Dear Parents,

**WRITING UP A STORM**

This year one of our focus areas has been Student Writing and we have been working with Lisa Keskinen in professional activities for staff and classroom modelling with students. Lisa is a highly regarded literacy specialist who works in schools both in Victoria and overseas. We have been very fortunate to secure her services for this year. This week she has made her third visit to Carrum working with students and staff to develop and refine the strategies for highly successful writing. My observations and comment from students and teachers reflect the success of this program. There is a wonderful energy about writing across the school and student pieces demonstrate this work. In my conversations with Lisa this week she wanted to tell me about the outstanding work of both the staff and students in implementing this writing model across the school. She congratulated staff on their approach and the model being used with students, as well as acknowledging the significant developments she has observed while working in classrooms.

*I also wish to acknowledge the excellent work being undertaken across the school.*

**WORKING BEE**

Thank you to those families who have indicated they are able to come along on Saturday morning to help with the Working Bee. We have sent out a note or some requests for assistance with the Aviary and if you have any of those materials to donate please contact the office and we can organise for them to be left in the Farm Enclosures.

*Hope you can make it along, even for an hour on Saturday.*

**ACTIVE TRANSPORT**

Yesterday was our second ‘Wheels’n’Heels Day’ for this term and again many students and families used a variety of active transport modes. Congratulations! Ms Soler also met with visitors from another school hoping to implement a Bike Education/Active Transport Program as Bicycle Victoria recommend our highly successful program to other schools across the state.

**MOTHERS’ DAY**

A couple of special activities have been organised for Mothers’ Day this year. Tomorrow a Mothers’ Day Market will be held from 3.00pm near the Rotunda for parents. There will be a number of stalls including jewellery, crystals and more…. The Junior School Council is also conducting a Raffle with the prizes to be drawn at assembly on Friday, 7th May. Our Mothers’ Day gifts are being organised by the Fundraising Group and teachers and all gifts will be $3.00. An envelope was sent home with today’s newsletter.

**WHAT’S ON NEXT WEEK**

Next Thursday our Whole School House Cross Country will be held and we ask that all students wear a t-shirt in their house colours. We will be holding the event at the Roy Dore oval and hope many of you can join us in the morning to support our students. At the same time four of our students, Josie Mulcahy, Mac Worland, Stephanie Davies and Jacob Hawli will be representing the school at the Kingston Junior Mayor meeting. Friday is also the statewide ‘Walk to School Safely Day’ which I encourage you to support.

The May calendar is also included with today’s newsletter.

Regards,

Alana O’Neil
Principal
ANZAC DAY APPEAL
Many thanks to all of our families who purchased Anzac badges last week.
We were able to donate $329.50 to the R.S.L.
CONGRATULATIONS. MAGNIFICENT EFFORT.
“LEST WE FORGET”
Julie Shaw Social Service Co-ordinator

STUDENT BANKING
CONGRATULATIONS to all our regular Bankers on your tremendous Banking efforts in Term 1. As a result of this our school will be presented with a cheque by CBA at assembly on Friday May 7th with a special guest appearance by Spen, one of the Dollarmite characters. He will also be presenting prizes for the winners of the colouring competition which was handed out last Friday and need to be returned to school by Monday 3rd May. This competition is open to all students.

It's never too late to begin Student Banking and the application process is fairly easy. Anyone interested in a CBA Start-Up Kit can enquire at the office, with the class teacher or see myself anytime to collect one. If you hold a pre-existing Dollarmites account we would be happy to add you to our system so you can do your banking through us too. There are a lot of great rewards for students who show regular savings behaviour, so don’t hesitate to get involved with this fantastic program. Also, CBA pays a commission to our school for every child that signs up for Student Banking and for every deposit that is made at our school.

So keep collecting your tokens kids, and make sure you enter the colouring competition for a chance to win some great prizes.

STUDENT BANKING DATES
FOR TERM 2
FRIDAYS - MAY 7th & 21st
JUNE 4th & 18th

Collect Your Tokens and
Happy Banking Everyone!
Caryl Tobin Banking Co-ordinator

DUCK DUTY
MANY THANKS TO MR BANNISTER,
EMMA NAYLOR-JONES, TAHILIA RENDELL,
RILEY O’BRIEN, HUGO CLARKE
and BRAEDON WERE
FOR CLEANING OUT THE DUCK CAGE
ON WEDNESDAY 21st APRIL.
A MAGNIFICENT JOB!
THANKS FOR DUCKING OVER FOR
DUCK DUTY.
Julie Shaw

RUM-B-RUN/C.E.L.L. CENTRE
A huge thank you to the Fennessy Family (Debra, Paul and Amara – Prep S) for spending 8 hours in our Farm over the Anzac Day long weekend. While ‘Cuddles’ is enjoying a long holiday the grass in our farm was getting very overgrown and needed to be cut back. Thank you so much to Debra, Paul and Amara for your fantastic effort with the whipper snipper and lawn mower. They have also kindly volunteered to help out on a regular basis. If you are interested in “sharing the load” and would like to go on a Roster please fill in the form below.

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RUM-B-RUN LAWN MOWING/WHIPPER SNIPPER ROSTER

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CHILD/CHILDREN’S NAMES: ..........................
GRADES: ....................................................
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RUM-B-RUN/C.E.L.L. CENTRE NEWS!
THE RANGERS ON DUTY NEXT WEEK
(Week 4) WILL BE
LEADER RANGER – Tayla Dyball
SENIOR RANGERS – Lachlan Smith
and Daniel Ranieri
JUNIOR RANGER – Gemma Gould
GRADE ON DUTY 5/6C
Rum-B-Run Ron’s Rangers Meeting will be next Monday 3rd May at 1:30pm in (Mrs Donnelly’s Room).
All Rum-B-Run Rangers, Duck Rangers and Farmer’s Market Rangers are required to attend.
Michele Donnelly Rum-B-Run Convenor
CARRUMPODS’ – NEWSPOD

Tune in to our Carrum Primary School podcast website (there’s lots of things to discover!) – www.carrumpods.com
To view our podcasts you need to have iTunes and Quicktime on your PC/Laptop. You can download iTunes and Quicktime from this site (it’s Free!) – www.apple.com/itunes/download

NEW MEDIA WEBSITE
www.interschoolmediachannel.edublogs.org
Features Interschool sporting activities in the Chelsea District includes Carrum Primary School. This website is presented by students at our School.

UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop will be OPEN IN (P 1 & 2) on MONDAY MORNINGS this year.
Monday 3rd May, 2010
Thank you.
Nicky Baker Uniform Co-ordinator

FARMER’S MARKET

DON'T FORGET TO LOOK OUT FOR OUR FARMER’S MARKET STALL ON FRIDAY AFTERNOON. IT IS SET UP NEAR THE ENTRY TO OUR NEW MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM, SELLING OUR FRESH VEGIES AND EGGS FROM RUM-B-RUN.
LOOK OUT FOR OUR NEW SIGN MADE BY RIVIS!!

BIRTHDAYS

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO THESE STUDENTS CELEBRATING A BIRTHDAY THIS WEEK:

MAY
1st Jay Judd PM
2nd Dion O’Connell 1/2C
4th Patrick Coates PM
Tyson Anderson 3/4H

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 2
MAY
1st WHOLE SCHOOL WORKING BEE
6th HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY
6th KINGSTON JUNIOR MAYOR
7th GRADE 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
7th WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY
7th STUDENT BANKING DAY
ALSO FRIDAY ASSEMBLY
SPECIAL GUEST APPEARANCE OF SPEN DOLLARMITE CHARACTER
11th & 12th & 13th NAPLAN TESTING
GRADES 3 & 5
12th ‘WHEELS’N’HEELS DAY
14th DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY
15th OPEN MORNING PREP 2011
10:00AM – 11:30AM
17th EDUCATION WEEK...COMMENCES
18th GRANDPARENTS’ DAY
19th WHOLE SCHOOL PERFORMANCE WITH KIM LARDNER
19th SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6:30PM
21st EDUCATION WEEK...CONCLUDES
21st BALANCE OF GRADE 3/4 CAMP DUE
21st GRADE 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
21st STUDENT BANKING
24th CURRICULUM DAY
(No Students required at school)
26th GRADES 3/4S, 3/4W & 5/6B VICTORIA ASSOC. CLINIC
28th GRADE 5/6 INTERSCHOOL SPORT
Did you know that the Australian Society of Orthodontists recommends children have their first check-up by a specialist orthodontist at age 7?

Does your child:
- Have crooked teeth or misaligned jaws?
- Have difficulty chewing or biting?
- Suck their thumb or fingers?
- Grind their teeth?
- Experience speech difficulties?

These may be indicators of an existing or developing orthodontic problem. Take advantage of our free initial visit and get some professional advice from a specialist orthodontist today.

No referral is necessary.

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