Welcome to students, families and friends to week 5 of Term 1.

GOOD MANNERS
This week in our school community we are focussing on everyone using good manners. It is an expectation. What does this mean? It is about looking at the person you are talking to, saying thank you, excuse me in a polite manner. Not interrupting if someone is speaking, taking your turn and not jumping the queue and much, much more. Manners need to be constantly modelled by adults for them to be embedded in a child’s behaviour. We need to remind people if manners are not used and insist that they are used on an everyday basis.

TISSUES
Reminder: Could all students please provide a box of tissues to be handed in to their class teacher for whole class use. All children have runny noses at some time and this enables a ready supply throughout the year.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS
The Parents and Friends committee met today and is seeking new members for this committee. It has a varied role in the school community but is only as diverse as the member’s participation and ideas. If you feel that you would like to be part of this group please look in the newsletter for the next meeting.

READING PARTNERSHIP
The push for at least 20 minutes of reading for every student per night is continuing to gain momentum. Reading underpins all other learning whether it is subject area, recreation, enjoyment, employment etc. It is a lifetime skill. The time and effort put into nurturing good reading skills and behaviours during these formative years prepares us for the future. Thank you parents for your active role in the reading partnership by signing off on diaries and showing enthusiasm and interest in your child’s development and education.

HEALTHY EATING
Good eating provides the fuel for students to be sustained throughout the day. Poor eating habits often reflect in poor focus, behaviour and attitude. All children should eat a nutritious breakfast with a nutritious lunch and snack packed for school. It is far cheaper and a far better choice to pack fresh food rather than pre packaged, processed food with little nutritional value. We encourage all students to have water bottles (named) on their desk at all times for hydration.

INFORMATION SESSIONS
Hopefully all parents have taken the opportunity to attend Information sessions today. These are two way interviews to inform parents of how their child has settled into school and for the parents to share any extra information which may help a child’s learning. The hand out sheets accompanying each interview give a quick snap shot of school operations and are crucial information for all families.

Step up to Crusoe News.
Mr Ben Johnstone-McLeod the Principal of Crusoe college will be visiting the school on Monday March 28th at 5.30 pm. This will be a wonderful opportunity for parents of grade 6 students to meet Ben and to hear about the many new and innovative programs that are on offer at Crusoe. Any questions or queries can be answered before it is time to make the final decision about your child’s secondary education.

Please do not hesitate to see Corey Warne or myself if you have any concerns or questions.

Thank you for strengthening the home/school partnership in your child’s learning journey.

Di Craig
(Acting Principal)

Dates to Remember…
Wed 2 Mar - Parents Club meeting 9am
- Parent Teacher information interviews
Fri 4 Mar - Junior School Council Investiture
Mon 7 Mar - School Council meeting
Mon 14 Mar - Labour Day Holiday
Tues 15 Mar - P-2 Arts Incursion
Mon 21 Mar - Swimming program starts Prep-6
6-8 Apr - Grade 5/6 Camp
Fri 8 Apr - Last day Term 1
**STARS OF THE WEEK**
The Star of the Week awards were presented on **Monday 28TH February** to:

- Rm. 1 - April S
- Rm. 2 - Damien W
- Rm. 3 - Luke F
- Rm. 4 - Blake C
- Rm. 5 - Aaron R-B
- Rm. 6 - Becky D
- Rm. 7 - Caleb E
- Rm. 8 - Lara C
- Rm. 9 - Jasmine A
- Rm. 10 - Brock R
- Rm. 11 - Connor S
- Rm. 12 - Macey R
- Rm. 13 - Tom R & Charlotte K

Phys. Ed. Award—Aaron R-B Class—Rm. 9 Backas
Reading Awards - Makayla H, Brooklyn R, Kayla F
ASC Award - Tyran A BSC Award - April S

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**BOOKS & REQUISITES PAYMENT**—**reminder**
A reminder to parents about the schools Books and Requisites payment for 2011.
This fee pays for the books we purchase on your behalf for each student, at a cost of $100.00.
We request that each family contributes a voluntary $40.00. This amount will support the continued development of our grounds & upgrading school learning programs.

**Thus the amount owing to the school is:**
$140.00 for the first child and
$100.00 for each child thereafter.
We are very happy for families to arrange to pay this off or pay as a lump sum.
EMA recipients (School Share $115.00) have these fees partly covered.

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**WELLBEING NEWS**

**PARENT MANAGED HEAD LICE PROGRAM**
Can parents please keep checking their children’s hair regularly? If your child complains of an itchy head or is often scratching, examine the child’s head as this is a tell-tale symptom of head lice infestation.

During periods when head lice are common, check your child’s scalp weekly by carefully parting and combing through the hair. Lice are difficult to see because of their pale colour, but their eggs, or nits, are more easily seen as white specks at the root of the hair. They are often found at the nape of the neck, under fringes and behind the ears. Check more carefully if your child is blond, as the nits are more difficult to find.

It is necessary to remove the nits from the root of the hair. Hint: Nits often come out more easily if the comb is dipped in vinegar.

**Volunteers needed** - please sign form below if you can help out.

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**CLASS NEWS**

**Senior Department News**
Last Friday morning and Monday evening students and their parents took part in Netbook Information Sessions. Hopefully these sessions and the related information in print have been supportive in establishing appropriate standards for Netbook use at school and in the home. Many of our Grade...
5/6 students have completed requirements and have taken Netbooks for home use as well as at school. During this week all Grade 4/5 and 5/6 students have been registered for Ultranet use. Further development of this resource is planned during the year. An equipment list for the camp has been sent home and we advise students to use it, or develop their own, to begin to organize equipment. Thankyou to the many parents/caregivers who have availed themselves of the opportunity to have an information interview with their child’s class teacher. Please continue to encourage your student to maintain the school uniform standard, which does not include make-up. Acceptable earrings are studs and small rings.

5/6 News Team

Middle Department News
Thankyou to those parents who took the opportunity to attend the ‘get to know you’ interviews. Please take the time to read the information sheet you were given, as it contains lots of valuable information. The Integrated Studies unit this term is titled ‘I Love A Sunburnt Country.’ Children will be learning mapping skills as well as some of the features of the different states and in particular, some knowledge about Victoria. Please continue to monitor home reading for at least five days a week.

Leah Backas, Lisa Maxwell, Wendy Jackson, Sandy Young and Hayden Polglase

Junior Department News

Prep
We are having a fantastic first full week. Our word of the week is “the”. We are looking for this. We are making patterns with colour, shape and size

Natalie & Kim

Grade 1/2
Children have been working hard and doing some wonderful writing. They have also been doing a lot of counting.
We are really pleased that most children are reading at home. Many of them are approaching 25 nights of reading which is a fantastic effort by both children and parents who encourage them.
We start school each morning with quiet reading time. Children are being encouraged to get organised for reading before the bell goes in the morning. It is great to see some children sitting down to read even before 9.00. It is important that children arrive at school on time so they can get organised and ready to go.
We have noticed some children coming to school tired. This often happens at the beginning of the year after the holiday break. It is important that children have early nights so that they can concentrate and think clearly at school.
We have been impressed with the healthy lunches that many children bring to school. It is great to see children enjoying fruit and a healthy sandwich. Good nutrition can help children feel settled and ready to learn. On lunch order days children still need to bring a snack to eat in the afternoon so they don’t feel hungry especially when everyone else around them is eating.

Prep-2 Team

GENERAL NEWS

SWIMMING PROGRAM
Permission notes have gone home. Please note cost is $47 not $43 as per 2011 School Payment note (approximate cost).
Dates:
21st, 22nd, 23rd, 28th, 29th & 30th March.

BREAKFAST PROGRAM
Speci Healthy Breakfast program next Wednesday 9th March. All children are welcome to attend.
Time: 8.15 to 8.45 - children must be in the MPR by 8.30
Where: Multi Purpose Room
What: Cereal, toast, juice, fruit.

Teresa Smart

LIBRARY NEWS—reminder
Dear Parents and students,
The Library will be open/available for borrowing before school at 8:45pm each day as well as at lunchtime Monday and Wednesday. Please encourage children to exchange books regularly to eliminate overdue and lost books.
Thanks
Sandy

WORKING BEE
WANTED - Willing workers.
WHEN - Sunday 20th March
10am-1pm
WHERE - Speci playground/oval/gardens
WHY - Because our school needs a bit of a tidy and if lots of mums and dads and kids come to help it will look even better.
The Physical Environment Committee will be providing morning tea, pizza lunch and refreshments. Lucky raffle tickets will be circulating too. PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT YOUR CHILD’S LEARNING ENVIRONMENT.
LOST PROPERTY - reminder
We are still finding items of uniform in the lost property box unnamed. Could parents please name all uniform items. Also could parents please check any clothing brought home in school bags in case your child has picked up someone else's clothing.

CANTEEN NEWS
Canteen lunches are on Monday & Fridays. Please have order written on brown paper bag (20c extra if school supplies) with money enclosed and handed in to the classroom tub at 9am.

Last Chance—WALLET ORDERS WITH MONEY ($7ea) NEED TO BE RETURNED TO THE OFFICE BY THIS FRIDAY.
Please note that there are no 375ml. Honeycomb milks available.

After Lunch Sales has commenced—Tuesday & Thursday—not Wednesday
We are still after canteen helpers. If you are able to volunteer some time please fill out the form below.

CANTEEN HELPERS
Lunch Order Days (9:00-12:00)
Name: ..................................................................................
Phone No.: ...........................................................................
[ ] Monday [ ] Friday
[ ] weekly [ ] fortnightly [ ] monthly
Other ..................................................................................

After Lunch Sales Tuesday [ ] Thursday [ ]

Tricia Ryan (0419 152 180)
Canteen Manager

UNIFORM SHOP
Vests and S/S polo shirts (larger sizes) should arrive this week.

Uniform Shop hours—8.30-12.30 Mon. & Tues. and all day Wed.

NEWSLETTERS are available from our website http://www.shps1316.vic.edu.au.

FOR SALE
CHOCOLATE FROGS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
END OF SCHOOL DAY
FOR $1.00

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
ASHC Phone No. 0447 788 636. Please ring Leah Johns for bookings/cancellations. Accounts have gone home and need to be paid asap.

Accounts have gone home. Please make payments asap. Accounts go home fortnightly and payment would be appreciated each fortnight. This helps keep the amounts manageable.

Thurs 3rd Mar. - Cooking - making own sandwiches & cordial / Group Games
Fri 4th Mar. - Mini Hotdogs / quiet play in the Multi
Mon 7th Mar. - Cooking pinwheels / Group games in Multi

Tues 8th Mar. - Fruit Platter picnic / Free play on oval.
Wed 9th Mar. - Popcorn & Juice / Movie

BSHC Phone No. 0438 062 561. Please ring Victoria for bookings/cancellations.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
Welcome back to Hookin2Hockey, 2011!
We are once again conducting Hookin2Hockey in Term 2 and Term 3 this year. And some of you may be participating in Hockey Victoria's school roadshow this week!
TERM 2 dates: Sat 30th April to Sat 4th June
TERM 3 dates: Sat 23rd July to Sat 27th Aug

EXCITING NEWS: For those of you who are coming back and are ready for it, we are extending the H2H program to offer smaller-format hockey games ("U9/U11") on the wet pitch - these will run concurrently with the H2H program. Selections to these games will be based on a combination of age & skill, as selected on the days and as we progress. This provides the "next step". Coaches & team shirts will be provided by us each week. Also, we're hoping some of our parents might get involved as "managers/helpers".

REGISTRATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKE ON-LINE IN 2011....

(Option A) If your child has all the gear and does not need anything else, the cost will be $30 (registration fee only) for each Term of 6 weeks.
Register here now .... https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v5/regform.cgi?aID=3090&formID=12712

(Option B) If you are looking to purchase more gear for your child (full pack=$35 with stick, shinpads, t-shirt etc) OR they want a new t-shirt+goal for $25, these are on top of the min $30 registration fee.
You'll need to register here for Option B.... https://reg.sportingpulse.com/v5/regform.cgi?
aID=16596&formID=12237

Should you have any questions about registration or the programs, please call me or email me on hcv.hin2h@gmail.com (we are changing from yahoo to gmail over the next few weeks).
I look forward to seeing your children return to hockey again this year and having more fun!
Kerri Wellman   H2H Coordinator   Ph. 5449 3527
AFTER SCHOOL TUITION AND HOMEWORK HELP
The Kangaroo Flat Community Centre provides tuition for Prep to Year 10 students who need assistance with reading, spelling, English and maths. Financial help may be available to students who qualify. For information call the office on 5447 9687 during business hours to leave a message or phone Michael directly on 0413 116 096.