PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Our sincere thanks once again to those parents who either renominated or nominated for School Council for the next two years. We have three new parent members on School Council, Mrs Jamel Dhillon, Mrs Suguna Vivekanathon and Ms Kallin Gross and Michelle Jago has renominated. Thanks to each of them. Our sincere thanks go to Scott Irving, School Council President, Julie Black parent member and Janette Norman, parent member, who had their term of office expire in February 2011.

Parents should have received a notice at home regarding “Building Respectful Schools”. Please make sure you take the time to read this advice with your children. Also be reminded to ensure you report any instances of bullying to your child’s teacher, the Assistant Principal, the Principal or the Student welfare coordinator as soon as your child reports anything to you. Don’t let it wait!

Last week the “MySchool” Website updated the latest round of school data from 2010. Parents can log into the website and find out how our school is performing in key areas compared to other schools. Go to: http://www.myschool.edu.au

In recent weeks we have noticed an increasing number of girls wearing tights/leggings under a dress or rather than a dress or proper school uniform. Tights/leggings are not a part of school uniform. Parents are asked to ensure the children are in correct school uniform. By and large the response from parents to ensure their children wear correct school uniform, has been outstanding, so keep up the good work and make sure your child is in correct uniform.

DIARY DATES

March
11th  Interschool Sports vs Jells Park
16th  School Council Meeting
17th  Multicultural Day
18th  Interschool Sports vs St Scholastica
22nd  Yr 5/6 Chinese Museum Excursion
25th  Interschool Sports vs Camelot Rise

April
8th   Interschool Sports vs Glen Waverley

8th LAST DAY OF TERM
ASSEMBLY 2pm - FINISH - 2.30pm
It’s not O”K to be away and it’s not OK to be late. You can help by making sure your child is at school on time and not late for that important first part of the day.

This request to make sure your child arrives at school on time is designed to assist their learning. We know from research that children who are constantly late fall behind in their school work and their capacity to perform well at school is diminished.

Do your child a favour and make sure they are at school on time every time!

BER
Parents will note that work on our BER project is continuing at a rapid rate. Plaster is being installed and the fit out has commenced in earnest. A security fence has been erected at the front of the school near the renovation of the Out of School Hours Care room, which also continues to progress. Parents are asked to monitor children as you enter the school near the works at the end of the school.

EMERGENCY SCHOOL CONTACT INFORMATION
Once again, I remind all parents to ensure their emergency contact details are up to date at the school office. We regularly have need to contact parents in an Emergency, and often find that there are no current contact numbers, or the contact phone number has changed. Please check at the office to make sure you details are accurate.

Paul Volkering
Principal.

KNOX Community Farmers Market

Stamford Homestead,
Emmeline Row, off Stud Road, Rowville
(opposite Rowville Lakes – Melways 72 J11)

This Sunday

March 13th - 8 am to 1 pm

Farmgate Produce – Fresh, Clean, Healthy

Fresh fruit & vegetables, meat, poultry, free range eggs, bread & rolls, fresh fish, tasty food & coffee, herbs, flowers, and much, much more.
National Young Leaders Day

On Friday 4\textsuperscript{th} March the School Captains, Vice Captains and House Captains attended the National young Leaders Day at the Melbourne Convention Centre. It was a big event with hundreds of other students from schools all over Victoria. We heard inspiring talks from 6 leaders within our community. They were talking about leadership, how to be a good leader and the sorts of things we should do to be good leaders in our school.

Some of the things they told us were:

- To always care about the things we do, set goals and to always try our best
- To lead others by example and be persistent
- To be a good leader we must be active, enthusiastic and passionate if we want to influence others to make the most of our opportunities and be dedicated to our project.

It was a really great day.

SCHOOL NURSING PROGRAM - SCHOOL NURSE VISIT

Sue Radak, a visiting primary school nurse from the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will be attending the school during term two to conduct the Prep grade health assessments and to see other children as requested by parents or teachers (with parents’ consent).

The purpose of the visit is to provide all Victorian children with the opportunity to have a health assessment; to link children, families and school communities to services available in the community; and to provide information and advice that promotes health and wellbeing.

Parents are invited to visit or telephone the visiting primary school nurse if there are any general child health issues they wish to discuss. The contact number for the visiting primary school nurse is 0412 165 236.

Parents of students (other than Prep students) that wish their child to be seen by the school nurse need to complete a Referral form that is available at the school office. This completed Referral form needs to be returned to the school office by 29 April 2011.
TO ALL PARENTS

1. Please remember to send an absence note with the date your child was absent to your child’s teacher if they have been away from school for any reason.

2. **ALL** money and notices are to be given to your child who will then hand it to their teacher upon entering the classroom in the mornings.

3. No change will be given for payments made to the school. Excess money will now be paid into your school account and become a credit to be paid off next excursion, camp, swimming etc.

4. Please keep checking sickbay for any lost clothing items. We are still finding items that have not been named. This makes it impossible for us to return them to their owner.

5. We now have a classroom helpers sign in book and badges at the office for parents/guardians to collect before going to a class.

We appreciate your co-operation with these issues and trust you will support them.

Thanks,
Janine and Martina

LOST

One of our students has lost a **gold stud earring with a blue opal stone**.

This earring is very special and a reward has been offered to whoever hands it into the office.

HEAD LICE

We have another report of head lice in the school so please keep a check on your child’s hair and treat when necessary. Please remember to continue checking regularly. If your child does have head lice you must continue to drag out the eggs and then check every day for at least 10 days after treatment.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Anastasia 2B  Kelly 5C  Mashab 5H
Hafiz Prep M  Nathan 1K  Thomas 2B
Kang 6JP  Josh 4A  Caitlin 6JP
Rabia Prep W  Phukhang 1 R  Enida 3K

STUDENT OF THE WEEKS

Aditya 1 R  Nikola 2 T
Enya 3 K  Wafa 3 L
Josh Allan 4 A  Stephanie 5 H
Anjana 6 B  Vanessa 6 JP

MUSIC/LOTE:

Steve 3 K

IT'S NOT O.K. TO BE AWAY

PARENTS COMING ONTO THE SCHOOL GROUNDS MUST REPORT TO THE OFFICE

There have been quite a few parents who are still entering corridors and classrooms during class times. This breaks the concentration of all students in the room not just your own. We ask again that you PLEASE report to the office for any drop-offs or messages to the students.

Salina 6 JP  Jaycob 4 PM  Brandon 4 A

WELL DONE!!!!!!!!!!
**Interschool Sport 18/2/11**
**ARPS vs Mt Waverley North**

**Volley stars**
The scores were close and we battled hard. In the first set it was 12-15 in their favour. And in the second set it was extremely close. The scores were 14-16 on their favour as well. Congratulations to Madison for some great serves and catches.  
*Fathiah and Caitlin*

**Basketball**
We played a great game of basketball against Mt Waverley North. We all tried our hardest and played our best. The scores were 38-4 in our favour. The sports award goes to Daniel for great defence and trying his best.  
*Zoe, Cal and Delima*

**Cricket**
We had a smashing game in cricket. The scores were 134 to 74. Even though we lost we had a lot of fun and showed great teamwork. We would like to congratulate Kiren and Angana for brilliant batting and the whole team for having a go.  
*Lachlan and Vassiliki*

**Kickball**
We played an exciting game of kickball but unfortunately we lost. The scores were 28-11. Congratulations to Shangbo for a great kick.  
*Vanessa and Kayal*

**Bat Tennis**
We played our first game and it was close but we made it through by 2 games.  
*Raymond and Thomas*

**Softball**
We played a smashing game of softball against Mt Waverley North. We won a very close game 11 to 8. A highlight of the match was when Kang caught an amazing catch. Congratulations to Jade for persevering and giving softball a go.  
*Aaron and Erick*

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**Interschool Sport 6/3/11**
**ARPS vs Holy Saviour**

**Softball**
Today we played a smashing game of softball against Holy Saviour and the score was 7-4 in our favour. Congratulations to Mashib for a great catch.  
*Kang*

**Kickball**
Today we played a fantastic game of kickball. We played against Holy Saviour and the scores were 30-20 in their favour. Congratulations to Abdoullah and Luc for kicking great kicks.  
*Jasmin and Moesha*

**Basketball**

**Volley stars**
We played an exhilarating game of volley stars against Holy Saviour. We lost 2-0. Congratulations to Joel for some really great serves.  
*Emily and Lucy*

**Basketball**
Today we played a great game of basketball against Holy Saviour. We lost 28-6. The sports award goes to Jonson for great play.  
*Jacob and Daniel*

**Bat Tennis**
We played a great game of bat tennis against Holy Saviour. We won 4-3 and the sports awards goes to Thomas for great sportsmanship and Rebecca for great play.  
*Andy and Rahila*