Dear Parents,

SCHOOL GROUNDS MASTER PLANNING
In 2005 we worked with a Gould League facilitator and a group of students, parents and staff to discuss and plan our school grounds. We gave out surveys to parents, staff and staff talked to students. From this information we came up with the ‘Big Wish List’. Then Parents, Students and Staff put 3 dot stickers on the things which they wanted the most.

Well now we have completed the majority of the 2005 plan and need to revisit our Master Plan. In this newsletter we have a Parent Survey. Please make the time to fill it out. The staff and students will also have their say and during the interviews next week you will have the opportunity to put your sticker dots (3) on the things you consider MOST important. Please send the survey back ASAP. Additional copies can be obtained from the school office.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION (BER)
Our school has been successful in gaining $125,000 under the BER - National School Pride funding. This is a fantastic result which will further enhance our school environment. More details will be shared as projects are about to start. Hopefully in Term 3.

Last night the School Council held an Extraordinary meeting to discuss the second component of BER funding. We had our Assistant Regional Director Mr. Graeme Robertson speak to Council. The facilities which may have been available under this funding would be over entitlement and thus we would have ongoing running costs and maintenance which would not be covered by the Department of Education. We discussed all options but decided as a School Council not to pursue this funding. We now hope to make the most of the $125,000 we will receive soon.

ENROLMENTS (PREP 2010)
To assist us with planning for 2010 we need families with children starting in Prep in 2010 to fill out enrolment forms now. Please contact the school (Ph. 54 435 353) if you have a child starting next year and we will send home an enrolment form for you to fill out and return.

CRUSOE COLLEGE
A photo display of Crusoe College has been put up next to the school office window of the new college that is being built to replace Kangaroo Flat Secondary College.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards were presented -
Monday 1 June to:
PG - Daimen W
PQ - Archer S
P/1B - Renee P
1/2 H - Brianna H
1/2 MY - Jasmine N
1/2 SW - Chelsea C
3/4B - Caleb M
3/4C - Kaitlyn A
3/4G - Shelby L
3/4J - Brock R
5/6B - Makaelah C
5/6M - Georgia M
5/6S - Jordan C

Principal’s Award - Nicholas B (1/2MY)
After School Care Award - Maddi S (3/4)

Congratulations to all these students for their achievements & contributions

Dates to Remember...
Wed 3 June - Grades 3/4 excursion
Mon 8 Jun - Queens Birthday Holiday
Thur 11 Jun - Three way interviews 4pm—7pm
Fri 12 Jun - Interviews continue 9am—12noon
Wed 17 Jun - Grade 3 & 4 Performance
Mon 22 Jun - School Council
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2 (2:15pm finish)
SWINE FLU CONCERNS (repeat)
This matter is currently getting the attention of the media and has already been detected at some schools in Melbourne. This can lead to concerns from parents about what may be in place at our school. At present we have no cause for concern and will be guided by the State Government and the Department of Education. Should parents have any concerns about swine flu, we have been advised to refer you to any of the following contacts:

1. **Call the Swine Influenza Hotline** Telephone 1802007
2. **Call Nurse-on-Call** Telephone 1300 606 024 – for expert health information and advice (24 hours, 7 days)
3. **Call your doctor (GP)** – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue) and have travelled to Mexico or California, Arizona, New Mexico or Texas in the past seven days.
4. **Visit the Victorian Government Health Information Web site for up-to-date information for schools, children, parents and the community:** www.health.vic.gov.au

SOLAR POWER FOR SPECI (repeat)
We have just had our solar power (6.3kW) system installed. The system has to be certified and the power connection changed at the power box and then we will start supplementing our power supply with solar energy. We will monitor the amount of power generated via a Sunskools web site. More information to follow when we have the system online.

NEW - LATE PASS (repeat)
We are starting a new system for children who arrive late to school. Please ensure your child / children are always at school before the starting time of 9am. This enables them to start the day with the whole class (in a settled way). If they arrive late they are unsettled and miss important instruction. Then they are in ‘catch up’ mode for the remainder of the day.

The new system is the use of late passes (an orange card). **Children and their parents come to the school office and fill in a late pass and this is taken by the child to their classroom teacher**

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK
A good feeling gets even better when shared.

Doug Jones
Principal

FUNDRAISER
Only one week left for families to get their orders in for the fabulous jewellery offer. If you would like to see the coloured brochure of jewellery it is available for your perusal at the front office. Loads of quality pieces to choose from. Orders and money due on Thursday 11th June with orders to be distributed during the last week of term.

CURRICULUM NEWS
Students reports will be sent home on Friday June 5. Enclosed with these will be a Student comment sheet where students will report on their progress and goals.

Parents will also have the opportunity to comment. These forms will be separate from the students, so that they can be returned to school.

Also enclosed will be your interview time for next week. Please ensure that interview forms have been returned so that a suitable time can be allotted.

When reading your child’s report, please be aware that students progress at different rates. “C” and the yellow band is the standard expected at this time of the year. (See report for further details.)

Any queries regarding your child’s progress should be directed to your child’s teacher. A good opportunity to discuss this would be at the three way interview.

L. Campbell
Curriculum Coordinator

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
Our student led conferences are coming up next week. These are an important means of communication for your child, yourself and the teacher about your child’s learning.

At the conference the children will share some of their work and their goals for the second semester.

Julian, Sandy, Jenny, Julie, Kylie, Teresa, Katie, Lisa & Corey

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
Congratulations to all Grade 3/4 students who participated in the Zone Cross Country last week. Thankyou to Mr. Warne, Mr. Clayton, Ms. Gleeson and Trevor for organising our group.

A reminder that the Queen’s Birthday Holiday is coming up on Monday June 8. No school for students.
Another reminder that the Parent/Teacher/Student interviews will be held on Thursday June 11 from 4-7pm and Friday June 12 from 9am - 12 noon. There will be no school for students on Friday June 12, but students are requested to attend interviews with their parents. Please return these forms as soon as possible. If it is not possible to attend during these times, please advise your child’s teacher so that an alternate time can be arranged.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
Reports go home this week which will be followed by three way interviews starting from Thursday the 11th of June to Friday the 12th of June. Please get your notes in so we can allocate you to your preferred time.

The 5/6’s have recently had a netbook meeting about cyber safety, the copyright law and the appropriate use of netbooks.

Please keep in mind that the Queens Birthday Holiday will take place on Monday the 8th of June.

5/6 news team (Jessikah S and Maddie R)

**OTHER SCHOOL NEWS**

**PE NEW Athletics**
Grade 3-6 children will be attending the annual Athletics Carnival which will be held at the Flora Athletics complex on Thursday 16th July (first week back in Term 3). Anyone that could assist on the day please see Corey Warne.

**PERFORMING ARTS**
The Years 3 & 4 performance will be on Wednesday 17th June at 12pm -12.45 pm in the Multi-purpose Room.

Thank you to the parents who have offered to assist with costumeing for the Yrs. 5 & 6 Production of ‘Suburban Circus’. More help is needed so if there are parents /grandparents who are able to help with cutting, sewing & finishing of garments, please contact me urgently. I wish to hold a meeting explaining what needs to be done and for people to share how they can help before the end of term.

Years 1 & 2 have been looking at communication as an idea focusing on the telephone. Prep have been working around animals.

Julian Regan

**BOOK FAIR - arriving soon (9th June)**
This year’s book fair will begin on the 9th June at 3.15pm until the 15th June. The Fair will be open to purchase books before and after school hours each day. Save these dates to share time browsing through the available stock with your child if possible. Books make great gifts for birthdays, Christmas and show we value reading as a worthwhile activity.

Hope you can support us in this Fundraising endeavour.

Thanks
Sandy

**NETBALL NEWS**
There will be no training this Thursday, 4th June for the Specimen Hill Green U11 team.

**LOST**
One electronic guitar tuner. If found please return to Alyssa E 3/4B.

also

One size 12 school jacket with Tahlia G’s name on it.

**OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS**

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Library books need to be returned to the library as soon as possible please.

**VEGIES FOR SALE!!**
Our school vegie garden is producing more vegies than we need, so we will be selling some at the office - 8.45-9.00am & 3.15-3.30pm. We have broccoli, lettuce, silver beet and spinach. Amounts will vary from day to day. All funds raised will go towards running our school garden program.

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

**CANTEEN DUTY:**
4th June - Tricia, Martine & Carol
5th June - Sheridan
9th June - Tricia
10th June - Cheryl
11th June - Tricia, Margaret & Moya
COMMUNITY NOTICES

GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN INC.
2010 Kindergarten Enrolments
Parents wishing to enroll children for preschool in 2010 should collect an enrolment form from any kindergarten.
GOLDEN SQUARE KINDERGARTEN provides both SESSIONAL and LONG DAY programs.
LONG DAY (open from 7.45 - 5.45) is a great option for working parents.
LONG DAY enrolments are ONLY available from Golden Square Kindergarten.
Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend one of our information evenings to discover more about our program.
THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 6:00-7:00
OPEN DAY ON SUNDAY
Parents are welcome to visit or phone for more details.

KANGAROO FLAT PRE-SCHOOL
Enrolment forms for kindergarten in 2010 are now available from Kangaroo Flat Pre-School, Carpenter Street, Kangaroo Flat. Phone 5447 7675.
Please feel free to drop in and meet the teachers, have a look through our centre and collect Kinder information regarding session times and fees.

THE ZONE
‘Family Entertainment Complex’
1 Gildea Lane, Bendigo
Ph. 5441 7046
Skatezone, Darkzone, Kartzone, Golfzone, Kidzone
Mini Go Karts
Mobile Laser Zone
Big Slide Inflatable
Looney Tunes 5 in 1 Inflatable
Under 5’s Big Top Inflatable

It’s On Again

Speci Hill Shopping Tour
Once again Grade 1/2 S/W in conjunction with Bu is running the shopping tour as part of the schools fundraising program.
Why not join us for a day of fun and bargain hunting?

Includes
- Bus trip to Melbourne.
- A full day guided tour to approx. 12 factory outlets.
- Great discounts.
- Morning and afternoon teas – delicious homemade cakes and slices.
- 2 course lunch at a hotel with a glass of wine or soft drink plus tea or coffee.
- Free raffle- lots of prizes.
- Good company and lots of fun.
Date: Saturday Oct 10th, 2009
Cost: $55.00

Why not pay it off? Just a few dollars a month and you will be able to have a great day out, loads of fun and take advantage of bargain prices at factory outlets.

See Mrs Smart, Kaye at the office Or Bu Turpie in the Art room