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Indicates a notice has been sent home.

SCHOOL BEGINNING

It is pleasing to report that the start of the school year went very smoothly. We welcome back all our families and look forward to a good hard working year ahead. The new Preps have settled in very quickly and even attended their first assembly yesterday.

NEW PARENT BBQ

On behalf of the staff and school council I would like to invite all new Camelot Rise parents to attend a ‘getting to know you’ BBQ held at the school on Friday 11 February. Parents are encouraged to take this opportunity to meet other new parents, the staff and current school councillors at this informal gathering. Drinks and sausages will be provided for parents and children. The BBQ will start at 6:00pm and should finish up by about 7:30pm.

BUNNING’S BBQ

My thanks are extended to the small band of school councillors and teachers who manned the Bunning’s BBQ the weekend before school started. Whilst this was not an ideal time for anyone, it was seen as an excellent opportunity (to good to pass up!) to raise funds outside our normal boundaries. Thanks to David and Kerryn Wardle for their organisation and to Tony and Declan O’Neill, Shane Brookes, Steve Brown, Laurie Ryan, Georgina Padula, Alan McKeown, Christine Chara, Sharon Reiss, and Kerry and Matt Elliott for their help on the day.

VANDAL DAMAGE

Unfortunately as I reported at our first assembly we sustained considerable damage to the school over the holiday break, including graffiti, 5 broken windows, 17 broken external panels and a break in requiring DE&T security and the police to attend. This senseless damage is a terrible waste of our hard earned money and I encourage all parents to contact the police immediately if they have any concerns over persons on our property out of school hours. It was great to note the response of DE&T security and the police who were on the premises within 6 minutes of the alarms being activated.

NEW PORTABLE

We finally gained access to our new Portable just 2days before school started and I am pleased to say it is looking very nice indeed. Currently I am getting quotes for air-conditioning and hope to have this installed as soon as possible.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Parents are reminded that nominations for this year’s School Council close this Thursday February 3 at 4pm. If an election is required the list of candidates will be displayed on the front door on Friday February 4 and ballot papers prepared and distributed on February 7.

STUDENT WELFARE

Attached to this newsletter is a parent information letter regarding some slight changes to our student welfare practices. These changes have been made to ensure consistency through out the school. As part of the beginning of the year activities the students have discussed rules and responsibilities and the consequences of behaviours.

YEAR 5 CAMP

On Wednesday the Year 5 students will head off to their 3 day Phillip Island camp. Attending the camp will be Mr Moore, Mrs Kneebone, Mrs Raines and Mr Hansen. I will also drive down on Thursday to spend the day with the students. We hope they have a great camp and enjoy all the challenges. All medications must be clearly labelled with the child’s name and dosage instructions and handed to Mrs Kneebone on Wednesday morning before boarding the bus.
VICTORIAN ESSENTIAL LEARNING STANDARDS
Many parents would have heard that there are many changes currently being made to the educational curriculum in Victoria. The Victorian Essential Learning Standards have been developed to describe what is essential for all students to achieve from Prep-Year 10. The Learning standards will provide a framework for planning the school curriculum.
The staff will be undertaking professional development to ensure that our curriculum covers all the requirements of the VELS. However I am pleased to inform parents that the curriculum at Camelot will indeed require very little change to meet these Standards as it is already very innovative and successful.

FAMILY LIFE
A reminder to parents that Family Life Victoria Inc will be attending our school shortly (please see attached information letter) to present sessions for parents and their children on sex education. These sessions have always been extremely good and I highly recommend that parents make use of these sessions. The information is provided in a warm, family environment and is an excellent opportunity to open communication pathways regarding this important topic.

PRESENTATION OF BADGES
Badges will be presented to our 2005 student leaders within the next few weeks. Parents will be invited to attend an assembly and following, a morning tea for these students in the staffroom. I will soon meet with all the student leaders to discuss their roles and responsibilities.

SCHOOL LEVIES
Notices for the school levy, excursion levy and permission slip, sports levy (years 5 & 6 only), publicity consent form and head lice check consent form were sent home yesterday. Your prompt attention to these would be greatly appreciated.

SCHOOL HATS
As a requirement of our ‘Sun Smart’ policy, all students must wear their school hats at recess, lunchtime and during Phys, Ed and Sport in Terms 1 and 4. New hats can be purchased from the uniform shop or the school office for $5.50.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Parents are asked to ensure that their children are in the correct school uniform and are wearing appropriate footwear to school. Polo shirts and windcheaters must have the school emblem on them and pants must not have any coloured stitching or writing. The school uniform helps to further develop a sense of pride, and identification with the school on the part of students and your assistance in this matter is appreciated.

Joan Fary – Principal

Term Dates For 2005
The term dates for 2005 are listed below for those families that like to plan ahead.

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Book Club
The latest Ashton Book Club catalogue will be sent home this week. If you would like to place an order, please complete the form and return it to school with the CORRECT MONEY or cheque (made payable to Camelot Rise Primary School) clearly marked with the child’s name, grade and BOOK CLUB. Orders for this catalogue should be received at the school no later than Friday 11 February.

Karate
Karate classes for 2005 will soon commence. If you are interested in your child participating, please contact the school office for a brochure.

School Uniform
- The uniform shop will open on Monday mornings, from 8:45am to 9:15am
- We ask parents to please ensure all windcheaters and hats are clearly named and to occasionally check to make sure that the correct items have been brought home.
- The uniform shop is in need of second hand uniform. Clean donations can be left at the office.
- New sports shorts are now available. These are the style as chosen by the students.

Lost Property
There are a number of items of lost property (including sunglasses, caps and dolls) being held in the school office. Anything not collected by Friday will be donated to charity.
Support Group for Parents of Gifted and Highly Able Students
The group will meet this year at 9:00am, every third Friday of the month for an informal gathering to talk with other parents of gifted and highly able students. All interested parents are welcome to attend.

- C.H.I.P. - The following CHIP Programs are held at Camelot Rise on Wednesday afternoons 4:00pm – 5:30pm.
  - MATHS MEETS – Caters for students from 5 years of age to provide an encouraging and friendly learning environment, where students work at their own pace.
  - MATHS BY CHOICE – A popular class for upper primary. Students work on a basic program of algebra, geometry and problem solving. Individual student programs can incorporate school-related topics.
  - SCHOLARS ON THE RUN – Aims to prepare students in Year 5 for scholarship examinations and assessments for entry into accelerated programs. This class will focus on both Mathematics and English in each session.
- Mindful – Educational, social and emotional support for the gifted. Offering several new initiatives and some old ones – to cover a wide variety of your gifted children’s needs. Contact Ann Jackson on 9808 1460 or see Raie Lyth

Chess Club
Camelot Rise Primary School Chess Club for term 1 will commence this Friday, 4 February at 1:10pm in the library. There will be seven sessions at a cost of $63.00. Chess Club is available to any interested student from Prep to Year 6 who enjoys playing chess with others and would liked to be coached to improve their skills. Enrolment forms are available from the school office.

Cris Duff – Chess Coordinator

Out of Hours Care Programs

- The telephone number for all before and after school care bookings is 0407 342 157. The school office can no longer take bookings.
- Parents who did not receive a copy of the letter outlining the changes to Out of School Hours Care can collect a copy from the school office.

Head Lice
There have been several cases of head lice reported to the school recently. I would encourage parents to check their children’s hair regularly (every few days) for signs of lice or their eggs. The best way to prevent your child from getting head lice is to ensure that long hair is tied back and that hairbrushes and hats are not shared. The school must be notified if head lice are found and children must receive the appropriate treatment before returning to school. The appropriate lotion is provided free for cases reported to the Monash Council. For further information and advice, please contact the school office or the council’s Environmental Health Unit on 9518 3534.

Canteen

- Window sales commenced today and will be available every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtime
- Lunch Orders will commence later in the term if there are enough volunteers available to assist
- If you wish to help out in the canteen, please complete the form below and return it to school by next Monday. Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Please note, that due to Health & Safety Regulations, no children (including toddlers) are permitted in the canteen.
Parents’ Club

Coming Events:

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- **The Parents Club AGM** - will be held Monday February 7th after assembly in the library. The Parents Club is run by volunteers to assist the school with raising funds for new equipment and also to organise fun events for the students and families at Camelot Rise. All parents are welcome at the Parents Club AGM next week and invited to join the Club. The Parents Club meets the first Monday of each month after assembly. It is a great opportunity for Parents to be involved with the school and the children love seeing their parents when they are available to help with events. All positions will become vacant at this time however parents do not have to be on the committee to join and the level of participation is up to each individual.

  If you have any queries please contact Wendy Brown 9800 0878.

- **Name Labels** – ‘Stuck on You’ order forms will soon be available from the uniform shop and the school office. Order the iron on labels for clothes or stick on labels for drink bottles and lunch boxes!

Music News

New enrolments are now being taken for instrumental music tuition in Term 1 2005. Individual and group lessons are available at the school in guitar, bass guitar, strings and woodwind. For all enrolments, enquiries and information on instrument hire, please contact Andrew Padula (Wendy’s Music Eastern No2.) on 9884 7669 or mobile 0407 886 850.

Waverley Basketball Club: Join Waverley Basketball Club and enjoy the fun of being involved in a team sport. Our next registration day is Saturday, February 5, 2005 at Glendal Primary School hall, (Mel.62B10) from 9.30 am until 12.30 pm. The registration day is for the 2005 Winter Season which is played in second and third terms of 2005. Teams range from under 8 through to seniors. New players and beginners most welcome. Register now or mark February 5 in your diary. Earlybird discounts apply and there is a greatly discounted joining fee for new under 10 and under 8 players. For further information please contact the club secretary Sue Dowdle on 9562 0926 (evenings) or club registrar Sandra Paulding on 9886 3209 (evenings).

Free Talk

**Drug Free program for children & adults who experience learning difficulties.**

- Is your child / student frustrated by under-achievement at school?
- Are there problems with reading & writing?
- Is homework an ordeal?
- Is concentrating, following instructions or organising tasks difficult?
- Do they suffer a lack of self-confidence or low self-esteem?

The Dore Centre provides a drug-free solution for those suffering from the learning difficulties associated with Dyslexia, Dyspraxia, ADD & Aspergers Syndrome.

**Monday 28 February 2005**

**Vermont South Community House**

**Karobran Drive**

**Vermont South**

7:30pm to 9:30pm

For more information call The Dore Achievement Centre

1300 55 77 11

Bookings are essential

www.dorecentres.com.au