

**2008  
Important Dates  
For Your Diary**

**APRIL  
14<sup>th</sup>**

Fire Safety Ed Program  
Preps  
**18<sup>th</sup>**  
Literary Buddies visit 4/5  
& 5/6  
**21<sup>st</sup>**

Yr 1 Channel 10 Interview  
re: ANZAC Day  
**22<sup>nd</sup>**

Teacher Stop Work  
Action 8.50am-12.50pm  
**23<sup>rd</sup>**

P/1 Prahran Library visit  
**24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>**  
Life Education Van  
**28<sup>th</sup>**

Fruit and Veg. Week  
**May  
2<sup>nd</sup>**

District Cross Country –  
Selected children  
**7<sup>th</sup>**

Fire Safety Ed Program  
(part 2) Preps

**WORKING BEES**

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1-3pm  
Sun 10<sup>th</sup> Aug 10am-12  
Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Oct 1-3pm

**CURRICULUM**

**DAYS**

30<sup>th</sup> May  
13<sup>th</sup> August  
10<sup>th</sup> November



**REQUEST TO HAVE  
NEWSLETTER EMAILED:**

Please email the school at  
[stonnington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:stonnington.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)  
if you would like the newsletter  
emailed.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

**☺ FRONT GARDEN RENOVATION:**

It was a wonderful way to be greeted back to school after the holidays, to see the completed renovation of the front garden. The bluestone garden wall certainly adds greatly to the front of our lovely heritage building and I would like to thank School Council for their decision to invest in bluestone for the garden edge. As the custodians of this beautiful public building at this time in history, our School Council have done a great job of preserving and enhancing our school buildings. I would particularly like to thank Sandy (Christian's mum) for all the time she has put into this garden project, seeing it through to every last detail.

**☺ BEST WISHES MAGGIE:**

Our 2007 School Council President, Maggie and family (James, Georgia and their dad Phil) are flying across the Tasman to spend 12 months in New Zealand. Maggie has therefore resigned from School Council. The energy Maggie puts into SPS will certainly be greatly missed by us all until she returns. Thank you Maggie, for all the hard work you have done for our school and we wish you and your family a very happy and exciting adventure in New Zealand!

**☺ NEW SCHOOL COUNCIL:**

Congratulations and welcome to our new School Council Members for 2008. Maria Drossos, (Thalia's mum) and Kylie McOmish (Allira's mum) join Andrew O'Hara (Sophie and Charles' dad), Sandy Petrovic-Defteros (Christian's mum), Julian Kennedy (Manager Windsor Bendigo Bank), Councillor Chris Gahan (City of Stonnington), Simone Radolnik, Stephen McLeod and Sara Wyse who will be led by new President, Tammy Lidano (Riahn's mum) as our 2008 School Council. Thank you all for volunteering your time to help shape the future directions and activities of our school.

**☺ OSHCARE BUILDING RENOVATION:**

Some time ago Ardoch secured a grant from GE to renovate the OSHCare building. This has taken some time to finalise and with the help of Mirvac Homes, it will now be completed during this term. It will be very exciting to have brand new fittings and appliances, including two new ovens, which will also be wonderful to use for our healthy eating program and cooking the vegetables grown in our very own vegetable garden. While the work is being undertaken, our OSHCare programs will be run out of the hall.

**☺ PERSONAL GOODS ARE BROUGHT TO SCHOOL AT OWNER'S RISK:**

Private property brought to school by students is not insured and the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Personal property is often brought to school by students, staff and visitors. This can include mobile phones, laptop computers, calculators, toys, sporting equipment and cars parked on school premises.

Please note the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development does not hold insurance for personal property brought to schools and it will generally not pay for any loss or damage to such property.

**☺ STUDENT SAFETY:**

I would be grateful if all parents could please impress upon children the need to be aware of keeping themselves safe while travelling to and from school.

I wish everyone a great term 2 and look forward to seeing lots of student achievements this term!

**Gayle Yardley  
Principal**

*Making education a reality*

**Ardoch**  
Youth Foundation

Stonnington Primary enjoys great partnerships with:  
Ardoch Youth Foundation, Windsor Community Bank and City of Stonnington

Windsor  
Community  
Bank Branch

  
Bendigo Bank

  
City of  
STONNINGTON

## CRAZY HAIR DAY

We celebrated Crazy Hair Day on March 17th in aid of Cystic Fibrosis Victoria. Students representing their House Teams participated in a Hairdressing Demonstration, showcasing their skills. They wound, tied, teased hair and skilfully attached a variety of accessories ranging from spiders, frogs, lollipops, umbrellas, balloons and feathers. The results were spectacular. The student hairdressers and models were Rakesh, Nick C, Biatrice, Betha, Anna, Aaron, Amelia, Riahn, Sally, Julie and Emma. Our wonderful teachers also volunteered to have their hair styled too which provided much entertainment for all. We are also grateful to the 3 mothers who volunteered their professional services; Eve, Jaci and Kathi. A special thank you to Hairhouse Warehouse, Cool Accessories and Your Pharmacy in Caulfield Park for their generosity. Thank you again Tammy for volunteering from the audience. A big thanks to Dr. Glen Westall (Betha's father) a lung specialist at the Alfred Hospital addressed the children about Cystic Fibrosis and his experience with lung transplants. The junior school council representatives spent many weeks preparing this fun and memorable event and look forward to presenting many more this year.

## CRAZY HAIR DAY STUDENT WORK

On the 17th of March 2008, Stonnington Primary School contributed to "Crazy Hair Day" to raise money for Cystic Fibrosis.

We had students as hairdressers and models. They were chosen from each house and the things put in the model's hair were the colour of their house group.

The hairdressers were given 5-10 minutes to style the model's hair. The hairdressers put things in the model's hair such as frogs, pipe cleaners, feathers, lollies and loads more. It was absolutely enjoyable and funny.

Everyone was enjoying themselves and really liked watching the teachers get their hair done. I believe it was a fantastic idea for our school to participate and help people around the world with Cystic Fibrosis. Thank you so much Mrs. Grauer for organising this event.

**By Gabby 5/6M**

On the 17th March 2008, Stonnington children changed their hair and gave a gold coin donation. The gold coins were to be given to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation to help support children and adults that have Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a disease that affects the lungs and makes it hard for

people to breathe. The School raised over \$100. Mr. Westall is a surgeon that works in the Alfred Hospital. He does lung transplants. He came to our School and answered questions. My favourite question was, "where did you get the lungs from to transfer?" Mr. Westall said "from dead bodies!"

**By Jack**

On the 17th March 2008, we had "Crazy Hair Day". Crazy Hair Day is a fundraiser for Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a lung disease that runs in the family.

At assembly, the teachers got their hair done by some parents who were the hairdressers. Mr. McLeod wore a nice bright pink wig in a crazy style. Mrs. Radolnik, wow! She had a blonde curly wig on and she looked silly. Miss Yardley and Sara got their hair coloured and straightened. Miss Ferkul got funny plaits and lollies in her hair. Thanks Mrs. Grauer for organizing this for Stonnington Primary School.

**By Tahmina**

## CRAZY HAIR DAY PHOTOS



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# TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Stonnington Primary school is proud and excited to offer a limited number of students the opportunity to represent our school in a highly-regarded creative thinking and problem-solving competition.

### What is Tournament of Minds?

Tournament of minds is a problem-solving program for primary school teams. Teams must include students from two year levels who work together to solve challenging problems that last six weeks. The students work on their own, with the help of a facilitator, on a minimal budget to produce a ten minute original performance that shows a solution to the problem chosen. The open-ended challenges relate to the following strands of learning:

- Animation
- Language/Literature
- Maths/Engineering
- Social Sciences

### When is the tournament?

23rd and 24th August 2008.

### Where?

La Trobe University Hawthorn

## BARNLAID

Back by popular demand, bluegrass country band

**BARNLAID** will be performing on

**Sunday 27th April (Anzac Long Weekend) 3-6pm**

**The Cornish Arms Hotel, Sydney Rd, Brunswick.**

This gig is particularly kid-friendly with CD giveaways to the best dressed cowboys & cowgirls and best dancers. Cover charge is \$8 for adults; kids are free. The competitions are not just for the kiddies! See y'all there. To hear songs from the new CD 'A Roll in the Hay' check out

[www.myspace.com/barnlaid](http://www.myspace.com/barnlaid).



## ARDOCH YOUTH FOUNDATION PROJECT

This term we welcome some new faces to the "Ardoch team" at Stonnington Primary School. Lisa is a tertiary student on placement with Ardoch for around 220 hours. She is completing her Certificate IV in Youth Work and Community Services. Lisa attended the camp at the end of last term and had a fantastic time meeting everyone and leading activities. She will be working at Stonnington for about 7 weeks, each Monday and Wednesday, primarily in Grades 2/3L and 4/5.

Lisa is also available in After School Care each Monday and Wednesday for homework help. She is an experienced tutor (particularly in maths) and is available until about 5.00 p.m.

Jenny will be joining our volunteer team within the next couple of weeks. An experienced secondary school teacher, she has a love of literature, in particular poetry.

We also welcome back Jeta who was at the school last year, and will be working with Grade 1 on Fridays for Term 2.

Friday morning this week we have the first meeting of 'big' and 'little' Literary Buddies for 2008. The 54 buddies from Fordham Wealth will be visiting the school from 9.00 a.m. to meet their buddies from Grade 4, 5 & 6. The Grade 4, 5 & 6 children have already received their first letters and are busily preparing return letters. This program provides a fantastic opportunity to practise writing skills; not to mention the art work that makes these letters so special. If you would like to know more about this program, please contact me on 9537 2414.

If you would like to know more about Ardoch programs, or would like to access Ardoch services, please contact me, either by leaving a message with Jo in the school office, or ringing the Ardoch office on 9537 2414.

Cheers,  
Dianne Richter,  
Ardoch Project Co-ordinator

## ROYAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL RESEARCH

Dear Parent/Guardian

We know that children who suffer brain injuries often have disabilities in a range of areas of everyday life. These may require support. By finding out the types of support needed by these children, we are able to better deliver appropriate clinical services.

Currently there is a lack of questionnaires available for identifying support needs that are unique to children who have had a brain injury. To fill this gap, we have developed a questionnaire called the Paediatric Care and Needs Scale (PCANS).

We are doing this study to see how children who have not had a brain injury perform on this new questionnaire. This will provide us with important information to help us assess age appropriate support needs of children who have had a brain injury. We hope about 300 parents of children who have not had a brain injury will take part in this research.

We would like to invite you to take part in this research study. We are asking you to take part because you are a parent/guardian of a child who does **not** have a brain injury. We would like you to take part in an interview on one occasion. During this interview, we will ask you to complete a questionnaire that asks about your child's everyday activities and community participation. The interview will take around 30 minutes. It can take place at the hospital, your home or on the telephone, depending on what is easiest for you.

Your involvement in the study will not have direct benefits for you or your child; however, you will be providing important information to help with the future medical care and management of children who have had a brain injury.

As participation in this study involves completion of a questionnaire, we do not expect there to be any side effects and risks to you. We will try to minimise any inconvenience by organising an appointment time which is most suitable to you (including evening and weekend hours).

At the end of the study, we will send you a summary of the results. This will be of the whole group of participants, not your individual results.

We hope that you will take part. If you have any questions, or would like further information about this project, please call Dr Cheryl Soo on (03) 9345 5360 or 0409 316 711.

## ELWOOD COLLEGE OPEN NIGHT

**ELWOOD COLLEGE** invites you to attend an  
**OPEN EVENING** (In the Phoenix Theatre)

**WEDNESDAY 7 MAY 7.30 to 9.00pm**

In 2007, Elwood College students again achieved a 100% successful completion (pass) rate at VCE. Additionally, 93% of applicants received first round tertiary offers of choice.

# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

	17 <sup>th</sup> April
PREP S	Jet & Noa
PREP W	Alan & Kahiya
1 L	Joshua & Artem
2/3 P	Brianna & Dev
2/3 D	Saige & Georgia
4/5 F	Jordan & Elizabeth
5/6 M	James & Gabrielle
LOTE	Joseph & Tyson
ART	Gianne & Julie
Restorative Practices	Michael & Nicholas C & Nicholas G

## RESTORATIVE PRACTICES

### RESTORATIVE PRACTICES EVALUATION

We are calling for expressions of interest regarding a Parent Forum that we are holding in order to gain feedback from parents about Restorative Practices at our School. This will be in the staffroom at 3pm on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008. Please complete and return the form below if you are able to attend.

Thank you,

**JENNY GRAUER**  
**STUDENT WELLBEING**

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent of \_\_\_\_\_

Grade \_\_\_\_\_

I will be attending the Restorative Practices Forum in the staffroom at 3pm on 21<sup>st</sup> May 2008.