From The Acting Principal

Welcome back every-one.

It is wonderful to be Acting Principal during this term as it promises to be very exciting. Firstly, the first stage of our building is almost complete. If you stand and look from the steps outside the year 4 classrooms towards the covered play area (soon to be coated with a child-friendly or rather, fall-friendly, rubberised surface) our building is beginning to look like part of our school. We anticipate that students will be able to use our new building before the end of term. Over the holidays electrical work was completed, the security system, doors and windows were installed. I'm sure parents and students were pleasantly surprised when they arrived at school this morning.

We also have a number of community events planned during Education Week. Our Prep Information Night for interested parents will be held on Monday 16 May. On Wednesday 18 May tours of the school will be offered. We like visitors to move around the school in small groups for a more personalised approach, so if you can help by leading a tour or providing a plate of food please fill in the form which will be sent home next Wednesday 4 May.

Last year a Family Maths Marathon was very popular with parents and children and this year we'll be holding a similar event with a focus on literacy. Mark the date Wednesday 18 May in your diaries! I know the Family Literacy Event will be as much fun. I've heard there may be some book characters visiting on the night and a special family competition will be held. Watch the website and the newsletter for more information. GALAXY Groups will also celebrate Education Week with some special activities.

Welcome to Jen Raven who met Prep W parents at a morning tea last term and is looking forward to meeting the rest of our community. Congratulations again to Sarah Johns who returns to school as Sarah Hunting.

Susie Walton (Acting Assistant Principal) and I are looking forward to the opportunity to work with our learning community in new roles. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns,

Robyn Floyd
NAPLAN TESTING
On the mornings of the 10, 11 and 12 May, teachers will be implementing the NAPLAN testing for students in Years 3 and 5. The NAPLAN (National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy) is a national standardised testing procedure for Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, testing students’ knowledge and skills in English and Mathematics, in the areas of reading, writing, spelling and punctuation, grammar and numeracy. It provides us with one piece of useful information about how individual children are learning at school and also a means by which the school can monitor and track different cohorts of students as they progress through the school. An analysis of the school wide NAPLAN data assists us when evaluating our teaching and learning program. When the NAPLAN results are considered with all the other rich school-based assessment data, we can best determine a child’s strengths and weaknesses and opportunities for improvement within our school programs. The Years 3 and 5 teachers will ensure that classes are familiar with the format and expectations of the testing program, rather than being “taught” the test. It needs to be remembered that the NAPLAN tests provide a snapshot of each student’s achievement at a point-in-time on three particular days of the year, and there can be many factors influencing individual’s performance at this time. Later in the year, parents will receive their child’s personalised NAPLAN Report.

Barbara Maclarn
Assessment and Reporting Coordinator

YARD DUTY
Thanks to everyone who has already volunteered their time for Yard Duty for Term 2, there are still places available so please try and find a spare lunchtime as your children would love to see you! The forms are due back to the office by Monday 2 May or email me directly with your preferred days.

Thanks,
Justine Moore on behalf of the Parents Association
justine3146@yahoo.com.au

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD
Copies of this information are available at the office:
- Reptile Encounters - wildlife up close - available for birthday parties, corporate events and shows. Ph. 1300 4 CROCS or visit www.reptileencounters.com.au
- Alamein Neighbourhood & Learning Centre - Course /Activities Guide Term 2 - Career Development, Horticulture, Computers, Art & Craft. Ph. 9885 9401 or visit www.alameinlnc.org.au
- Fordham Avenue Kindergarten Open Day - Saturday 28 May 2011, 10am - 12pm - programs for 3 and 4 yr olds.
- The Salvation Army Music Academy - for children aged 4 and over - offers opportunities to sing, learn instruments, play in a band or sing in a choir. Information Expo Friday 27 May, 6.30pm at 7 - 11 Bowen St, Camberwell. Ph. 9889 2468 or visit www.salvationarmy.org.au/camberwell
- Hawthorn Secondary College - “iPads for iDeas” - Information Evening Thursday 5 May, 7pm. Ph. 9804 6307 or visit www.hawthornsc.vic.edu.au
- Zumba classes at St Michael’s Activity, Recreation and Teaching Hub Tuesdays 6.30pm. Ph. 0450 742 282 or visit www.entertraining.com.au
- Waverley Gymnastics Centre - classes for 5-12 yr old girls & boys on Tuesday & Friday afternoons at Lauriston Girls’ School. Ph. 9887 9611
- Calling all young musicians - we invite you to join a Youth Band or a Wind Ensemble playing every Saturday afternoon at Mt Waverley Secondary College - http://www.ybp.org.au or email: davidsingh1@optusnet.com.au
- Camberwell High School 2011 Open Evening Tuesday 3 May, 6.30pm. Ph. 9836 0555
- Anglicare Victoria “Fostering Futures” Public Information Sessions, Respite Care, Emergency Care, Short Term Care & Long Term Care. Tues 5 May, 7.30pm at the Surrey Hills Neighbourhood Centre. Eastern Foster Care Program call 1300 889 335 or visit www.anglicarevic.org.au

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TODAY’S NOTICES
- Kelly Sports Term 2 (white, return slip to Kelly Sports mail address, Prep to Gr.4)

BABYSITTING
Ex Glen Iris Primary Student aged 14 with babysitting experience. Call Sarah 9885 6968
Glen Iris Primary School thanks our sponsors for their support.

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