COMING EVENTS

MARCH
5th — District Swimming Carnival
14th — Selective High School
18th — All About Eggs K-2
19th — Regional Swimming Carnival
20th — Day Club Meeting
  Easter Mufti & Donate Egg
  Cupcake & Cookie Day Years 2 & 5 to donate
25th — Young Leader’s Day
  Raffle money due back
  P & C Meeting
27th — Photo Day
  Second Hand Uniform
  Easter Raffle Draw
28th — Easter Celebrations
  Life Education begins
29th — Good Friday (Public holiday)

APRIL
1st — Easter Monday (Public holiday)
2nd — P&C Disco
3rd — Young Guns Fishing (Yrs 5 & 6)
12th — Last Day of Term 1
  No PSSA Sport

MAY
1st — Students return
10th — Mothers’ Day Stall

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Zone Swimming
On Tuesday 5th March, 28 of our students along with Miss Daniels, Miss Weir and Mrs Lynch attended the Zone Swimming Carnival at Birrong Pools. All of the students tried their best and were very well behaved on the day. Well done to these students for their wonderful representation of SSPS.

Liverpool PSSA Boys Football Team
Congratulations to Kaelib from 5/6B who was chosen to represent the district in this team. We wish him luck in the coming carnival.

Stage 2 CSIRO Incursion
Over the past two days our Years 3 and 4 students have been busy learning about the Solar System and space with representatives from the CSIRO. Students have been engaging in lessons inside a large dark tent in the hall to learn more about this exciting topic.

Photo Day
A reminder to all families, Photo Day is Wednesday, 27th March. The company taking the photos this year have facilities available to prepay for photographs online. All other payments for photos will need to be made on or before the day. Students will need to wear their summer uniform. Family photo envelopes are available from the office.

Day Club and P&C
Day Club executive positions were filled at the last meeting. The group will meet again at 9am in the band room on Wednesday, 20th March.

The P&C met on the evening of Monday, 25th February with only five community members in attendance. The next meeting is the AGM on Monday, 25th March. All current executive positions will be declared vacant and new members will be elected. A gold coin donation will be required to vote at the meeting. I urge all interested parents and community members to attend and be a part of the decision making at our school. There is more information from Mrs Langley the P&C treasurer later in this newsletter.

Easter Mufti & Term 1 Disco
Our first fundraising event is on Wednesday, 20th March and this is the Easter Mufti day. All students are allowed to come to school out of uniform with a fine of an Easter egg donation (no smaller than a hen’s egg). The donations go together to create fantastic chocolate hampers for families to win. I encourage all families to support our school by selling as many tickets as they can and sending an Easter egg donation with their children on the mufti day. I thank the Day Club representatives who spend hours collating the Easter hampers.

Our second fundraising event and first disco for the year is Tuesday, 2nd April. There is more information about the disco in this newsletter and reminders will be sent to families later in the term. I thank all of our families in advance for their support of fundraising events at our school.

Woolworths Stickers
Two weeks ago these tubs arrived from Modern Teaching Aids, courtesy of Woolworths. These are all hands on Mathematics resources. We were able to secure these as a result of the efforts of our community. All of the stickers collected during the Woolworths promotion period in 2012 enabled us to obtain these resources. Often when participating in these promotions people think, “What are we doing this for?” As the pictures show all of that hard work is worthwhile. Thank you to all of the families who collected stickers for this promotion.

Mathletics
Just a reminder that payment for Mathletics is now due. The cost is $15.00 per student and this gives them access to this valuable program at school and at home. This program means there is no need for a textbook. Should this payment be outstanding please finalise it as soon as possible.

Mrs Kristy Hill
Acting Principal

Back Gate
The back gate from Edna Reserve will remain locked until 2.55pm on Tuesday afternoons to limit disruptions from High School students.

Parking Safety Concerns
For the safety of all our students, parents are reminded that staff parking areas are not to be used as drop-off or pick-up zones for children before or after school (unless special arrangements have been made with the school).

Afternoons
Thank you to the parents who have been waiting
on the silver seats outside the office. This makes it easier for students to focus on their lessons.

Scooters
Children who ride scooters to school are asked to bring a chain and secure them to the bike rack in the morning. They cannot be left in the school office.

Emergency Contacts
Please make sure that the school has current phone numbers and addresses for parents and also emergency contacts in case we need to contact you.

Mrs Schouten, Canteen Supervisor
Cheeseburger, water and popcorn
19th March
Hot Dog + sauce, water and popcorn
12th March

Tuesday Meal Deals
Monday 18th March
Tuesday 20th March
Wednesday 20th March
Thursday 21st

SCHOOL’S HOMEWORK POLICY
This year the staff, in conjunction with the community, would like to review the current homework policy at Sackville Street. Parents are invited to a meeting to be held on Monday, 25th March at 6.00pm in the staffroom. At this meeting we would like to take some of your suggestions to assist with formulating our new policy. Should you have any questions please see Mrs Lyneham. Alternatively feel free to put your suggestions in writing and leave at the school office.

Mrs Lyneham

K—2 ALL ABOUT EGGS
Don’t forget to bring your note and money in for All About Eggs. The cost is $5.00 and there are spare notes at the office.
Mr Downes (Coordinator)

CANTEEN NEWS
Roster
Friday 8th March—Karen Farrington & Louisa Moore
Monday 11th March—Kim Farrugia
Tuesday 12th March—Linda Franklin
Wednesday 13th—Kezia Carpenter
Thursday 14th March—Serena Young
Friday 15th March—Kayleen Gill, Kylie Mackie & Louisa Moore
Monday 18th March—Can you help on this day?
Tuesday 19th March—Lynette Twee
Wednesday 20th March—Steve Faux
Thursday 21st—Bronwyn McKee

Tuesday Meal Deals
12th March
Hot Dog + sauce, water and popcorn—$5.00 (Halal available)
19th March
Cheeseburger, water and popcorn—$5.00

P&C News
If you have a couple of spare hours a term and would like to volunteer to benefit your child’s schooling, then perhaps the SSPS Parents and Citizens (P&C) is for you. Being a member of the SSPS P&C allows you to contribute your ideas to fundraising for discos, BBQ’s, uniform, sponsorship and many more areas of your child’s schooling. Meetings are held on the 4th Monday of each month- 25th March, 27th May, 24th June, for example. They run for approximately 1½ hours and are attended by the principal, teachers, parents and citizens just like you.

All members of the school community are invited to the SSPS P&C Annual General Meeting (AGM) to be held on Monday, 25th March at 7pm in the school staffroom. All positions will be declared vacant to be filled at the AGM for a term of 12 months. A general P&C meeting will follow afterwards where information from the P&C and its sub-committees (Day Club, Uniform Shop and Canteen) will be discussed.

Disco
The first P&C disco for 2013 will be on Tuesday, 2nd April, Wk 10. This will be a night disco from 4.00pm - 5.30pm for students in K-2 and 6.00pm - 7.30pm for Years 3-6. The theme of the disco is Rainbow Colours. Entry to the disco is $3. The canteen will be open and selling various lollies and drinks. If you would like to help at the disco please email Amanda Langley (langers1@live.com)

Uniform Shop
The SSPS P&C Uniform Shop is reporting great sales of the new school polo. Currently there is plenty of stock making the uniform shop very busy on Friday mornings from 8.45 – 9.30am. It is run by volunteers and if you would like to help please email Amanda Langley (langers1@live.com). Orders for uniform (with the correct money) can be given to the school office to be filled and returned for collection by you or your child.

DAY CLUB NEWS
Cupcake and Cookie Day
There will be a Cupcake and Cookie Day on Wednesday, 20th March. We are asking Years 2 and 5 to please donate cupcakes or cookies this time. Please leave the cupcakes or cookies in the school hall on that morning and they will be sold for 50c at recess in both the infants and primary areas. We ask for cupcakes and cookies and not large cakes as they are easier for the children to handle and to be served. If anyone has some free time please come along and join us!

Second Hand Uniform Sale
We will be holding our next second hand uniform stall on Wednesday, 27th March from 8.45am until 9.15am under the COLA. As always if you have any good quality uniforms that you no longer need please consider donating them to the school. They will then be sold in the second hand uniform stall. All donations are greatly appreciated and proceeds from these sales go back into the school.

Easter Mufti and Raffle Day
On Wednesday, 20th March students are allowed to wear mufti to school. As a fine, each student is asked to bring in an Easter item no smaller than a hen’s egg for our hampers.
Just a reminder that raffle tickets and notes have gone out. They cost $1 each or you can buy 3 tickets for $2. Please write student’s name and class on sold tickets and return money and tickets to the office. If you did not receive tickets or would like to sell more, extra tickets are available at the office. All tickets and money are due back by Monday, 25th March and the raffle will be drawn on Wednesday, 27th March.

Day Club Meeting
Our next meeting is on Wednesday, 20th March in the band room from 9.15am. These meetings are a great way to find out what is happening in your school. Everybody is welcome including babies and toddlers. We will be constructing the Easter hampers after our meeting so if you would like to help out please stick around!

Day Club Committee