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Current Notices				
Date sent home	Level	Notice	Date due back	Amount
<i>Spare notices are available in the display stand in the foyer.</i>				

Dates to Remember

AUGUST 2009

- Tuesday 4th UNSW Comp – English
- **Musical Performance**
- Thursday 6th Hoop Time
- Friday 7th Aust Maths Competition
- Wednesday 12th Big Day Out – Prep/1/2
- Wednesday 19th Prep Transition – Literacy
- UNSW Comp – Maths
- Thursday 27th Special Food Day

Please do not take photos or video footage of tonight's show – a DVD is available.

Building

Yesterday I met with School Councillors, our architects and representatives from DEECD to work on an action plan to develop a further scope of works for our new classrooms and office development.

The multipurpose hall, art room and canteen works will commence this Thursday. Our Building Contractors, L U Simon, will be on site this Thursday to fence off the building site, locate builders' facilities onto the area and commence preparation for the works. This will involve the re-siting of the 2/3/4 playground to adjacent to the senior playground on our southern boundary. The actual completion of this stage of works is expected to be by February 2010 with the next phase involving classroom building commencing as soon as the first phase is completed.

Canstruction

Twenty-five schools in the Easter Region, including Parkmore will participate in Canstruction

Last year Level 4 students from the Knox Area used 30,000 cans of food to build 28 landmarks in



Glenda's News:

The Lion, The Witch and the Walk-in-robe

Tonight is our eagerly awaited production of 'The Lion, The Witch and the Walk-in robe'. It will commence promptly at 7.00pm. Students are asked to be at Forest Hill College between 6.15pm and 6.30pm. This show is a tale of fantasy where children find a hidden land and have many adventures. You will enjoy it!

The Parents Association will sell tea, coffee and chocolates to parents prior to the show.



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three days. The cans, worth \$60,000, were then donated to the Salvation Army food bank.

Parkmore students from Level 4 will work with Monash Engineering students, Peter and Wenda, to create a 3 dimensional building 3m x 3m x 2m high based on the theme "My Home – Australia".

Part of the project empowers students to raise money for the community.

It was decided by the students that this year money would be used to establish a Serenity Garden in a bushfire affected community as a place of remembrance and healing.

As a commencement to the project, a casual dress day will be held this Friday with a donation of \$2 to be given for the privilege of wearing casual clothes.

An overview of the project will be given at this Friday's assembly.

The project will conclude with a two-day building presentation on 26th and 27th August at Monash University.

Tree Planting

Many thanks to Maureen W., Martin H. and the Junior School Council for their organisation of our tree planting day last Friday.

All grades planted trees along our southern boundary. Those grades have now adopted the trees they have planted to enable the trees to have a fine chance of survival.

Colbinabbin

Parkmore is once again involved in the Teaching Farms Program. A group of 10 students from Colbinabbin will visit Parkmore in the last week of term.

Head Lice

Head lice continues to be an ongoing problem. I would ask parents to check students' hair regularly and treat the hair if there is evidence of nits.

Conditioner seems to remain the most effective measure.

Students who are observed to have live nits can be excluded until I have a signed notice from parents verifying that the hair has been treated.

On Saturday, an article was published in The Sun newspaper stating:

"Between treatments seven days apart, embryos that were not killed by the head-lice product will hatch and emerge to live on the head. They will be killed by the second treatment, but in the meantime the nymphs will feed and grow."

"A good strategy to manage this situation is to use the conditioner and fine-tooth comb technique between treatments. If conditioner is applied and then immediately combed out, the nymphs that have hatched will be removed. Do this at least twice in the seven days between treatment one and treatment two."

The article continues to say that, contrary to popular belief, you don't have to fumigate the bedding or the house. Head lice die from dehydration if they leave the head. The only thing we should check is the pillow case, and these can be treated by a hot wash, and iron or a hot dryer.

- Eggs are not difficult to see; use a strong light and look on the hair shafts.
- Newly laid eggs are usually within 1.5cm of the scalp but older eggs are higher up the hair shafts.
- If you are not sure whether an object you find is a head louse egg, try sliding it up the hair shaft using your fingers. Eggs are usually quite difficult to move, whereas other items slide easily.

Conditioner & Nit Comb Technique:

1. Apply conditioner to dry hair, aiming to cover each hair from root to tip with a layer of conditioner.
2. Detangle the hair using an ordinary comb.
3. Immediately comb the hair with a fine-tooth comb. The best comb for this is the Lice Meister comb. However, plastic nit combs with conditioner are also effective for detecting climbers.
4. Wipe the conditioner of the fine-tooth comb on to a paper tissue and look for lice and eggs.



5. Repeat the combing for every part of the head at least five times.
6. Also examine the comb for lice and eggs.

Uniform Policy

“School uniforms assist in promoting a sense of individual and collective pride in students, and promoting their identification with the school. A dress code has the potential to encourage group security and, by stipulating particular items for particular activities, can enhance the safety of individuals.

Students will wear the designated school uniform.”

An excerpt from the Parkmore Primary School Uniform Policy as endorsed by School Council

Students out of uniform will be given spare uniform for the day.

Crossway Working Bee

On Saturday 22nd August, Crossway Baptist Church are running a working bee at Parkmore. It will start at 9am and is expected to finish at 12 midday.

The Parkmore Community is invited to join with Crossway to beautify our school.

Mobile Phones

If students must bring a mobile phone to school for safety reasons, the phones must be left at the School Office during school hours for security.

Glenda Prior
Principal

Consultation Forum for the Whitehorse Early Years Plan 2009 – 2013

The City of Whitehorse is developing an Early Years Plan covering the years 2009 – 2013. The Early Years Plan will identify the actions council, the Whitehorse community, and partner agencies will undertake to address early years (0 to 12 years) related issues and challenges over the coming three years. The Plan will identify and confirm the elements of the current service system which work well, those aspects

which need improvement, and elements that need to be included. It will establish an action plan for Council consistent with its roles of strengthening community advocacy and service provision as outlined in the Whitehorse Municipal Public Health Plan. It will also aim to build upon the partnerships between government, Council, and the network of support organisations in our community.

We are seeking the input of parents/grandparents into the Early Years Plan, and are asking you to make parents/grandparents/Guardians connected to your service aware of the following consultation forum, please. The details are as follows:

City of Whitehorse Early Years Plan – Parent/Grandparent/Guardian consultation forum.
Wednesday 12th August – 7.30pm to 9.30pm
Box Hill Town Hall – Whitehorse Room
(1022 Whitehorse Road, Box Hill).

The aim of the consultation forum will be to obtain feedback from key stakeholders (parents/grandparents/guardians), and together with the results from the on-line survey conducted earlier in the year will ultimately feed into the development of the Early Years Plan.

Please feel free to contact Neil Rogers (Community Development Officer – Health and Family Services) on 9262 6477 if you require further information on the consultation forum. Please note that there will be a specific forum for staff working in Children’s Service agencies/organisations in late August – details to follow. We look forward to seeing parents, grandparents, and guardians connected to your service at the consultation forum on the 12th August.

Kaboom! 4D Movie Event

Kaboom! is back!!!! Thursday 13th August from 4.30pm for grades 4-6. Prizes include Luna Park vouchers, Nintendo DS and more. Entry is \$2 per person.

Registration is from 4.30pm, with the show starting at 5pm. Pickups from 7pm.

Bus indemnity and permission forms have been handed out today.



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Around the School

LAUNDRY ROSTER		CANTEEN COUNTER SALES ROSTER	
Friday 14 th August	Mandy H.	Friday 7 th August	Tamara S. Azar T. (lunch only)
Friday 28 th August	Celestina D.	Tuesday 4 th August	Sandra B. Karyn M. (lunch only)

Student of the Week		Week ending 24 th July 2009
Class	Student's Name	Reason
5/6M	Ben C.	For continuing to produce excellent homework.
5/6C	Josh S. Jack M.	"Nailing": his news presentation. Well done! Being an absolute gentleman.
3/4MC	James L. Nelson Q.	An amazing effort with his "Passport". You rock, James! Beginning to contribute well in class, answering quick maths questions.
1/2G	Terry G.	For being a friendly member of 1/2G.
Prep A.	Angelin Q.	For beginning to solve her own problems.

The Lion, the Witch and the Walk-in Robe

Kel Watson Theatre, Forest Hill College, Mahoneys Road.

Show starts at 7.00pm. \$15 per seat.

Christmas in July

Well what a night! I'm sure I could confidently speak for all who attended that it was a really good fun event. To the parents, teachers and friends who supported this fundraising event – THANK YOU. 80 people joined in the fun and games. We also wanted to make a special mention and send a massive thank you to the businesses in our Community who so generously donated all sorts of wonderful prizes. Thanks to them, we managed to raise \$1440, which is astounding. Most of these prizes were raffled, and some were auctioned. All in all, the quality of donations was fantastic – and we were proud to offer them as prizes. Stay tuned for our next major event! It's bound to be even bigger and better!

Cheers, Lisa and Kate



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