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Important Dates

13 th August	1 / 2 Excursion to Serendip
18 th August	2010 Prep Transition
19 th August	2010 Prep Transition
20 th August	Prep Excursion to GPAC
24 th August	School Council Meeting
31 st August	School Council Meeting
7 th September	School Performance

This month's theme: Communicating and Getting Along
Weekly focus: Communication Styles

Within the broad theme of 'communicating and getting along' is our new theme of 'communication styles'. How do you communicate with your children? Is it genuine communication or is it just instructions. Meal times are a great time to communicate. You might like to introduce 'table talk' into your home by using a structure to talk about the school day. i.e.

- What did you learn today?
- How will you use this learning in your life?
- What made this learning hard or easy?

Or, you might like to ask:

- What was the best thing that happened today?
- What was the worst?
- What was funny?

Try it and see how you go.

School Review

A formal school review has been conducted at our school over the last two terms.

The final review day was held earlier in the term with a report currently being prepared for the DEECD and School Council.

It is interesting to note some of the feedback given to Jill Jackson, the school reviewer, which I have included below. The feedback this week comes from our parents. Each week I will include further information in relation to the school review.

Positives

- Most staff approachable
- Teachers know student names
- Children get lots of praise
- Past students like coming back
- Graduation great celebration
- Excursions and camps
- Bullying being dealt with much better
- Good welfare support

Needs Improving

- Some kids scared of rough kids.
- If there are problems parents go to parents
- Some bullying issues
- Building rapport with students
- Consistency
- Need to know more about behaviour modification/behaviour plans
- Not enough challenge

Enrolments for 2010

If you have a child in your family starting school next year or you know of someone who does, we are now taking enrolments for 2010. Enrolment packs are available at the office.

Staffing

Unfortunately Neil McDonald was not fit to return to school this week and will not return until Term 4. Courtney Tew has been employed to take this class for the remainder of this term and longer if required.

Lyn Creece is also on sick leave and she too will not return until Term 4.

Nadine Lowe has been employed to teach Lyn's class until she returns.

We wish Neil and Lyn a speedy recovery.

Finally I will be taking carer's leave for two weeks beginning on Monday. Leigh McLaren will act as Principal during my absence.

Staff-in-profile – Courtney Tew

This week I would like to introduce Courtney Tew who is teaching 5/6M until Neil McDonald's return. Please make yourself known to Courtney.

"I started teaching at Corio Primary shortly after graduating from university in 1999.

I was the art teacher for a couple of years and then became a classroom teacher. In 2003 I became pregnant with my wonderful daughter Freyja and took maternity leave. Freyja has enjoyed starting school this year and this has given me the opportunity to return to teaching. I am looking forward to teaching 5/6M, they are a very creative class and we have been busy starting lots of wonderful class projects. Thank you 5/6M for welcoming me into your class. I look forward to the next 6 weeks."

Courtney Tew

School Performance Night

A reminder that tickets will not be available at the venue on the night and must be pre-purchased from the office.

Adults: \$7

Children 12 years and under: \$4

Participating Corio Primary School children and toddlers are free.

All participating children will be sitting in class groups in front of the stage. Family members will be seated upstairs which, if necessary, can be accessed via an elevator. Let me know if you have any problems regarding this.

Please make sure costumes are ready in time for the big night as there are only three weeks to go.

Amanda Baulch

Student Suspension

I am concerned about the number of students who choose to leave their classroom and disrupt the school program.

We have invested a lot of time in trying to change this practice but we still have a number of students who continue to reoffend.

In future students will be suspended for a minimum of two days each time they leave the classroom.

Corio Norlane Regeneration Project

The second Corio Norlane Regeneration Project update is included with this newsletter.

In this update is some preliminary work around what stage one of the project might look like at Corio Primary School.

The following list of questions and concerns were generated at the community forum at Corio Primary School on July 20th where the future of schools in this area was discussed. These questions will be answered as the year progresses.

- How long will it take?
- When the buildings are being built, how will the students be housed around this?
- Concerned with students moving from four primary settings into one year 9 hub and one 10 – 12 campus. How will this be managed?
- Why to Year 9?
- Parking?
- Uniform – Prep to Year 12?
- Transport?
- Playground spaces?
- Toilets separate or together for different year levels?
- How is the children's education managed while building commences?
- When is the work due to commence?
- Is the funding dependent on the political party in power?
- What happens to traditional rites of passage, ie Year 6 Graduation?
- Does it create the opportunity for more jobs?

Playground Supervision

Please note playground supervision does not begin until 8.45am and ends promptly at 3.30pm each day.

The only children that should be at school prior to 8.45am are those attending Breakfast Club.

Sports News

Included in this newsletter are photos of the recently held 2009 Athletics Day held at Goldsworthy Reserve. The results of the day are as follows.

- 1st – Gold
- 2nd – Green
- 3rd – Blue
- 4th – Red

Bunning's together with the Victoria Primary Schools Sports Association have made available \$30,000 worth of sports equipment to be distributed to schools across Geelong. This initiative intends to provide more opportunity for school children to have access to sports equipment and therefore be able to further develop their fundamental motor skills and fitness levels.

Each of the schools will receive 44 basketballs, 20 soccer balls, 20 netballs, 10 rugby balls, 20 footballs and 25 tennis balls.

Homework Hints for Parents

Homework can be stressful for both children and parents. Here are a few tips to make homework time more successful for you and your child.

Home and School

Homework is important and has a major impact on increasing students' achievement and provides a link between home and school.

For more information on **Tute Group – The Bethany Shell Homework Club** visit www.bethany.org.au.

Useful websites for parents

www.familyrelationships.gov.au

When there is conflict between parents after separation, children are often caught up in the destructive fallout. The Attorney-General's Department has set up Family Relationship Centres and a website to help parents understand the impact of their actions on their children and to support them in working on more constructive solutions.

There are written resources about building relationships as well as separation and parenting afterwards. Some are written so that children and young people can read them for themselves, and there is information about new laws, dispute resolution and where to find help.

Newsletter on-line

If you would like your newsletter emailed to you please call Jo on 5275 1430.

Preventing injuries to young children

Each year many children are hurt through accidents that could have been avoided with a little foresight and supervision. Unfortunately we often don't think of or notice the risk until after the event. All too often it is a simple thing or change of behaviour that could have prevented the injury.

Choking, Strangulation and Suffocation Prevention

- Knot your plastic bags
- Hook curtain cords out of reach. DO NOT place children's furniture near curtains
- Remove cords and ribbons from clothing of young children
- Supervise children while they eat and drink. Encourage your child to sit quietly while eating and drinking
- Provide age appropriate toys to children. Keep toys for older children out of reach of smaller children. Have separate toy boxes for each child
- Do not add extra mattresses, pillows and toys to children's beds.

Source: Regional Parenting Service

School Welfare Team

We are very fortunate at our school to have a very experienced and hard working welfare team which is lead by Leigh McLaren.

The Welfare team comprises:

Leigh McLaren (Assistant Principal) – *Monday to Friday*

Nat Oska (Family Therapist) –

Monday and Tuesday

Jess Boccia (Social Worker) –

Monday to Friday

Mary Bicanic (Welfare Worker) –

Monday to Friday

Kath Kidd (Network Social Worker) –

Tuesday

Andrew Edgar (Family Services Worker) –

Tuesday

The welfare team meet each Tuesday morning at 10.00am to prioritize the workload for the week.

If you have any concerns regarding the wellbeing of your children please telephone the school or drop in to make an appointment for a chat.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthday to James Tanga and Jessica Smith who celebrated their birthdays this week.
We hope you had a great day!

STUDENT AWARDS

Students of the week

The following students were awarded 'Student of the Week' at the assembly last Friday.

P1C Jay Phabe
P1F Emmaleigh Norton and Jessica Barker
12C Stephi Murphy
12H Sonya Graham and Erin King
34B Dwight Nielson 3/4F McKenzie Warden
56B Felicity Blackney
56H Kyle Elston and Bradley Baker
56M Nick Power, Jayde Bartolo, Liam Long, Rebecca De Been, Justin Bennetts, Brendan Bowyer, Chantelle McIntosh and Grace Arnott.
56S Kyle Graham, Kayla Corbett and Kelsey Reville
Well done everyone!

Aussies of the Week

Each week we select one student from the junior school and one student from the senior school as our "Aussie of the Week". This person typifies what it means to be a student at Corio Primary School by displaying values of *courage, pride and service*.

Our Aussies of the Week for last week were:

Junior School: Tarnisha Ramritu
Senior School: Anna-Maria Mrse
Well done Tarnisha and Anna!

Aussie of the Month

At the end of each month the Aussies of the Week names for that month are given to the staff to select the student who has upheld the values for the month. The Aussies of the Month of July were:

Junior School: Jay Pfabe
Senior School: Christina Cetwerschuk
Well done to Jay and Christina!

Caught Doing Something Good

The names of students caught doing something good throughout the week are placed into a barrel for a weekly prize draw. Last week's winners were:

Junior: Jessie Blackney
Senior: Emily Livesy
Congratulations Jessie and Emily!

Year 5 / 6 Poetry

The Year 5 / 6's recently learnt how to write limericks. Here is some of their work.

Money

If I had lots of money
I would do something funny
Like store it all up
Inside a giant cup
And give it to my daddy and mummy.
Ruby

My Horse

My dream is to have my own horse
And feed it on chips and sauce
At night it would sleep
In a barn full of sheep
The wake up and join the police force.
Cheyenne

The Pool

I go to the pool for a swim
I put my feet slowly in
I dive into the water
To see my friends daughter
Just as she gently falls in.
Shantelle

Sport

I love to run
Because it's fun
I run fast
So I don't come last
And keep out of the hot sun.
Anon

Community Schools

You told us you want . . . after school sports opportunities

So come along and join in on the FUN!

After School Activity Program (ASAP)

Tennis	North Shore PS	Mon
Basketball	Corio PS	Tues
Hockey	Corio South PS	Wed
Calisthenics	St Thomas	Thurs

Choose an activity, a school or a day that interests you. Pick up a registration form from the school office.

Only \$2 a week (\$10 for 5 weeks).