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### Diary Dates

2009

#### October

Mon 26 - Fri 20 Scholastic Book Fair

#### November

Tues 3 Melbourne Cup Holiday  
NO SCHOOL

Friday 6th Grade 5/6 Bike Ride

Tues 10th Family Life 3 sessions

Thurs 26th P-2 Kyabram Fauna Park  
Excursion

# News & Views

27th October 2009

Dear Parents and Friends,

Oh what a night! The catering for the Square Dance last Saturday night was a resounding success from start to finish. Headed up by a terrific group of enthusiastic parents, (Nic, Sam, Deb, Kirsty and Sue) all plans were well and truly in place before the big event. The donations of fresh food kept rolling in which made a big difference to our profit margin. Thankyou so much to Anne Hanrahan, who made her world famous Sticky Date Pudding, and to everyone who donated their beautiful cooking - sponges, cakes, slices, (I wish I could cook like that!). To the parents who chopped the fruit and vegies in the afternoon and made all the salads - a huge thankyou. To the volunteers who served the meals and washed the dishes - thankyou (especially three of our senior students Chelsea Mailer, Chels Bamford and Elizabeth Hoysted). To the late shift who served the supper and cleaned the kitchen afterwards - thankyou. The combined team effort has resulted in a terrific profit for our school and it will be our children who will ultimately benefit from all your hard work and generosity. On their behalf - Thankyou!

### School Crossing

**Children and parents must use the school crossing when flags are displayed.**

**This is a serious safety issue and a state and council law.**

**Please do not cross at other parts of the street.**

We have one more opportunity to work with the Adult Education centre here at school before the end of the year. Working in the I.C.T. Suite, participants will be taken through some basics on Microsoft Publisher. Please read the information below.

If you are interested in this program- please contact Julie at the office and register your name.

Please register your interest early, and remember that our school is paid by the Centre for running these workshops!!

Kind Regards,  
Heather Leary

## OPPORTUNITY FOR I.T. TRAINING

The centre is able to provide computer training at the school using our facilities.

To assist them to develop training programs that suit your needs they have asked that you provide information to us to help them do that.

Could you please drop a note to the office that include your name and a list of things you would like to learn.

The Centre can start at the very basics or offer higher level or refresher training.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn in the comfort of your school and remember that our school receives a payment for providing the training Facility.



## Market Fresh Schools Program Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November 9-12.30pm

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> November we are having a presentation by the Melbourne Market. The program is designed to educate children about the importance of fruit and vegetables in their diets and the processes involved in bringing the produce to their homes. There is no cost for students to attend. Sessions will be: Prep -2 -10-11am, Grades 3-6-11.30-12.30

The program includes a tasting of seasonal produce such as oranges, bananas, avocados, celery, bean shoots, etc. To assist us with the delivery of this program we require the help of some parents to cut up the fruit and vegetables from 9am. If you are able to help on this day could you please leave your name with Julie at the office.

For more information : [www.marketfresh.com.au](http://www.marketfresh.com.au) or contact the school.

## LOOKING FOR:

**Old fashioned wooden play pen  
if you have one could you let  
Julie in the office know.  
Thank you**

Want to put a family portrait on your Christmas Cards this year or design a newsletter or flyer using Microsoft Publisher

- How to use Publisher
- What can you design in publisher?
- Inserting pictures from personal files, Internet and clip art
- Inserting textbox's
- Text wrapping
- Making Christmas cards
- Setting up a School Newsletter
- Need to organise a flyer for a special event.

3x 3hr sessions 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, November from 9:00am to 12:00pm.

## LOST AND FOUND

Please remember to write names on clothes worn to school.

Thank you to all the parents who have.

Regularly check the lost property bins

Thank you.

# Student of the Week

Ned Taylor	Prep O'M	Having a confident start to each day.
Casey Stovell	Prep CC	Working hard to improve your reading and writing skills.
Grace Bekins	1/2 W	For making a great start with your Power Point presentation.
Nick Healey	1/2N	'working tough' to complete your homework.
Jarrood Glare	1/2H	Always using your reading time well.
Matthew Gillespie	1/2Mc	For constantly using Getting Along skills and being a kind and caring member of our class.
Dylan Sinclair	3/4G	For being organised and completing your homework.
Michael Ryan	3/4A	Working tough all week on all tasks!
Adam Nedeljkovic	3/4	Sensational 'positive thinking' on camp
Emma-Lee Merrin	5/6A	Learning all your times tables before High School.
Nathan Exton	5/6H	Working independently in the classroom.

## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

### *Volunteers Required*

Once again we are fortunate enough to run the book fair here at Benalla 31. The Scholastic Book Fair is a fabulous way for our school to receive free books for our children. The more we sell the more the Scholastic Australia gives to our library for our children to read!

This year the Book Fair will be held in the middle of the hallway near the staff room and bird cage from **Monday 26 October** through to **Friday 30<sup>th</sup>**. The shifts are daily from **12.45 until 3.30pm**.

We need ten volunteers for this worthwhile fundraising event.

I have left a list with Julie at the office please give your name to her.



### Term 4 Uniform Shop Open Hours

To co-inside with Prep Transition

Friday 23rd Oct	9.30-10.00am
30th Oct	9.30-10.00am
Friday 6th Nov	9.30-10am
13th	9.30-10am
20th	9.30-10am
27th	9.30-10am

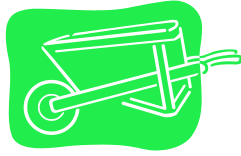
Or alternatively fill out a yellow order form at the front office  
Thank You

## Prep Transition Visits

Dates are:

Friday 23 October	9:30am-10:30am	Prep rooms
Friday 30 October	9:30am-10:30am	Prep rooms
Friday 6 November	9:30am-10:45am	Prep rooms
		- bring a snack and drink
Friday 13 November	9:30am-10:45am	Prep rooms
		- bring a snack and drink
Friday 20 November	9:30am-12:30pm	in Prep rooms
		- bring a snack, drink and lunch
Friday 27 November	9:30am-12:30pm	in Prep rooms
		- bring a snack, drink and lunch

Please pass this information on to any parent you know who will have a prep child starting school next year.



**BENALLA FESTIVAL PARADE**  
**SATURDAY 7TH NOVEMBER**

Benalla 31 Primary School will be participating in this year's Benalla Festival parade starting at 1 pm on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

This year's theme is "Celebrating 50 Years of Roses". All children are encouraged to dress up in their gardening clothes and straw hats and bring along their wheelbarrows and gardening tools. Grade 3/4's will have finished their aprons and they can wear these in the parade. Students can wear their school uniform and decorate their hats to suit the theme. Some teachers will be making decorations in their classes.

School captains and house captains will be carrying the banners.

All participants are required to wear hats and sunscreen.

We also want as many parents as possible to walk with the children. You can dress up and decorate your hats as well.

Please see Mrs Robinson or Miss Hartridge if you have any questions.

A reminder about the parade and details about where to meet will be in next week's newsletter. It would be great to see students and their families represent our school in this popular community event.

**Art room News**

Last term all 5/6 students completed a sewing activity called "sew, how do you use water?" as part of Goulburn Water Week.

Last Tuesday a group of 5/6 students were selected as finalists to attend the celebrations.

Congratulations to : Aaron Saunders, Aiden Daws, Mikayla Gervasoni, Hannah Robinson and Casey Ray.

(unfortunately Casey wasn't able to attend the evening function).

Their artwork was chosen among 1200 entries and sewn into a beautiful patchwork quilt. I'm currently negotiating for the quilt to visit our school



**Fashion show**

Next week all parents are invited to the grade 3/4 fashion parade of 'Aprons'. They have been busy in their art sessions and are now keen to show off their designs.

When: Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm

Where: basketball court or multipurpose room.

\*\*Look out in next weeks newsletter for order forms and information on our exciting fundraising activity of art calendars/cards made by your children.

*Thank you to Cheryl Wilmot for kindly dismantling our school's show dis-*