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NEWSLETTER

NOTICES SENT OUT SINCE LAST NEWSLETTER

Watch this space for notices sent out each week.

If you have not received any of the following notices, please ask your child's teacher, or contact the school office.

6 March	Supa Club	Interested students in levels 3 & 4
6 March	Head Lice outbreaks	Grades 2J & 2R
11 March	Working Bee notice	All families



WORKING BEE
Saturday 21 March
9.00am - 12.00noon

Please come along...many hands make light work...everyone welcome!

Diary Dates

March

Friday 13	I/S Sport v Kalinda
Tuesday 17	Level 4 LOTE Incursion
Thursday 19	Hot Cross Bun order forms going out
Friday 20	I/S Sport v Holy Spirit
Saturday 21	WORKING BEE HARMONY DAY

From the Principal



(2009 Music Captains with Heidi Victoria MLC)

Monday Assembly

We have received more information on the \$3.2 Million that we are eligible for through DEECD and the Federal Government. The Facilities Committee and School Council have looked at some options and several parents and staff have contributed to the discussion already. Parents are welcome to sit in on our Monday morning cuppa after assembly next week to discuss your ideas.

Tupperware for the Bushfires

As a follow up to our community supported fundraising for bush fire victims, Natasha Hawkins one of our mums, is running a Tupperware party in the staffroom after assembly next Monday (and for staff during recess). All proceeds will go to the Red Cross Bushfire appeal.

Working Bee March 21

A big thank you to all those who helped out with our mini working Bee last Wednesday in the Big Shed which cleared out the last of our remaining unwanted items making this space even more effective as a games and dance area for classes.

Facilities has organized a Family Working Bee on Saturday March 21. Please keep this date free as we have several fantastic gardening projects that we would like to develop on this morning.

School Council Meets

Congratulations and thank you to all those parents and staff who nominated for school council this year. We met for the first time as a new council on Tuesday night and elected our office bearers.

Your 2009 School Council is made up of eight parents; Simon Friend (President), Greg Jacobs (Vice-President), Ian Roberts (Treasurer), Heather Monteau, Shawn Kewley, Prue Possetti, Barry Holdway, and Andrew Hastas. Staff members are Barbara Nicoll, Janine Wallace-Smith, Alison Holdsworth, Ryan Jacobs and myself as Executive Officer.

A School Fete In 2009?

At School Council on Tuesday we resolved to not have a Fete this year, as it is a Production year, but to have a school fete every second year instead, alternating with school productions. Thank you to all those who contributed their thoughts and suggestions during this process.

Parking in the Staff Car Park

You may have noticed new signage around the school which includes signs on the staff car park gates advising that we keep the gates closed at the start and the end of the day.

Parents are asked not to use the staff car park to collect or drop off children and are encouraged to park further away from the school.

Greening Great Ryrie:

We are still looking at setting up a committee to work on developing and enhancing our planting across the school. If you are able to help, please contact the office to leave your name and contact details. An arborist is visiting the school next Monday at 1pm to prepare a report on our current tree coverage.

Disabled Parking

Thank you for remembering that the disabled parking spaces in the staff car park and parent car park off Great Ryrie Street, are for cars displaying a current Disable Parking tag only.

We do have a few parents who need to use this facility and display the appropriate tag. When others use these spaces without a tag it causes a great deal of difficulty to those who have a legitimate need for disabled parking.

Have a great weekend,
Doug Elliott
Principal



ICT COMMITTEE

Calling all parents who have computer expertise and are interested in the ICT program at Great Ryrie. We would love you to be part of the ICT sub-committee of School Council. Our meetings are usually held once a month, after school or during an evening.

If you are interested in knowing more or coming along to our next meeting, please contact Alison Holdsworth (room 4) or telephone the school office.

PFA NEWS

Chocolate Drive

Reminder: Chocolates are \$1.20 each (\$57.60 per box) this year and the money is due back on 25 March.

If you are able to sell more than one box of chocolates, please let Janine know and she'll arrange for another to be given to your child.

Easter Raffle

We will be holding our annual Easter raffle soon with a huge basket of Easter chocolate as first prize, with second and third prizes too.

Hot Cross Bun orders

Thanks to Bakers Delight in Heathmont, we will again be offering Hot Cross Bun orders. Order forms will be coming home next Thursday, 18 March.

With thanks
Karen Beecher.

LIBRARY

BOOK CLUB

BOOK CLUB ISSUE 2 MARCH orders and payment due no later than FRIDAY THE 13TH MARCH, the orders will be placed online on that day, after the orders are placed delivery should be within seven working days.

Happy reading,
Mardi Pechar

Reminder

To contact OSHC (Out of School Hours Care)
please telephone them direct on:

0418 571 136

Community Notices

Is there some good news in your family that you would like to share with the rest of GRPS? A new addition to the family, a win in a Grand Final, a great sports game Let Yvonne at the office have the details by Wednesday morning and we'll let everyone know!!

- ☺ Congratulations to the following students who went to the Zone/Region Swimming Carnival last Friday.
Khy Blizzard Tristan Blizzard
Stephen Dang Nathan Georgiadis
Harry May Sam Heron
Lachlan Kewley Sam Xie
- ☺ Special congratulations to TJ Blizzard for getting through to the State finals for swimming on Friday. Good luck for 27 April.
- ☺ Also congratulations to Abbey Heron who made it through the District Tennis Trials.

Canteen

NEW Healthy Snacks

Piranha Vege Cracker – no artificial colours & flavours, no preservatives, no cholesterol, no added MSG and is also a source of fibre. Favours include Italian Supreme, Salt & Vinegar, Sweet Chilli and Sour Cream favours. Selling Price : \$1.20 each

Movietime PopCorn - less salty and has Butter, Salt & Vinegar and Cheese favours. Selling Price : \$1.00 each

Have you got any good quality second-hand children's books not needed anymore?

Help Borders Bookstores raise \$200,000 for the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal.

Borders will match the retail price of all donated books up to \$200,000, which will go directly to the Red Cross Victorian Bushfire Appeal, to help restock schools and libraries in fire affected communities.

Bring to school any good quality second-hand books, and place them in the labelled box in the School Library.

These will be passed on to Borders Bookstores, as a contribution from Great Ryrie School families.

Any further information, please contact Linda Sanchez on 0408 994 481

Grade 6 Transition information

Ringwood Secondary College

College tour dates for Grade 5 and 6 families.

Our Information/ Open Night will be held on Tuesday 5 May in the College Hall. There will be two information sessions held at 7pm and 8pm

P.L.C. Presbyterian Ladies College Discovery Night Monday, 23rd march at 7.30 For information regarding Year 6-7 Primary to Secondary School Transition

(Please see Mr Warr in the annex for more information and P.L.C. and Ringwood Secondary College flyers)

The Chaplain's Corner March 12th
"Laughter – the best medicine!"

A young man had lost his contact lenses outside. He tried for ages to find them but had no success. His Mum went outside, and in a while returned with them. He asked her how she found them so quickly. She replied, "It was easy. You were looking for contact lenses. I was looking for \$150".

Humour can help us in life. Here are some quotes & some research findings.

LAUGHTER QUOTES:

A cheerful heart is good medicine – *Proverbs*.

A day without laughter is a day wasted – *Charlie Chaplin*.

If I have caused just one person to wipe away a tear of laughter, that's my reward – *Victor Borge*.

The human race has only one really effective weapon and that is L A U G H T E R - *Mark Twain*.

You can turn painful situations around through L A U G H T E R. If you find humor in anything, you can survive it – *Bill Cosby*.

There are some things so serious you have to laugh at them – *Niels Bohr*.

L A U G H T E R is the shortest distance between two people – *Victor Borge*.

Research tells us that 'mirthful laughter' Decreases risk of:- Heart attack, Stroke, High Blood Pressure, Hypertension, Enhances digestion. Increases circulation of blood, Strengthens immune system function, Energizes us to be creative by stimulating the brain. Helps reduce rheumatism symptoms Clears mucus from the lungs. Increases breathing which increases oxygen to brain, & air to lungs & body.

[These quotes are from the "Lets Laugh" website] In a world where life is often very serious, having a good laugh is very beneficial to our health. Think about some of the things that make you laugh – eg. a favourite comedy movie or TV show, read a joke book, have a tickle game, reminisce with friends or family about funny experiences.

I have a CD that anyone can borrow, called "Laughter – Chuck's Prescription for Joy", produced by "Insight for Living" in Bayswater, with Charles [Chuck] Swindoll. Just contact me at school.

Charles Wendell [Chuck] Colson was the chief counsel for President Richard Nixon from 1969 to 1973 and was one of the Watergate Seven, jailed for Watergate-related charges. His later life has been spent working with his non-profit organization devoted to prison ministry called Prison Fellowship.

Have fun!

Alan Silverwood – Chaplain

[The Chaplaincy program is funded through the Federal Government & Community support.

This is a voluntary program in our school community.]

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

Our first big event has been decided. Monday 30th March, 2009 is the date! When???? After assembly in the quadrangle.

EASTER HAT/FANCY HAT PARADE

Design and create your own hat using feathers, streamers, balloons, cut out Easter Bunny ears, cellophane, pipe cleaners etc. Students in each level will parade around the quadrangle wearing their Easter Hat/Fancy Hat. The JSC will award one prize per level for THE most creative hat.

Please bring a gold coin donation. All proceeds will go directly to the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

Did we mention that it's also FREE DRESS?!



sTaY tUnEd FoR FuThEr DeTalls from JSC

As part of our indigenous unit, some level 4 students have been learning how to make small safe fires and have been using them for cooking.

FREE Level 4 LOTE Incursion

Thanks to Ibu Breen's hard work we have been lucky enough to get a grant from the Department of Education to fund an Indonesian Incursion for our Level 4 students. On Tuesday 17th March (which is the beginning of Multicultural Education Week) the level 4 students will be participating in a workshop and fashion parade of traditional Indonesian clothing. This incursion would normally cost \$5.00 per student but thanks to the grant it will be free of charge. Ibu Henry.

**Cultural Diversity Week
17th-23rd March**

Celebrate our Cultural Diversity Week is a Victorian Government initiative held between 17th-23rd March each year.

In Victoria, more than 43 per cent of our population was born overseas or has at least one parent born overseas. We speak more than 200 languages and follow more than 130 religious faiths.

Teachers will be carrying out activities with their classes such as making 3-dimensional family trees. Level 4 children will be involved in an Indonesian workshop and fashion parade to be performed in front of the preps.

HARMONY DAY or the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination is on March 21st. As this is on Saturday this year we have decided to celebrate it on Friday 20th March at school. The colour for harmony is **orange**. Could children please wear something orange Friday such as a ribbon or socks?

Don't forget the Immigration Museum is holding Indonesia Festa next Sunday 15th.

Salam
Ibu Chris Breen.

STOP PRESS
Wednesday 25 March
Ride to school day
Full details next week



PERFORMING ARTS

Instrumental and band program

Thanks to all those families who have returned their instrumental hire fees and paid term 1 tuition fees to their child's instrumental teacher. However if hire fees are not paid by the end of this week, instruments will have to be returned to the school. If lesson tuition fees are not paid to the instrumental teacher by the end of this week, tuition will be terminated next week.

Regards, Helen Francis.

MUSICAL EXTRAVAGANZA

Please note that the wrong dates for the G.R.P.S. musical extravaganza were printed in the newsletter last month.

The dates for the 2 evening performances are in term 3 on Monday August 10th and Tuesday August 11th (not Monday August 11th and Tuesday August 12th as previously printed.) All students in the school will be involved. The performances will be held at the George Woods Performing Arts Centre at Yarra Valley Grammar School.

Please keep these dates free!

There will a parent meeting for the musical extravaganza on **Friday 20th March at 2.30 p.m. in the staffroom.** Please come and hear about the production. Your input and help would be appreciated and necessary for a successful whole school event. The theme for our production is the 'Circus'.

Keep your eye on the newsletter for more news on our 2009 production.

Regards, Helen Francis.

Rock 4 Relief

Sunday 22 March 2009

Gates open 11.00 am

Rural Fire Brigade Bushfire Fundraiser

Music Festival/Family Day Out

Red Earth, Honky Tonk Express

Kangaroo Ground Primary School Oval
Map 271 E11

Lots of kids entertainment
Wide variety of food & drinks stalls
Celebrities & Sporting identities
2 huge auctions, raffles & prizes.



Watch this space ...
coming soon
A summary of 2009 GRPS
events

SCHOOL BANKING – PIGGY ACCOUNTS

By now all students would have received a Ringwood East Community Bank School Banking pack. Great Ryrie Primary School offers your children the easy availability of school banking through Ringwood East Community Bendigo Bank.

In order to take up this opportunity, all new applicants are required to complete the forms from your pack and bring along both parents and children's identification to one of the account opening sessions listed below:

Session 1:

Date: Monday 16th March 2009

Where: In front of School Library Near main office

Time: 8.30-10.00

Session 2:

Date: Friday 20th March 2009

Where: In front of School Library Near main office

Time: 2.30-3.30

Don't forget to send your school banking every Wednesday during school term.

And watch your money grow!!

Ringwood East
Community Bank® Branch

62 Railway Avenue, Ringwood East
Phone 9870 3655



Maroondah Magic
Basketball Club Inc.

Free Training
Sessions

Friday 13th March and 20th March.

Time: 5pm till 5.45 for under 9
5.45 till 6.15pm for under 12.

Where: Maroondah Secondary College
Stadium,

Maroondah Hwy Croydon.



Learn basic basketball skills from our experienced coaches. For more information please contact the club direct on 9725 4740, or visit our website at <http://www.magic.org.au> or email us at mmbc@magic.org.au or alternatively just turn up on the dates 'above'.

Remember to bring your basketball!!

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(For more details please see our website!)

Century 21 UNLIMITED Real Estate Agents, Ringwood East, offer a \$250 referral fee to members of the school community (*with a further \$250 going to Great Ryrie Primary School*).

Contact Jenny for more information on:

0433 770 676

AMAZING TRANSFORMATIONS

COSTUME HIRE kindly donate all the wonderful costumes we use for school functions.

33 High Street Glen Iris, 9885 4714

BAKERS' DELIGHT, HEATHMONT donates all the bread requirements for school.

144 Canterbury Road. Phone: 9738 0322

BEAUTY ON RYRIE donate many beauty products and vouchers for all school fundraisers and events.

41B Great Ryrie St Ringwood, 9870 6766

The Roberts family offers a **DRY CLEANING SERVICE** to the GRPS community, with a percentage going to school fundraising.

Please call at the office for details.

ENJO - CLEAN THE WORLD

Lucinda Murphy donates goods and commissions to GRPS through ENJO with 10% of all sales going towards the school!

Call Lucinda on 0412 621 214

BENDIGO COMMUNITY BANK (East Ringwood Branch) sponsor our school and along with Student Banking offer a donation of \$150 for all home loans and a donation of \$50 for all personal loans and car leasing arrangements referred through the school.

All Smiles of the Yarra Valley

are major sponsors of our fundraising events.

21 - 23 Delaneys Rd, Warranwood, The Yarra Valley, Victoria 3134. Phone: 9876 4044

www.allsmiles.com.au

Hot Chilli Thai Restaurant Proudly sponsor our food fairs and support other school functions!

17 Maroondah Hwy

Croydon 3136 VIC

Phone: (03) 9870 1862

CAV Fund Raising Mini Food Fair

320 Wantirna Road, Wantirna

Sunday 15 March 11.00am to 2.00pm

All proceeds to Victorian Bushfire Appeal 2009

Enquiries to Vincent Chow

on 0413 734 088

Radio & Electronics White Elephant Sale

Sunday, March 22nd, 2009

For further details: <http://www.emdrc.com.au>

The Eastern & Mountain District Radio Club is once again holding its annual Radio and Electronics White Elephant Sale in the Main Hall at The Great Ryrie Primary School, Great Ryrie St., Heathmont on Sunday March 22nd, 2009. Melway Reference 49-K11

Doors will be open to the public from 10:30am

There will be new and used communications equipment for sale, as well as other electronic components.

Commercial traders will be on hand with the latest "state of the art" communication technology on display.

BBQ Food, Soft Drinks, Coffee, Tea, Cake etc. will also be available on the day.

The Adult \$6 entry fee includes a "bottomless cup" of Tea &/or Coffee.

Children under 12 will be admitted free of charge.

For further information contact:

Colin VK3KWM on 0414 879 682 or

E-mail: wes2009@emdrc.com.au



Marlborough/Great Ryrie Auskick

Footy has returned!

Once again the call goes out to all future champions! It's that time of year again, where we lace up the boots, pull on the classic sleeveless jumper and crack out the hot chocolate for what's sure to be another ripper season of AFL Auskick.

The hype surrounding Cuz has started to settle down as he makes his new home at Punt Road and the Cats look forward to adding another cup to the trophy cupboard. Surely the Pies can't stand up to such a formidable force?

But nothing is as exciting as the beginning of our Auskick season! Now is the time to get down to the real business and register for Auskick 2009...

Our registration day has been set for Saturday 28 March. Come along and meet the coaching staff, have a kick and a coffee and catch up with some old footy friends.

Registration day details:

Date: **Saturday 28 March 2009**

Time: 9.30am to 11.00am

Place: Marlborough Primary School,
Hardy Cres, Heathmont 3135

Log on to www.aflauskick.com.au and follow the registration links for more information (we are under postcode 3135). ***Register on-line before 4 April and receive free 2 children and 2 adult tickets to an AFL game during the season**

Or sign up on the day. It's that simple!

See you soon.

Regards, Shane