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NEWSLETTER

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Feb 20	School Aid Bushfire Appeal Gold coin donation day
March 24	School Clean Up Day
March 1	Uniform Pool AGM 9:45am
March 3	NWPS Swimming Carnival
March 10	Zone Swimming Carnival (competitors only)
March 11	School Photos
March 16	K-6 Drumbeats performance
March 17	P&C AGM 7:45pm

2G won the student Banking this week with 6 children banking out of the school's total of 22 deposits. The Cup was awarded to 2G. Congratulations!! See if your class can win next week.

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE FOLLOWING TERM 1
ASSEMBLIES:
Week 6 – 5th March
Week 9 – 26th March**

Dear Parents and Students,

Victorian Bushfire Appeal

A reminder that tomorrow (Friday) is the day for all students to bring a gold coin as a donation to the Victorian bushfire appeal. We will be sending all money raised by our students to School Aid an organisation that sends the money directly to the devastated schools and their communities. I have spoken to the students about giving from their own pockets not just from mum and dad's purse or wallet. I hope you can support these sentiments. On Friday morning we will be attempting to cover a large NWPS Cares chalk outline on the outdoor stage. Several parents have asked if they can donate and of course we would welcome any donation from our extended school community. If it is larger than a gold coin however it may be better to take the donation to our office.

Meet the Teacher Night

Thank you to all those parents who were able to attend last night's meetings. For those of you that were unable to attend but may have questions regarding general classroom procedures and organisation I suggest you make an appointment to see your child's teacher.

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It was also very pleasing to see many parents who have attended several of these nights over the years. Though they may have heard the basic talk previously it is very important from their child's point of view that mum or dad took the time to visit their class and listened to their teacher. Showing an interest and an enthusiasm in your child's learning are key factors in achieving positive learning outcomes.

Last night was a general explanation of your child's learning year. Individual parent / teacher meetings will be held during the last two weeks of this term. This timeframe allows for earlier identification and communication of your children's academic and social progress. More information regarding organisation and times will be given closer to the event.

School Swimming Carnival

On Tuesday 3rd March Years 3-6 (with some older yr 2 students) will again be transported to Epping Aquatic Centre for our swimming carnival. It is always an excellent day with many members of our school community supporting the students and the staff. The purpose of the swimming carnival is twofold. The first being a chance for students to participate and support their sporting house. To encourage this participation points are awarded for entering an event. We encourage all students who are capable swimmers to give it a go, and we encourage all students to vocally support their sporting house throughout the day. It is also the first opportunity for the House Captains and Vice Captains to hone their leadership skills.

The second purpose of the carnival is to select a team to represent our school at the zone swimming carnival. It is an honour for any student to represent their school. However, to choose this team we are bound by technical stroke guidelines and time criteria. Therefore a competitor who is giving it a go in breaststroke, butterfly and backstroke may be unable to progress to the zone carnival if their stroke is technically incorrect. Likewise a swimmer who may win or place second in one of our freestyle events may not be eligible to progress to the zone because of the qualifying time.

The following is information we received from the zone swimming convener:

*"I would really like to urge you to **be very selective when choosing your team.** Please do not send students who swim a form stroke incorrectly, no matter how fast they can swim. We will again be hiring representatives from NSW Swimming Association to act as carnival referees. These people will ensure that if strokes are incorrectly swum, competitors will be disqualified.*

*Before choosing your second swimmer, make sure you review the qualifying time and, if the competitor's time is outside the qualifying time, **please leave them out of the team.***

*Remember that all schools are invited to send their first swimmers in all events **excluding** the medleys and 100m Freestyle events, no matter whether they meet the qualifying time or not. In the medley and 100m Freestyle events **all** competitors **must** meet qualifying times."*

Both facets of the carnival are very important.

One other point - all students are expected to sit in their designated house areas. It makes it very difficult to supervise the children if they are sitting with their parents away from these areas. I hope to see many of you at the pool cheering on all the students during the day.

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The importance of punctuality

It is unfortunate that at this early stage of the year I have to write about the increasing number of students who are arriving to school after classes have commenced. It is extremely important that all students are at school for morning assembly and the commencement of the day. I understand that everyone can have one of those mornings but please we need all students on time every day.

B. Kunkler
Principal

CLEAN UP DAY

On Tuesday the 24th February all students will take part in a 'clean up' of our school. This is to coincide with 'Clean Up Australia Day' on March 1st. Students are asked to bring a pair of gloves to school in order to take part. We will use class recycling boxes to collect the rubbish.

Kelly-Anne Voss
Environment Coordinator

CHESS CLUB

Chess Club will be held again this year. This is an opportunity for students in year 2 and up to practise their chess playing skills and strategies in round robin games. (There is minimal instruction, just supervision.) It will be held in 4/5KR classroom on Thursday afternoons from 3pm to 3.45pm, under the supervision of Mrs Gower. If your child would like to be a part of Chess Club, please fill out the slip below and return to your child's teacher by Friday 20th February. A note will then be sent home with more details. Chess Club will begin on 5th March.

Thank you
Mrs Rosemary Gower
(Organising teacher)

Please return this slip to Mrs Gower

I give permission for my child, _____ of class _____
_____ to join Chess Club in 2009. I am aware I need to make arrangements to
collect my child at 3.45pm.

Signed _____ (Parent/Guardian)

FROM THE P&C

We had a fantastic turnout to the meeting on Tuesday night, thank you so much to everyone who came along!

Next month we have the P&C Annual General Meeting during which all sub-committees will present their annual reports, and elections for all P&C executive positions will be held.

After the AGM we will continue on with our regular meeting during which we will be voting on a proposal to earmark \$75 000 of P&C funds towards the provision of a Community Room for the school.

The Community Room will provide a space, which can be used during school hours for a multitude of activities including dance, drama, choir, band and meetings. Before

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and after school hours it will give OOSH badly needed space to expand and will remove the need for OOSH and the Pre-school to share rooms. Our planning for this project is still in the very early stages so this earmarking of funds represents an in principal commitment to the project.

We have also set a date for a P&C social towards the end of this term – pencil in Saturday 28th March in your diaries and watch the newsletter for further information.

Next P&C Meeting - AGM and general meeting - is on Tuesday March 17th, OOSH Rooms 7.45pm.

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President)
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OOSH NEWS

OOSH has been off to an exciting start in 2009 with the staff team working with the children to develop and change aspects of the daily running of the service, as well as the program. We have been working hard to develop a new delicious and nutritious menu as well as encouraging children and families to actively participate in program decisions.

So far, we have decided that we enjoy cooking, sports and creative experiences, so these are making more regular appearances in our program. We already have a couple of long-term projects under way! These will be documented for family and children to look back on.

The children are also thoroughly enjoying our Active After School Community program, which runs on Mondays and Thursdays. James Hall has recently become qualified as a AASC coach which is very exciting for the children and OOSH. The AASC program focuses on developing middle childhood physical skills as well as promoting positive self-esteem, friendships and team-building related skills.

Finally, with a large increase in numbers this year, we advise all casual bookings to be made at least the day before the day you wish to have your child attend. We don't want anyone to miss out!!!

We also hope to see you all at the AGM on the 25th February at 7:30pm in the OOSH room.

For any OOSH enquiries, please contact Fiona or Emma by phone on 9484 4412.

UNIFORM POOL NEWS

\$10 Jumper Sale

Bombers in sizes 12,14,16,18 are still available for \$10. All other sizes have sold out. So if you have children in year 5 or 6 who have bombers looking a little worse for wear and thought it was not worth buying a new one for one more season, now is the time. There is also sloppy Joes in various sizes still available for \$10. Come and grab a bargain on Friday morning at the Uniform Pool between 8:45 to 9:30.

Busy times

Thank you to all the parents and students for their patience at the Uniform Pool over the past few Fridays. With the cold snap and the ordering of Polar fleeces, the lines have been compared to the post Christmas Myer sales. The Uniform Pool is run solely by volunteers and we do our best to move everyone through as quickly and efficiently as possible. A very big thank you to all the volunteers who have put in the extra time to help us get through this very busy period.

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Polar Fleece

All the polar fleece orders have been processed and ordered. We are expecting the shipment to arrive by the 1st week of Term 2. All prepaid orders will be sent home via the classroom.

Sarah Bryan. Uniform Pool Treasurer

CANTEEN ROSTER NEWS - 2009 ROSTER EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY 2 MARCH

By now all volunteers should have received a copy of their new Roster (if not, please check school bags). Thanks again to all our 70+ volunteers.

There are still FIVE vacancies to be filled, which will be advertised in next week's Newsletter. If you would like to get involved, but can't wait until then, please check out the copy at the Canteen from Friday morning.

There is also a "one-off" vacancy to be filled:

. 8.30-11.30am Wednesday 25 February.

If you are able to help out on the 25th of Feb, or any of the other vacancies, please call Jules on 0433 879 006, 9484 5280 or email her at tccabbling@bigpond.com.

Signed: Very Happy Duck!

STUDENT BANKING BACK - EVERY TUESDAY

Student Banking will commence next Tuesday, 24 February, and then every Tuesday thereafter, with the exception of Swimming Carnival day (Tuesday 3 March).

Student Banking is a great way to encourage young children to develop good savings habits, by depositing regularly into their bank accounts. It is a free service provided to all students, and their siblings, by a team of dedicated volunteer "tellers".

The P&C receives a commission from the Commonwealth Bank of \$5.00 for every \$100.00 banked each week through the Student Banking Scheme. So the greater the support for this service, the greater the benefit to all children at NWPS. Weekly deposits can be as little as \$1.00. Cheques can also be deposited through the system, but must be made out in the student's names.

If you would like to know more about Student Banking, please call me on either 0433 879 006, 9484 5280 or email me at tccabbling@bigpond.com.

Could all 2008 volunteer "tellers" please contact me ASAP so I can put together a 2009 Roster. We still need some more new volunteers to help out this year. Full on-the-job training will be provided, and Student Banking is a "toddler friendly" activity. If you can spare a couple of hours on one Tuesday morning per month, I would love to hear from you.

Jules Curtin, Student Banking Convenor

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BAND NEWS



AND INTRODUCING...

...our nearly full Band Committee List for 2009. Welcome to all on our new Committee.

NWPS BAND COMMITTEE 2009			
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The only piece of the jigsaw missing is the Training Band Co-ordinator. The job isn't hard – basically liaising between the Training Band Director Jane Nelson and the other co-ordinators, helping out at rehearsal when necessary and attending our few band meetings. Training Band can't continue without a parent (or two) to fill this role, so don't be shy.

