VSN will provide the capability to accurately detect patterns of student movement through, and departure from, the Victorian education and training system. It will greatly improve the collection and analysis of timely and accurate data about education in Victoria.

Why do students need to have a VSN?

In a large and diverse education system such as Victoria's, a standard, centrally assigned student number is the best way to identify individual students. Using a reference number to collect and store data helps avoid the errors and confusion when names are misspelled, changed, or mistaken for other similar names.

Most Australian states either have, or are intending to introduce a student number, and the practice is common in many other countries, including New Zealand and Canada.

Where will the VSN appear?

The VSN will appear:

- on common student communications, such as enrolment confirmations and report cards, and
- on applications made for enrolment in new schools or institutions.

Why does the government need information on students?

The Department collects information to track improvements made to the education system, to identify areas that require further improvement, and to analyse trends and identify future needs. The VSN will simply improve the accuracy, reliability and completeness of this information, providing a better basis for assessing needs and developing policies to meet them. The improved quality of information will also result in more accurate reporting to the community on the state's education system.

Will the privacy of personal information be protected?

Yes, security is built in to the VSN system and the number itself. The student records maintained in the VSN system contain minimal information about each student – name, date of birth, and gender together with the date of admission and date of exit from each school attended.

The VSN system is not a collection point for other student data such as academic achievements and outcomes, health or welfare information. Because the number is randomly assigned, personal information about the student cannot be inferred from it.

Access to the data in the VSN system is strictly limited, and the database itself will be maintained in a fully secure environment. The information will be used only for educational purposes and the ways in which the VSN can be used are prescribed by legislation. The legislation also includes criminal offences for use of the data for other than the prescribed purposes. Commonwealth and State [Privacy Principles](#) have also been used to guide the design of the VSN system.

Are parents and students entitled to see the information stored on the VSN system about the student?

Yes. The system will not change the rules governing access to and disclosure of personal information and protection of privacy.

What do schools think of the new system?

Schools, other education organisations and education experts have been regularly consulted during the development and design of the VSN. Care has been taken to minimise the administrative demands that the VSN places on schools. There has been broad support from the education sector in general, for the introduction of the VSN.

What information is available for parents?

A summary description of the VSN is available to parents. This brochure is in English and 10 different languages other than English. These will be available from your school soon.