



# NEWSLETTER

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March 1	Uniform Pool AGM 9:45am
March 3	NWPS Swimming Carnival
March 3	No school banking
March 10	Zone Swimming Carnival (competitors only)
March 11	School Photos
March 13	Last day for Stewart House bags
March 16	K-6 Drumbeats performance
March 17	P&C AGM 7:45pm

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2/3B won the student Banking this week with 10 children banking out of the school's total of 50 deposits. The Cup was awarded to 2/3B. Congratulations!! See if your class can win next week.

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

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Dear Parents and Students,

I am very proud of the way all our students and many of our parents supported our Victorian Bushfire appeal last Friday. We raised \$ 911.75 through our coin donation. I think this was a fantastic effort as many families I am sure had already donated to other appeals. The money will now be sent to School Aid and passed on directly to devastated schools in Victoria.

### *School Uniforms*

I have been very impressed by the standard being set at the moment in regards to the wearing of correct school uniform. To wear the correct uniform gives each student a sense of pride and a sense of belonging. Each week a uniform award is given out in assembly by our prefects. At the moment it is a very hard fought battle to find the top class. The correct wearing of full school uniform by the older students is very important as they are the role models for our younger students.

If you are having some financial difficulties at present and need to purchase new uniforms the uniform shop does have some second hand clothing available or you can make an appointment to see me about possible student assistance support. I would like to thank the Uniform Shop committee for all the excellent work they have been doing since the beginning of the year. Many times I have walked past the

uniform shop in the morning and have seen people queued up 4 deep. All the parents on the committee are volunteers and are doing a great job!

*Anti – Bullying Policy*

As part of our whole school discipline our Anti Bullying information brochure will be sent out next week. I would ask all families to sit with their children and read through the information. It is very important for every child to understand their rights and to be aware of the procedures we have at school to maintain a safe and happy environment.

If a student does feel that they have been a victim of bullying they need to talk to their class teacher immediately. The sooner the allegation is investigated the better. As always if you have any questions relating to our Anti – bullying policy please contact your child’s teacher or:

Assistant Principal K – 2: Mrs Georgiou  
Assistant principal 3 – 6: Mr McLaren  
Assistant Principal: K-6 Mrs Liston

B. Kunkler  
Principal

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2009**

This year, your child can enter the Premier’s Reading Challenge through the school, by registering with Mrs Gower. For detailed information about the challenge you can google: NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge 2009 or visit the website:

[www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premiersreadingchallenge/)

Please be aware that although our school library has an extensive range of books which are on the various lists, it does not have multiple copies, so it may be advantageous to source particular books from the local library as well (nor does Mrs Liston have the time to find books from the list for each participant. It will be the responsibility of each student to locate the books they desire themselves. Books may also be found in classroom ‘libraries’) It is a wonderful way to encourage the love of reading and to expand the children’s range of suitable literature. Participation in the Challenge has the support of the Principal.

If you and your child are interested in participating, please send the slip below to the class teacher, so I can send home an outline of the rules, be able to follow their progress and eventually validate their log once completed. The logs can be completed online from early March.

Mrs Gower  
Organising Teacher

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**Return to class teacher**

I would like my child \_\_\_\_\_ of class \_\_\_\_\_ to participate in the Premier’s Reading Challenge 2009. I will assist them to fill out their reading log at home.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (Parent/ Guardian) Date \_\_\_\_\_

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## **FROM THE P&C**

Are you a Kindy (or any year's) class coordinator this year? Wondering what to do by way of organising a social function for your class parents? How about a putting together a team or two (or more!) and coming along to the P&C Trivia Night, it's a perfect opportunity to have fun, get to know each other and meet parents from other year groups too. Details and ticket order form are in this newsletter.

The new volunteer rosters for this year start on Monday, don't forget to check when your shift is! Thank you to everyone who has signed up to help out with the various sub-committees.

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

Miriam Mulcahy. (P&C President)  
0412 364 366. [mimbles2@gmail.com](mailto:mimbles2@gmail.com)

## **STUDENT BANKING - EVERY TUESDAY (EXCEPT NEXT WEEK, 3 MARCH)**

It was great to see so many students keen to deposit money into their accounts this week. Well done! Next Tuesday 3 March is the Swimming Carnival, so there will be no Student Banking. But from the 10th on it will be Banking as usual every Tuesday.

For more information about the Student Banking Scheme, please contact me on 0433 879 006, 9484 5280 or email me at [tccabbling@bigpond.com](mailto:tccabbling@bigpond.com).

More volunteer "tellers" are still required, so if you have a spare couple of hours, one Tuesday morning per month, I would love to hear from you. Full on-the-job training is provided, and Student Banking is a "toddler friendly" activity.

Jules Curtin, Student Banking Convenor

## **CANTEEN ROSTER NEWS - 2009 ROSTER EFFECTIVE FROM MONDAY 2 MARCH**

Thankyou again to all our fantastic Canteen volunteers. The new, almost full, roster comes into effect on Monday 2 March. There are still four vacancies which need to be filled. They are:

- . 8.30-11.30am, 3rd Monday (Margot Treloar would love some company once a month!);
- . 11.00am-2.00pm, 5th Friday (2 positions) - dates are: May 29, July 31, October 30 and 29 January 2010.

There is also a 5th Wednesday vacancy to be filled. Unfortunately, Jules was not sure off-hand which shift - it's hard to get good help! I will re-advertise that spot shortly. The dates, though, are: 29 April, 29 July and 30 September.

Jules would love to hear from you if you are able to fill any of the advertised vacancies. She can be contacted on 0433 879 006, 9484 5280 or [tccabbling@bigpond.com](mailto:tccabbling@bigpond.com).

Just a reminder that all Canteen volunteers, for safety reasons, should wear covered shoes such as runners.

Signed: The Old Duck

### **UNIFORM POOL**

We are currently ordering winter stock and most items will be available for purchase towards the end of term one. Keep looking for updates on arrivals.

We have received some late orders for Polar Fleece Jackets and these orders will be processed and placed in a queue. Please be aware that the cut off for ordering this garment for this year was February 13<sup>th</sup> and we will do our best to fill these orders as stock is available. As there is a 6-8 week delay in manufacturing this garment, your patience is requested.

Our AGM will be held on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> in Uniform Pool after business hours ( approx 9.45am). All volunteers and parents are welcome or if you have any concerns regarding uniforms please forward these for discussion to either Colleen 9489 8470 or Sarah 9484 6648.



## ***BAND NEWS***

### **POSTPONED PIZZAS**

Due to the fact that our band members are multi-talented and could be competing in the Zone Swimming Carnival, we are rescheduling the Band Pizza lunch. Please make a note in your diaries that it will now be held on Tuesday March 17.

### **TRAINING BAND**

Many thanks to Belinda Dunn, who will take on the role of Training Band Coordinator from this week. As this involves much domestic shuffling we are doubly grateful to you. Don't forget, if you have any questions about Training Band you can contact Belinda, or our dynamic duo of Rachel Allen and Linda Stenning for Concert Band enquiries. They will be at rehearsal each week, so feel free to come and have a chat.

### **NEWS FROM THE FRONT LINE.....**

Our new band coordinators have bravely offered to be band correspondents. Their first dispatches from the front will be appearing in the newsletter soon, so watch this space...

### **SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB NEWS**

Welcome to another year of Book Club! There will be no Issue 1 this term but look out for Issue 2 over the next few weeks. For those families new to the school, Scholastic Book Club is a great way to not only buy books for your children at reasonable prices, but it is also a great way for us to obtain extra resources for our classrooms and library.

Book Club is currently co-ordinated by three mums but as we have all returned to work, we really need some assistance to keep going. If you have a couple of hours to spare each term, have extremely basic computer skills and are looking for an easy way to help our school, we would love to have you join our little team. Please call Cathy on 9484 9045 for more details.

Ann Cassarchis, Melissa Johnston and Cathy Rickard

**ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS OR SERVICE IN THE P&C'S NEW PUBLICATION.  
THE GREEN GUIDE.**

**BABYSITTER? HAVE A TRADE? OFFER A SERVICE?**

**OWN OR WORK FOR A BUSINESS IN OUR COMMUNITY?**

Get more customers by advertising in this years inaugural **The Green Guide**.

**A directory of ex/families and local businesses and services.**

The directory will also be full of useful information, such as P&C contact numbers, rosters for volunteers and important school dates.

The directory will be distributed free of charge to all families/staff in our school.

That is the potential for **over 300 new contacts**.

If you would like more information regarding advertising costs and specifications please fill in the form below and leave at the office and I will email you the details.

Alternately contact me via email. [colleencowley@live.com](mailto:colleencowley@live.com) or pick up a detailed application form from the office.

NB clearly mark all correspondence with :Fundraising/ The Green Guide.

Thankyou for supporting your school.

