

**DATES TO REMEMBER**



**27th August 2015  
Newsletter 27**

School Concert 7.30pm at PRACC	Thu 27 Aug
Indigenous Infusion incursion	Mon 31 Aug
Prep 2016 INFO night	Tue 1 Sep
Mango orders due	Tue 1 Sep
Aust Girls Choir visit	Fri 4 Sep
5/6 Hooptime	Mon 7 Sep
School Council meeting 3.45-4.45	Mon 7 Sep
Sugarloaf Athletics	Wed 9 Sep
Italian Day	Mon 14 Sep
Last Day Term 3	Fri 18 Sep
First Day Term 4	Mon 5 Oct
School Council meeting 3.45-4.45	Mon 12 Oct
I/S sport v St A	Fri 16 Oct
Taggerty Family Camp	16-18 Oct
Market day	Wed 21 Oct
Soccer day	Fri 23 Oct
Maths incursion	Mon 26 Oct
Halloween Disco	Thu 29 Oct
Life Ed	Thu 29 Oct
Life Ed	Fri 30 Oct
I/S sport v PH AWAY	Fri 30 Oct
Cup Day	Tue 3 Nov
Grade 2 sleepover	Thur 5 Nov
Prep/1 breakfast	Fri 6 Nov
I/S sport v AC HOME	Fri 6 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 11 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 12 Nov
Prep 2016 transition	Thur 12 Nov
I/S sport v St A	Fri 13 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 18 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 19 Nov
Prep 2016 transition	Thur 19 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Wed 25 Nov
P-3 Swimming	Thur 26 Nov

**TONIGHT'S CONCERT ARRANGEMENTS**

The Concert will be held at Plenty Ranges commencing at 7:30pm. The kiosk and pre-show drinks will be available from 6:30pm. We expect the show to be finished by 9:15pm.

The main characters from Pirates of the Curry Bean need to arrive by 6:00pm and all others by 7:00pm.

A Concert DVD will be produced professionally and this will be available for \$25. If you would like to purchase one please place your money in a named envelope and send it along to the school office or you can pay tonight.

Photos taken during the rehearsals will be able to be ordered tonight.

For your child's costume requirements, please refer to the information sheet sent out earlier.

There is no need for any make-up to be applied at home, this will all be done at the venue. Please let us know if your child has any allergy issues.

Children will be dismissed from the foyer when the concert is finished, there will be no need to line up outside at the stage entrance.

Plenty Ranges Arts and Cultural Centre is at Ferres Boulevard South Morang. Melways reference - Map 183 A 10

**KG 80s DISCO**

From all accounts the KG 80s disco night was a fantastic KG community event for all those who attended. It's great to see new school community events starting up and I'd particularly like to thank Georgia Hunter for her efforts in organising the night.

**MANGO ORDERS**

Mango orders are still available until Tuesday 1st September.

**BACON AND EGG BREAKFAST EGGS NEEDED**

If anyone has eggs to spare at the moment, we would appreciate it if you could send them along for our next bacon and egg breakfast.

**'CYBERSMART' INITIATIVE**

This excerpt from the 'Cybersmart Guide for Families' relates to 'Unreliable information and scams'. These are both important concepts for anyone using digital media and many aspects are increasingly relevant to school aged children.

**SCHOOL FEES PAYMENT**

Could parents please return payment for any outstanding fees so we can finalise our commitments for the end of term. Thanks for your attention to this and as always, if there are any problems or issues with payment, please let me know. Term four planners will be out shortly.

**ELTHAM WILDCATS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS**

There are a number of holiday programs and competitions on offer for the coming holiday period. The Wildcats have supported us with free clinics throughout the year and children may be interested in taking part in the range of programs on offer. Please refer to the website at [elthamwildcats.basketball.net.au](http://elthamwildcats.basketball.net.au) for details.

Phone Eltham Wildcats on 9439 5686 or visit the office located at Eltham High School Sports Stadium.

Thanks again,  
Laurie Murray

**Students of the Week**



**Front: Sean Felix Ruby  
Back: Dashiell Bridget**



# SCIENCE DAY



Freya and Acacia in G3/4 working on an Australian History unit



Hooptime -Brittany Wanda Freya Zac Felix Bohdi Darcy

**UNRELIABLE INFORMATION AND SCAMS****Unreliable information**

The internet is a valuable research tool for children, providing a wide range of useful information. Children may not realise, however, that information on some websites misrepresents the truth, is misleading, out of date, biased or simply incorrect. For example, websites with racist material may claim to tell the truth about complex social, cultural or historical issues in a way that appears logical and plausible, but isn't.

**Advice for parents**

Children need to be able to distinguish fact from fiction online and learn the basics about copyright. They also need to develop good browsing and searching skills to ensure they visit safe sites and find appropriate information.

**Parents can:**

- review a website before using it. How old is the information? Who wrote it? Does the website have contact details, a privacy policy or copyright statement? If not, find another website
- advise children to use several sources of information and compare them
- advise children to acknowledge sources when quoting or reproducing material found online
- if in a library, ask library staff for a list of safe websites and search techniques.

**Scams**

Internet scams play on innocent users. Even for children and young users there are ways to tell scams from legitimate offers—and places to lodge a complaint and seek advice if scammed.

**Advice for parents**

Scammers use the internet in a number of ways—promoting fraud via email, promoting free offers, or creating fraudulent advertising material that is displayed when searching the internet.

**Parents can:**

- learn how to recognise a scam. Watch out for an email from an unrecognised sender or one that doesn't have a valid sender's address or opt-out facility. Also watch for use of pop-ups, websites that don't contain a privacy policy or websites that request up-front payment
- avoid responding to messages from unrecognised email addresses
- advise children not to complete online forms unless they have checked first with a parent or carer
- report online scams to the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission's ScamWatch website
- contact the Cybersafety Contact Centre for advice.

### **Your school is invited to participate in our Chess Victoria - Primary School Zonal Chess Tournament**

**Tournament Details:** *For full details of this and other September primary school tournaments please see your invitation letter attached to this email.*

#### **Primary School Zonal at Dallas Brooks Community Primary, Dallas - 15th September**

- **Venue:** Dallas Brooks Community Primary School  
28-36 King St, Dallas
- **Date:** **Tuesday 15th September, 2015**
- **Time:** 9:30 am - 2:30 pm
- **Cost:** \$20 per player (paid to your school and we send an invoice to your school with a list of names after the event)
- **Qualify:** Junior Open state final (top 30% overall) and Primary Girls state final (top 30% girls)

Look forward to seeing you at one of our tournaments. If you have any queries, please feel free to contact:

Pearl Yung

Ph: 0407 072250

E: [pearl@NorthernStarChess.com](mailto:pearl@NorthernStarChess.com)

**SAFE Minds Parent Seminar**

**Are you the parent of an 8-15 year old?  
Are you concerned about any of these issues?**

- Family conflict
- Social media
- Eating
- School performance
- Peer pressure
- Sleeping
- Drugs and alcohol
- Body image

**If so, this parent information session is for you**

**How can you support your child through this crucial stage of their life? How can parents stay connected to their children?**

Guest speaker Barb Collard a Mental Health Promotion Officer from Austin Child and Adolescent Mental Health Service will speak to parents about:

- Recognising worries and anxiety in 8-15 year olds
- Support for young people and their parents
- Inform about the SAFEMinds at Home program
- Provide strategies to support positive mental health in young people
- Local agency's panel discussion

When: **Monday 7 September** Time: **7.30pm SHARP until 9pm** Where: **Nillumbik Shire Offices - Civic Drive Greensborough** Limited Numbers Bookings Essential: Rachel.Birrell@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or phone **9433 3190**

**Wattle Festival-Hurstbridge**

**Sunday 30 August**  
**Hurstbridge Village 10 am – 4pm**

**Night market 4 - 8pm**  
**wattlefestival.org.au**



Performances are

- Thursday 27 August early show at 6.30pm,
- Friday 28 August show starting at 7.30pm,
- Saturday 29 August matinee 1.30pm & 7.30pm shows.

Tickets costs are

- Primary school age students \$12.00
- Concession \$18.00
- Adult ticket \$23.00
- Family (2 adults & 2 children) \$68.00

[www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au](http://www.warrandytehigh.vic.edu.au)

**DIAMOND CREEK BLUE LIGHT**

Community Bank Stadium Fri 11th Sep

[www.bluelight.org.au](http://www.bluelight.org.au)

**Romsey Primary School****150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Open Day**

Saturday October 24<sup>th</sup> from 10.00am – 4.00pm  
All past students, families and staff of Romsey Primary School are invited to our 150<sup>th</sup> celebration at the current school site in Station Street, Romsey. Visits to the old school will be available, and there will be displays, demonstrations, a mini market day, and gourmet bar-b-cue lunch on the day. An official ceremony will be held at 2.30pm. Other activities in Romsey over that weekend include a special screening of Dusty at the Mechanics Institute with an old time supper afterwards on Saturday evening, a special World Children's Day activity program at Sydney Seymour Cottage (hosted by the Romsey Lancefield Historical Society) on Sunday and a family picnic day at the old school site also on Sunday. Some of the local cafes, restaurants and hotels will be offering special deals for those attending the Open Day at Romsey. All good reasons to come along and catch up with old acquaintances!

For further information visit the Romsey Primary school website or call 03 5429 5099. Email your attendance to [romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:romsey.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au)