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News & Views

4 November 2009

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Diary Dates 2009

November

Friday 6th	Grade 5/6 Bike Ride
Sat 7th	Street Parade 12:30pm meet at Scout Hall
Tues 10th	Family Life 3 sessions
Fri 20th	Parent Club AGM
Thurs 26th	P-2 Kyabram Fauna Park Excursion

December

Mon 7—Fri 11	Swimming Program
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**Parent Club
Annual General Meeting**

Friday 20 November 2009
9:15am
Staff Room
All Welcome

Dear Parents and Friends,
Our Book Fair has been a resounding success! \$2500 worth of books were sold, with the school getting \$850 in new books for our library. Many thanks to Yonnie Míechel, who took on the responsibility of co-ordinating the fair, and to all her helpers who came in on a daily basis to make sure that it ran smoothly. Having the Fair in the main corridor of the school probably helped its overall success, as children were regularly reminded of it as they walked through the corridor. The love of books and reading is something that we strongly promote in our school, and a fundraiser such as a Book Fair ticks all the boxes in every important way.

A very big welcome to our new Kitchen Teacher, Natalie Coghetto, who started cooking classes today. Natalie is a qualified chef and has been teaching for a number of years in two Stephanie Alexander schools, Yarunga in Wangaratta and Dookie. Ray McPherson, a keen gardener and member of our local community has also volunteered his time and expertise in our school garden.

We strongly encourage community involvement in our school and continue to reap the rewards of volunteers and mentors who give so freely and generously of their

time and expertise to support our students, teachers and class programs. Keith (Keef) Milburn, Robert and Maureen Seiler, Delly Stafford, Pam Parker and Eddie Bishop are regular volunteers and we are very grateful for their involvement in our school.

Although it is still early in the process, we are beginning to put classes together for 2010. If you have any reason that you need to be considered in regard to the placement of your child/children, please put this in writing and give it to me before the end of this week.

Thankyou and Kind Regards,

Heather Leary

Prep Transition Visits

Dates are:

- 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.

Enrolment forms are available from the office.

Term 4 Uniform Shop Open Hours

To co-inside with Prep Transition

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

Fundraising Calendars & Cards

Grades have completed their artwork ready for printing.

Prices are: \$10.00 Artwork calendar
\$12.00 Greeting cards
\$12.00 Photo calendar

Fill in the attached "Camel" fundraising slip and return money back to school by Friday 20 November.

Artwork can be viewed in advance.

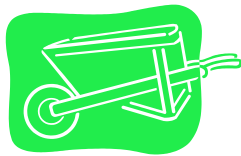
Preps:	Food dye & Paper collage
Gd 1/2's:	Citrus Collage
Gd 3/4's:	Torn paper pictures
Gd 5/6S	Our garden
Gd 5/6H	Kitchen appliances

Student of the Week

Jessica Patterson	Prep O'M	Being a great friend
Damian Carslaw Wilson	Prep CC	Fantastic behaviour
Stephanie Johnston	1/2 W	For showing great persistence with your maths
Chelsie Symes	1/2N	Consistently doing you best work
Kyal King	1/2H	Fantastic organisation skills
Luke Quin	1/2Mc	Working toward his goal
Tobi Gilmour	3/4G	For being organised and bringing your homework on time
Jarrold Stel	3/4A	For working hard all week
Jaimee Linke	3/4P	Caring for others
Marcus Decker	5/6A	For putting in effort with Antarctica discussions
Mitchell Beaton	5/6H	Giving your best effort to all tasks

Fabulous Book Fair

What an incredible success Bookfair was this year. It is wonderful to see so many eager children and parents support this worthwhile event. As a result of this our school is to receive \$850 worth of books from the Scholastic Bookfair organisation for commission. Thank you to Sue Hoystead, Justine Heywood, Mayumi Burke, Cheryl Wilmott, Lis O'Halloran, Kerri Robson and Yonnie Miechel for co-ordinating the fair. It was lots of fun!!



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 7th 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.

Please meet Mrs Robinson at the Scout Hall at 12:30pm on Saturday

Benalla Festival Junior Tennis Tournament

Sunday 8 Nov at 9:30am

Benalla Gardens Tennis Courts

Round robin Graded Sectional

Entry \$5

For all juniors aged 10 to 17
years.

Enquiries:

Peter Schwarzman 0438573563

Lynne Knight 57625429

Entries close 6 November

STRATHBOGIE CAMP MANAGER

Part-time position (19 hrs/week) exists
with *St Albans SC as Camp Manager*
of

the school's *Strathbogie Campsite* for
2010.

This position will be evaluated after 12
months

with a view to offering ongoing employ-
ment.

Applications close 23/11/09.

For further information go to:

www.stalbanssc.vic.edu.au



Pathways – Introduction to Volunteering

Learn about

- Your rights as a volunteer
- Your responsibilities as a volunteer
- Occupational Health and Safety
- Police checks and Working With Children checks
- Insurance for volunteers
- How to find the right volunteering role for you

Location

The Centre
Greta Road (High School Campus)
Wangaratta

Sessions dates (choose one)

Tuesday 10 November 2009, 10:30am to 12:00pm

Thursday 12th November 2009, 1:30pm to 3:00pm

No charge for all Community Skillsbank registered volunteers or organisations.
Non Community Skillsbank members \$10.00 per person .

Not registered with Community Skillsbank? Sign up today at
www.nevictoria.skillsbank.com.au

Fuel vouchers are available for volunteers needing travel assistance. Bookings
essential

Contact

Telephone:

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Wangaratta - Cherie Gottschling t: (03) 57231376 f: (03) 5723 1380

Email: csb@thecentre.vic.edu.au

If times/dates for this workshop are not convenient, please contact us to discuss.

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Community Skillsbank: connecting to volunteer opportunities.

Parent Club Fundraiser

Keep an eye out for the toy catalogue that will be
sent home later this week. This is a fundraiser run
by parent club. Orders are to be returned to school
by Friday 13 Nov for delivery before end of term.

Family Life Program Tuesday 10 November 2009

The school is again hosting the Family Life Pro-
gram on Tuesday 10 November, first session com-
mences 5:00pm. Please see attached flyer regarding
this.

RSVP by Friday 6 November.

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 informa-
tion to us to help them do that.

Could you please drop a note to the office that in-
clude 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.