

The Cassowary

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WATER SAVING

You will no doubt have noticed the recent installation of a 24,000 litre water tank near the students toilet block. Water from the tank will be used to flush the toilets. As a school community, we must play our role in saving this precious resource. Funding for the project was made available by the Federal Government. We thank our National Government and hope that our application for tanks to water our oval is just as successful. It is with interest that I note our year 4,5,&6 students currently studying climate change – another important environmental issue.

Students should see that we 'practice what we preach' that we not only talk about environmental issues but we actually do something about them.

READING ASSISTANCE

I often comment in the newsletter about our excellent literacy and numeracy results in the State-wide Aims testing program but all too often take for granted the quality of our Remedial Reading Program. Helping children who find learning to read difficult is an important priority at Beverley Hills. From grade 1 to grade 6 an excellent program called "Fitzroy Readers is used with a number of children.

I know of no other school that puts as much time and effort into reading assistance as Beverley Hills. Reading is the most important skill a child must learn at primary school; it is the basis of all academic learning and no child who has been with us for a significant part of their schooling moves on to secondary school without a solid foundation in this fundamental skill. Frequently children come to Beverley Hills from other schools in Victoria, from interstate and from overseas without age appropriate achievement in reading and it is testament to the quality of the program and the teaching staff at Beverley Hills that all these children show significant improvement over time. Mrs Peel, Mrs Manners, Mrs Epifano and Mrs Fallon are 4 staff members who play an important role in providing reading assistance and I congratulate them on the excellent results they obtain.

PUPIL-FREE DAYS 2009

In 2009, the first three days of Term 1 (**Wednesday 28th January to Friday 30th January 2009**) will be pupil-free days. Students will begin school on **Monday 2 February 2009**.

The fourth pupil-free day will be the third-last Friday of Term 2, **Friday 12th June 2009** for student assessment and reporting purposes.

Calendar

OCTOBER

17th – Movie Night in the Hall (\$3.00)
19th – 29th ~ E.C.U. Swimming (8 days)
26th – Working Bee
31st – Halloween Disco Night

NOVEMBER

3rd – Curriculum Day

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4th – Melbourne Cup Day (Public Holiday)
5th – 7th – 4/5 Forest Lodge Camp
7th – E.C.U. Sleepover
11th – P&F Biggest Morning Tea
17th – 28th ~ 4/5 Swimming Program (10 days)
22nd – Trivia Night ~ 'Thriller Theme'
28th – Art Show



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UNIVERSITY OF NSW (ICAS) ENGLISH COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following students on their excellent results in the recent English Competition.

GRADE 4

CREDIT

Zachary A
Calvin C
Rachnaa K
Erica L
Zachary R
Aadesh W
Benny Y

GRADE 5

CREDIT

Jason D
Maddison G
Andrew K
Jason L
Jacqueline P

DISTINCTION

Zoe S
Sam H

GRADE 6

CREDIT

Jordan B
Zachary H
Connie L
Luke O
Ashleigh R
Liam S
Rebecca S
Georgia S

DISTINCTION

Georgia C

HIGH DISTINCTION

Katie Z

SENIOR SCHOOL FUN FIT DAY

On Monday, students in grade 3 to 6 celebrated the start of PE week with a wonderfully active day. They rotated through four activities: Juggling, Acrobalance, Breakdancing and Hip Hop. It was fantastic to see the rhythm and co-ordination of so many of our students. Watch out Cirque du Soleil and So You Think You Can Dance!

Thank you to Mrs Wallace for organising the talented and enthusiastic teachers who led the activities.

Hip Hop

We liked Hip Hop because the music was good and the moves were groovy and the teacher was clever in teaching us the moves. The moves that we did were turns and claps and the teacher's name was Chloe and she was really nice.

By Melody, Nick D, Riley, Sarah, Seung Jun. 4/5P

Our favourite activity was 'HIP HOP' because of the music. The dance moves were groovy like the Big Mama Move. Our favourite song was Summer Love by Justin Timberlake.

By Nick S, Victoria, Chris and Mitchell 4/5P

HIP HOP



PE WEEK BIKE RIDE DAY

The Grade 4 – 6 students completed a great bike ride along the Koonung Trail this morning. After a quick riding test, a talk about riding safety and a bike and helmet check we set off walking down to the track. The leading two groups with Mr Nicola and Mrs Wallace went to Bulleen Rd and completed a fitness circuit along the ride.



The next two groups with Mrs Peel and Kaye rode to Doncaster Rd with Mrs Peel losing a pedal and was forced to walk the bike along with a few other walkers. The scooter group had a great morning and completed the BMX track so all the

students were very excited, thanks to Miss Parsons and Mrs Waterhouse. The walking group with Mrs Nicola and Mrs Manners had a fun walk, which included a rock climb, play in the park playground and spotting a bee hive. A fantastic morning of physical activity for all students to celebrate PE Week! Mrs R. Wallace



FRUIT FRIENDS MARKET DAY

Friday 31st October. We are calling for parent volunteers to come along at 10.30am to assist with the preparation of the fruit and vegetables. This will be a fun session for all children.

MATINEE MOVIE

Friday 24th October - The movie that the children will be watching will be 'Waterhorse'. The movie will begin at 4.00pm and the cost will be \$3.00 for cordial, drink and movie. Parents can pick up their children between 5.30 -5.45pm. A notice will be sent home this week with more information.

HALLOWEEN DISCO

Friday 31st October, cost will be \$5.00. Children can dress in their favourite spooky costume and dance the night away. We will have prizes for best costume and best dancer. It will be great night! Notices will be sent home shortly.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Saturday 22nd November and the theme will be 'Thriller Spooky Night'. Get cracking and organise a table with your friends, neighbours and family, as there will be hundreds of prizes and lots of the usual fun, music and of course trivia. We are asking for donations (costing between \$5 -10) items such as chocolates, cosmetics, home wares, sporting goods, books etc...A flyer to be sent home over the next few weeks with more information.

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SUNSMART POLICY

It is important that children do not receive different messages from school and home about care of the skin during the hotter months. Parents should reinforce the school's policy regarding the wearing of hats during the day by discussing the issue at home, requiring hats on weekends and after school and modelling the behaviour themselves. Of all countries Australia has the highest incidence of skin cancer in the world – let's do our little bit to change the situation. During Term 4 please make sure your child wears a hat.

REMINDER!

Working Bee - Sunday 26th October 2008



SWIM AND SURVIVE!

Our ever-popular Water Safety Program commences on Monday 20th October and continues until Thursday 30th October. E.C.U. students, Prep to 3, will travel by bus to the Nunawading Swim Centre on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for the two weeks.

Students will participate in eight intensive swimming sessions conducted by highly qualified instructors at the Centre. The lessons are based on the Royal Life Saving Society Swim and Survive Program.

TABLOID SPORT DAY



On Wednesday, the ECU students participated in a Tabloid sports morning. The children were divided into 5 groups - Kangaroos, Wombats, Emus, Koalas and Cockatoos.

Iain and Matt talked us through the first five activities for the morning, which included 4-way volleyball, Football Relay, Stepping Stones, Go for Gold and Fling It.

After recess, we had five more different activities. We needed to work together to

complete these activities and listen very carefully to our leaders.

Thank you to Matt and Iain who came out to our school, to run our activities, also a big thank you to our parent helpers Mandy Mullen, Monica Ratcliffe, Daynah Andersen and Maria Markoski.

