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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Somers Camp

Congratulations to the following children who have now left for Somers Camp until 5 August: Mia K., Kaitlyn A., Rebecca M., Paul F., Ben S., Cody S., and Devin RB. Mr. Murphy is the camp coordinator and he has enlisted Mrs. Marg Bloom to assist for the first five days. We wish them all a safe and happy time and await their stories upon returning to Ruskin Park Primary School.

Reminder of newsletter link

The school newsletter is still available in hard copy to parents who submit a written request to the school. Parents may subscribe to the electronic newsletter using the following link:
<http://mailouts.austnews.com.au/subscription/R/ruskin-park-ps-signup.html>

Thank you...

- Thanks to the following Eastern Metropolitan Schools for donating good quality used computers to Ruskin Park Primary School at the end of term two: Eastwood Primary School and East Doncaster Secondary College. We are very grateful for these PC's and emacs.
- Everyone who came out to assist at the recent working bee on 19th July: Taylah, Caitlin and Sandy J., Peter and Mireia L., Peter S., Natalie, Paul and Melanie T., Jesse M., Casey, Kieleley, Dave and Michelle A., David, Coralie, Alexander and Nicholas C., Darren, Sam, Liam and Aidan C., and teachers: Mr. Murphy, Mrs. Elms, Mrs. Bloom, and Mrs. Rainbow. Your support and help was greatly appreciated.
- Creative Music for Schools for their generous donation towards the development of music at Ruskin Park PS of \$100. The school values the wonderful work that Ann and Stewart do in teaching instrumental music to so many children.
- To all the office and school support staff especially during ES Week (10-14 August) – where the school will formally recognize and celebrate the work of support staff in our school: Gwen N., Debbie B., Vicki R., Emma S., Sharyn C., Carol B., Melanie H., Bev S., and Christine McQ.
- Walking School Bus Team – for all your past assistance in keeping the children journeying by foot to and from school safe – Julie H., Tracey R., and Melanie V.

Footy Day & The Winter Warmer Appeal

The date for the annual school Footy Day has been changed to Thursday, 20 August. On this day, students are invited to dress *out of uniform* in support of their favourite footy team. In support of the State Schools' Relief Committee, supporting needy students in schools across Victoria, the school encourages every student who dresses out of uniform to donate at least \$2 toward 'The Winter Warmer Appeal'.

More details will be announced closer to the school Footy Day. In addition, information will be provided to all students and families regarding the special lunch offers available to students on this day.

NED is coming to our school!

The *NED Show* will take place on Wednesday, 5th August at 12:30 pm for the whole school. The show uses yo-yos to teach the children how to develop three valuable characteristics involved in becoming champions at school and in life.

Please note the special notice that has been sent home to all families with more details. Students interested in owning their very own yo-yo, have the option of purchasing NED gear from a range of options following the show.

Thank you,
Elle May Laikve
 Principal.

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PARENTS, SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH US...

To all the parents who recently attended the Ruskin Park PS Trivia Night on the 20th June, we would value any feedback you could give us. A short survey has been set up for anyone willing to share their thoughts. Simply log on to the following:

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s.aspx?sm=mZW6s5BKsgqhDut4jvBh8A_3d_3d

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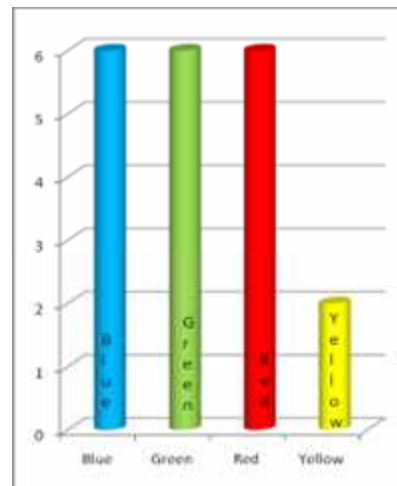
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL REPORT

Introduction of House Points:

This Term we have seen the introduction of House points at Ruskin Park.

Students are awarded points in each classroom. House captains collect and tally the points each week and the House cup is awarded to the highest scoring team at assembly the following Monday morning.

In week one the house cup was won by Red House and in week two it was won by Blue House. Although they have yet to be a weekly winner, Green house has scored well in both weeks. The overall tally sees Blue, Green and Red equal first with 6 points.



Mary Kelly,
Assistant Principal

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PE NEWS

FOOTY DAY

The children are asked to dress in footy gear on Thursday August 20 for our annual footy day. More details in the next Ruskin News

TRI SKILLS

A notice went home last week regarding Tri Skills Gymnastic Program for our Year Prep 1 and 2 children. This program commences on Friday August 21st.

INTER SCHOOL SPORT AWARDS

Congratulations to the following children who received awards last Monday at assembly: Football – Paul F; Soccer – Aaron S; Netball – Olivia K and Taylah J; Newcombe – Renee G

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

An advance notice that our Year 5/6 children will be involved in an all day Athletic Carnival at Town Park on Friday August 28th. If any parents are able to come along on the day they would be most welcome.

SPORTS CLINICS

Last week we had a few special visitors conducting Sports Clinics with our students. On Wednesday star Kilsyth USA import Joe Warner came to the school to conduct some basketball clinics for our Year 5/6 children.

On Thursday former student Matthew Bass from the Scorpions basketball club conducted some clinics for our Year 3/4 children. They are currently recruiting players and he has left some information in our school foyer.

On Friday two representatives from the Richmond Football Club conducted a football clinic for our Year Prep 1 and 2 children. After the clinics the children received an activity pack from the sponsors Connex.

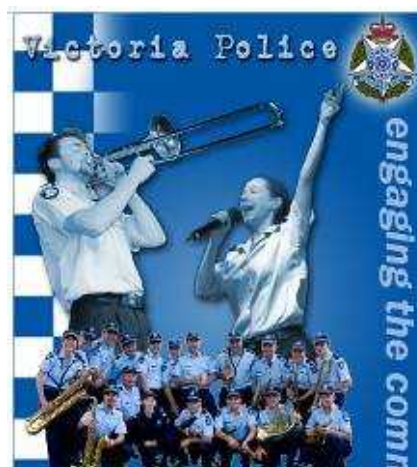
Thank you,
Brendan Murphy

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VICTORIA POLICE SHOWBAND

The
Victoria Police Showband
visited the school on Thursday the 30th July.
They played from 2.30 until about 3.15
and everyone in attendance enjoyed an afternoon of great
music.

Thanks to Mr. Alexander for organizing this performance.



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FAMILY AND FRIENDS

Family and Friends in conjunction with the school have decided to try and address the problem of lost property. It has been decided that once a fortnight we will be going through the lost property cupboards and returning all named items to their owners.

Any items that remain unclaimed and unmarked are now to be sold, at a reduced cost, back to the school public so to avoid a buildup of unclaimed items.

Please remember to check for lost property on a regular basis and make sure all items are clearly labelled so owners can be found.

Please keep your eyes open for the notice being sent home to advise when and where the first sale will commence. First in best dressed, no guarantee on availability of items.

Warmest regards

Samantha Unsworth

President Family and Friends.

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PREP TRANSITION 2009 - 2010

We conducted a very successful Prep Transition session last Thursday 23rd July, with approximately 50 eager preschoolers in attendance. The children thoroughly enjoyed making Teddy Bear Puppets and singing songs.

The transition sessions held at Ruskin Park PS are a wonderful way for preschool children to become familiar with the staff and the school setting. Our next Transition session will be held on Friday 21st August between 2.30-3.30pm. The children will explore a range of activities related to Mathematics.

Afternoon tea will be provided for parents. So please feel free to come along.

Alaine Beare

Prep Transition Co-ordinator

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OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CHILDCARE (OSHC)

Thank You

We would like to thank one of our parents, Rian Hull for giving up his time to make Pumpkin Soup and Garlic Bread with the children in After School Care, on Thursday 16th July. The children were delighted to have their own "Master Chef" show them how to make these dishes and everyone enjoyed tasting the results for afternoon tea.

We would also like to thank Mr Scott one of our Grade 1 / 2 teachers for running a basketball clinic with the children in After School care on Tuesday 21st July. The children had lots of fun learning a number of basketball skills and were thrilled to have Mr Scott join in our After School Care activities.

Programs

These programs are planned in consultation with the children and highlight "Special" activities based around the children's interests and requests. We aim to repeat these activities during each week to ensure all interested children have an opportunity to participate.

Other activities available every day include: Dramatic Play, Construction, Music/DVDs, Game boys and Computers, Drawing, Junk Construction, Puzzles and Board Games, Quiet Area for Reading and Homework, Sports Equipment and Outdoor Games.

WHAT'S ON AT BEFORE SCHOOL CARE

Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August 2009	Monday 10th August – Friday 14th August 2009
<p>Craft: - Creations with Wool</p> <p>Cooking: - Honey Rock Cookies (Wed)</p> <p>Games: - Jelly Bean Bingo</p> <p>Outdoor Fun: - Hoola Hoop Challenge</p> 	<p>Craft; - Salt Ceramic Creations</p> <p>Science Fun: - Slime</p> <p>Games: - Board Game Rotations</p> <p>Outdoor Fun: - Bowling Challenge</p> 

WHAT'S ON AT AFTER SCHOOL CARE

Monday 3rd August – Friday 7th August 2009	Monday 10th August – Friday 14th August 2009
<p>Cooking: - Pizza (Tuesday) Requested by Ted</p> <p>Craft: - Creations with Wool</p> <p>Games: - Hopscotch Fun</p> <p>Sports: - Badminton (Wednesday)</p> <p>Dance (Thursday)</p> 	<p>Craft: - Candles</p> <p>Games:- Three Legged Races</p> <p>Cooking: - Butter Chicken (Friday) Requested by Vincy</p> <p>Sports: - Badminton (Wednesday)</p> <p>Dance (Thursday)</p> 

Oshc Team

Out of School Hours Child Care

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2010 PREP ENROLMENT

Just a friendly reminder that we are now accepting enrolments for Prep 2010. If you have a preschool child or have friends whose children will be attending our school next year, enrolment forms and information packs are available at the school office.



Our Prep classes are filling fast so please enrol as soon as possible.

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PLANET ARK TREE DAY

Ruskin Park Primary School will be participating in the annual Planet Ark Tree Planting Day for schools, which is a nation wide program. This will be taking place on:

Friday, 31st July, 2009 at 2.30pm.

Students will be selected from each grade to represent their class and they will plant Australian native trees and shrubs provided by Candlebark Nursery. The plants donated will be planted in a designated area of the school yard. Each class will be given responsibility for monitoring and caring for their trees.



During this week our students will be involved in lessons designed to explore the importance of plants and the need to care for our Planet. We look forward to a fun filled week of activities.

Alaine Beare and Natalie Tisch

Co-ordinators

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METROPOLITAN ROBOCUP JUNIOR WINNERS

All of the Level 4 students in the first semester had an opportunity, as part of their classroom activities, to program a robot to move to music. Josh C. and Caleb B. took on the challenge to develop a program and robots for the Robocup Junior Championships.

With the experience of being part of last year's team to go to Perth, Josh had a vision! He, along with Caleb's help, has spent the last 2 months listening to 'Jail House Rock' while he built up a program second by second. The result was a very clever detailed program in which two robots move to the beat of the music outside a prison scene.



Last Saturday the two boys took their robots to Sacre Coeur in Malvern where the Metropolitan Competition took place. The boys were very organised and didn't experience any problems on the day, which enabled us to have a great day watching all the other robots perform.

Each team had two excellent performances and were marked on an interview about their robots and their program. The interview score and the score of the best performance were used to decide the winners of the competition. Their score was good enough to win the Junior 'Dance' competition.

They intend to develop their program and scene further in the next few weeks in preparation for the Victorian Competition which is to be held at Scienceworks on August 14th. We wish them all the best for the next level of competition.

Margot Pope

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Sixth Mooroolbark Planting Day

Sunday August 2, 1pm
Balcombe Reserve
cnr Balcombe Avenue and Mooroolbark Road (37, K9)

Bring? Gloves, hat, sunscreen, small mattock, shovel
or hammer, drink bottle

On the Day?
1pm – Briefing from SYR employees
1pm till 3pm – 1500 plants planted, staked, and sheathed
3pm – refreshments provided by MCF

Information? Randall – 0425 71 6655, Pete - 0425 809 071

DIARY DATES

Please click [here](#) to download the Diary Dates for the remainder of 2009.

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THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION

Every student at Ruskin Park Primary School can develop their natural curiosity and imagination through new and engaging approaches to teaching and learning.

The encouragement of a positive attitude within a friendly community of learners will promote success today, tomorrow and into the future.

THE RUSKIN PARK PRIMARY SCHOOL VALUES ARE

Building Friendships
Creativity
Honesty, and
Respect

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