Dear Parents,

SCHOOL GROUNDS MASTER PLANNING
Thank you to those who have returned the survey re the new school Master Plan. This was included in last week’s newsletter. On Thursday night & Friday you will have the opportunity to put (3) dot stickers on the things you consider MOST important for our new grounds plan. The list of suggestions will be outside the Library/Art rooms.

THREE WAY INTERVIEWS
Our Mid Year interviews will be conducted tomorrow night from 4-7pm and again on Friday from 9am until 12 noon.

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.

STARS OF THE WEEK
The Star of the Week awards will be presented again on - Monday 15 June. I hope all enjoyed the long weekend.

Dates to Remember…
Thur 11 Jun - Three way interviews 4pm—7pm
Fri 12 Jun - Interviews continue 9am—12noon
Mon 15 June - Parents Club Meeting
Mon 22 Jun - School Council
Wed 24 June - Gr. 3/4 Performance 12:00
Fri 26 Jun - Last day Term 2 (2:15pm finish)

SOLVING THE JIGSAW DOCUMENTARY
In 2004 a film crew was given permission by the school leadership and the families of students in a Grade 5/6 class at Specimen Hill to film the students participating in the Jigsaw program. This documentary called “Kids’ Business” will finally be aired on ABC 1 this Thursday 11th June at 9.25pm. The documentary follows the stories of 6 students as they share difficult situations in their lives. This documentary is only a ‘snap-shot’ of the Jigsaw Program which is based on developing relationships, trust and resilience.

CRUSOE COLLEGE (repeat)
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.

CHALLENGE FOR THE WEEK
To be more organised in everything we do.
(Being organised is the key skill used by effective people)

Doug Jones
Principal

JEWELLERY FUNDRAISER
There is an extension for all Jewellery orders which were to be in by this Thursday. The date will be extended to Thursday 18th June. A coloured brochure of jewellery is available for your perusal at the front office. The brochure includes loads of beautiful pieces to choose from. All orders and money to be returned to school by Thursday 18th June.

Di Craig
Our children's future in the very best of

H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu)
Update DEECD 4th June.

As you would be aware, Victoria is now in a modified ‘sustain’ phase of its plan to manage the impact of H1N1 Influenza (Human Swine Flu) in our community.

This means that only children confirmed by a doctor as having the virus will be quarantined. Those sharing a house with a confirmed case will not be required to enter quarantine, unless they too are confirmed as having the virus.

Classes who may have been in contact with a confirmed case will no longer be quarantined, and schools will no longer be partially or fully closed.

Students who are feeling unwell should remain at home and not attend school. Students and families with flu-like symptoms are advised to seek medical attention and limit their contact with others.

If your child becomes ill at school, we will contact you immediately and ask you to arrange to collect your child. Please make sure that we have your up-to-date contact details.

It should be remembered, however, that the virus has so far been mild and can be compared to our normal winter flu.

Good general hygiene remains the best defence against the flu and families should continue to ensure children regularly washing their hands and cover their nose and mouth if sneezing and coughing. This practice is being reinforced with your children while at school.

If you have any specific concerns:

Visit www.health.vic.gov.au
Call the Swine Influenza Hotline on 180 2007
Call Nurse-on-Call on 1300 606 024 – for expert health information (freecall 24 hours, 7 days)
Visit your doctor (GP) – if you have an influenza-like illness (fever, cough and fatigue).

The Department of Human Services is also continuing to ask parents of children returning from USA, Canada, Japan, Mexico and Panama to voluntarily keep their children home for seven (7) days from arrival back in Australia. This is a further precautionary measure to assist in managing the further spread of the virus.

CLASS NEWS

JUNIOR NEWS
- Reminder:
  - ensure children are wearing jumpers for warmth
  - name jumpers
- Preps are showing great imagination and creativity in their Developmental Curriculum. We are amazed at how their oral language is improving.
- Grade 1/2 are continuing to learn about electricity and how they can save power in the home.
- We have been working hard on our writing, practising recounts and making interesting sentences.
- We look forward to seeing families about their child’s progress during the parent/teacher interview process.
- Please continue regular home reading with your child and sign their booklets.

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

SENIOR NEWS
Grade 3/4
The Grade 3/4 students had a great day last Wednesday learning about the Chinese history around Bendigo. The students were excellent despite the rainy day, which we cannot complain about.

Thankyou to those parents who have returned their three way interview notes. If you have not done so, please contact your child’s teacher to make a time convenient to all parties. A reminder that interviews will be held this Thursday 4-7pm and Friday 9am—12noon.

The report package contained forms for parent comment.

Thankyou to parents who have returned these. We look forward to seeing parents this Thursday or Friday. A reminder there will be no school for students on Friday June 12.

Wendy, Craig, Natalie, Lorraine

Grade 5/6
Three way interviews will take place on the 11th of June starting from 4:00pm - 7:00pm, and on Friday the 12th of June starting from 9:00am -12noon. Keep in mind that Friday is a curriculum day also–Student Free Day.

The school Book Fair started yesterday and will continue till the 15th of June.

Hope everybody had a wonderful long weekend!

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

BORROWED ITEMS
Please return borrowed items such as school uniform/first aid slings, etc. when used. These need to be sent back to school washed so they can be ready for re-use.
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.

Footy Carnival - 21st & 22nd July

PERFORMING ARTS—change of date
Date of this performance has had to be changed from 17th June to 24th June.

BOOK FAIR on NOW!!!
Books are available for purchase before and after school for 1 week. Last opportunity to purchase will be Tuesday morning as it is collected and returned at 10am.
Morning times will be 8.30 - 9am. Afternoon times will be 3.15 - 4.30. And Friday interview day sales will be from 11.45 till 12.45.
Every purchase helps fundraise for our Library.
Thanks
Sandy

WANTED
Art room requires 1.25 litre Coke bottles this week please.

WANTED TO BUY
- Wooden Thomas train tracks or train set.
- Fisher Price people
- Fisher Price cow.
  - see Bu in the Art room.

UNIFORM SHOP
Hours: Monday and Tuesday mornings 8.45am to 12 noon and all day Wednesday.
Uniform shop is fully stocked with winter uniform items.
Sale Items: Girls pleated shorts sizes 4 to 10 for $8; Windcheater w/ side split sizes 8 to 14 for $14. Girls pleated gabardine trousers sizes 6 to 16 for $10.
Uniform Order Forms are available from the office.

PRIMARY music institute
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KEYBOARD LESSONS
New Enrolments are currently being accepted for Term 3, 2009.
At only $10.90 (incl. GST) per lesson, this keyboard music program is Great Value!!!
Enrolment forms are available from keyboard music teacher(s), the school office or you can enrol electronically on our website – www.primarymusicinstitute.com.au
Small Reminder
Re-enrolment from one term to the next (including from one year to the next) is automatic so, once enrolled, you don't need to send in a new enrolment form each term in order to continue.

If at any stage you wish to cancel: Written advice to that effect must be mailed or faxed to PMI at the above address/fax number at least two weeks prior to the start of any given term in order to avoid incurring the next term's fees.
(Please note: It is not sufficient for this advice to be communicated to the school or keyboard teacher).
The Primary Music Institute wishes all families a safe and musical holiday!!!

VEGETABLE SEEDLINGS
There are still vegetable seedlings available for $1.50 each. Please see Kaye at the office.
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