Students

The school is abuzz with excitement over the news that Samuel in Year 5 is representing the State of Victoria in the National Athletics competition. On Monday Samuel participated in the State competition in the event of shot-put. To my knowledge this is the first time that the school has had a student move through all the levels of the competitions. We are incredibly thrilled for Samuel and want to do all that we can to get him to Adelaide. The National event is in Adelaide from November 23-28 with a cost of around $1800. As you can appreciate this is an enormous sum to be raised and the school community has already begun. Please ensure you keep an eye out for information about fundraising activities so that we can support Samuel and his family in this wonderful opportunity.

This Friday is Casual Clothes and Icy Pole Day – Gold Coin Donation for Casual Clothes; Icy Poles $1.00.

Last week the Year 5/6 students participated in an educational session at the zoo. I have included below an email received from the zoo staff following the visit,

“After discussing with my colleague Angela, who taught your group about how impressed we were with your group of students it was suggested that I email you to convey our thoughts. We were simply amazed at your class’ enthusiasm and intelligent questions. I mentioned to Sophie that they had better questions than my year 8 class yesterday!

One of the deeper questions was from a girl who asked whether after palm oil plantations have been harvested do they replant the rainforest? I have never been asked that question, her thinking about that kind of a solution was amazing from a primary school student. I told her the answer which is no because the land is ruined and the nutrients are gone, but that it was great thinking. I think it was Biatrisse who asked why people are burning and cutting down the forest if it kills animals and we talked about people who put their own needs and want for money before all others. The last example is Uly who asked why aren’t there sustainable plantations.

Notices sent home include: Swimming, Icy Pole/Casual Clothes Friday and Walkathon
You and Sophie have obviously done a lot of work with these guys and it really showed. Your knowledge, passion and experience in our school holiday program has really transferred. The classes left us buzzing with a great happiness that we don’t always get. I have never written to a school to tell them they were wonderful, but your kids were so amazing I had to.

Students like these are the reason I teach here at the Zoo and continue to inspire me. Students like these who love animals and think deeply about how they can fight extinction help me to continue believing there is hope for our endangered species as they will be the next animal ambassadors.

Please share our thoughts with your students as they ought to be proud and your principal should also know about your amazing students and the great work you have done.

Thanks again and we hope to see you again next year.”

Kat Fox | Education Officer, Learning Experiences
Melbourne Zoo | Elliott Avenue | Parkville VIC 3052

The Principal has been informed and is not only extremely proud of them all but feels privileged to be their Principal!

Visitors

You may recall that a couple of weeks ago we had 27 Chinese educators visit the school. The visit was such a success that we were asked to host an additional visit for another 26 Primary educators and Principals. Once again the University lecturers and educators were amazed and thrilled with the learning taking place at the school. They were most impressed by the level of engagement demonstrated by the students and the challenging learning to which they were exposed.

Staff

Last Friday was International Teachers’ Day. Students across the school had been working hard with Kathrine, in their Art sessions, to create cards for teachers they especially admired. The students have been caught up deeply in this work and excitedly presented them to the various teachers on Friday morning. Staff were then treated to a wonderful morning tea provided by parents. On behalf of the staff, I send their extreme gratitude to students and parents for acknowledging their commitment to the profession. Good teachers leave the impression that teaching is easy. That is because they are well prepared and fully aware of the needs of their students. During the practice of teaching, good teachers continually reflect and check where their students’ learning needs are. This process is not visible and is the reason teaching can present as easy. At SPS we are fortunate to have many good if not great teachers who are truly devoted to their chosen profession.

Michelle Middleton, Education Support Officer in Prep, and her family are required to return to Western Australia. Unfortunately this means Michelle will no longer be a member of staff at SPS. Michelle has been a wonderful asset to the P-2 team and the school in general. On behalf of the school community I would like to thank Michelle for her commitment to the school and wish her all the best for her future.

Safety

It has been brought to my attention that at times, parents dropping their children at school can put other children at risk. Please ensure that you drive at the required speed limit of 40km and be mindful that students will be using the crossings on Hornby Street and The Avenue.

Anne McPhee
Principal
LS5 CELEBRATE HALLOWEEN

Book Fair 30/11/12-6/12/12

Come to our ‘Buy One Get One Free’ Book Fair at Stonnington Primary School. This is a great opportunity to buy end of year presents or build up your personal book collection. It is SPS’s way of thanking you for your support in 2012. SPS Book Fair will begin on Friday 30th November at 8.30. You will then be able to purchase books every morning from 8.30-9.00am & from 3.30-4.00pm until Thursday 6th December at 8.30-9.00. Hope to see you all from Friday morning.
Simone Radolnik

SEMESTER 2 REPORTS

Semester 2 2012 reports will be distributed to parents on Friday 14th December. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your child’s report, please contact the class and / or specialist teachers to arrange an interview during the final week of the school year.

Swimming and Water Safety Program

The Swimming and Water Safety Program is a fundamental aspect to the PE and Sports Program at Stonnington Primary School. Students will participate in the 10 day intensive program and be grouped according to their swimming ability. The program is taking place at Harold Holt Swim Centre between Monday 12th November- Friday 16th November, Monday 19th November-Friday 23rd November. Congratulations to all students who have already returned Permission Forms and Payment. For those students who have not yet returned Permission Forms and Payment please do so as soon as possible. Alternative payment arrangements can be negotiated in consultation with Simone Radolnik. For any questions or concerns regarding the Swimming and Water Safety Program please see Sam FitzGerald.

Sam FitzGerald
PE Teacher

CANTEEN SALADS & SPECIALS OF THE WEEK

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CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 5.11.12.
Grade 5/6 Zoo Excursion:

Last Tuesday LS7 went to the zoo to learn about life cycles of animals, as it is our inquiry unit.

We were split into two groups before we left school. Once we arrived at the zoo we had our snack.

After we finished our snack one of the groups went looking around the zoo and the other did a lesson on orang-utan habitats being destroyed so palm oil plantations could grow.

Then the groups were swapped to do the activity they hadn’t done. In the lesson we were showed some items and a little card that had information relating to orang-utan habitats being cut down. On the cards they had things saying that the population has dropped massively due to people cutting down their habitats.

Once we finished and had our lunch we went to the gift shop to get something and then went on the tram and went back to school. We learnt so much more about endangered animals and the excursion has made us enthusiastic to continue our learning back at school.

By Jasmine and Hayley
School Song
Words by students of Stonnington Primary School
Music by Greg Smith

We're here this Monday morning
We're thinking of the week
We think of fun and learning
And people we might meet
These are the things we believe

This is a place of learning
A place where learning's fun
We learn from those around us
We learn from every one
This is a place to learn

This is a place for friendship
A place we come to play
A place to meet new people
Include them, when we play
This is a place for friendship (might last for years)
This is a place to learn

This is a place for caring
To catch you when you fall
A place to care for others
May not be friends at all
This is a place for caring (to cheer you up)
This is a place for friendship (might last for years)
This is a place to learn

We know that problems can get in the way
Just like a cloud, they can block the sun's rays...

These are the things we stand for
The things that we believe
These are the things we hope for
We want our school to be
A school where there's love and there's caring (goes on and on)
A school that's a place for friendship (might last for years)
A school that's a place for learning (for all of life)
A school where we all belong
A school where we all belong
Grade 3/4 Soccer Gala Day

On Friday 9th of October, students from Grades 3/4 represented Stonnington Primary School at the Soccer Gala Day, held at Fawkner Park, South Yarra. The conditions were wet and miserable to begin with but then fined up to be a warm and sunny 27 degrees in the afternoon. Thanks to all parents who helped with teams throughout the day and those who came and supported our students. We competed against Caulfield, St Kilda, Middle Park, and St Kilda Park Primary Schools. Congratulations to Isabella who won the ‘Good Sports Award’ for the day.

Sam FitzGerald
PE Teacher
Parents & Friends School
Community Information
TERM 4 Upcoming Events:

Friday 9th November
9am – 11am School Walkathon
Parent Assistance is essential.

Tea Towel/Apron order forms are due back, these make great Christmas presents for family & friends.

Whole of November
This month Grill’d Windsor has chosen Stonnington Primary School as one of three fundraising options this month. When you buy a hamburger you will receive a token which can be placed in the SPS jar and if we receive the most tokens for the month we will get $300 or $100 to go towards new Sports bibs for the school.

Thank you
P&F Association

Felice’s Place
Gourmet Butchers
Shop 3 / 125 Ormond Road
ELWOOD
Proud sponsors of Stonnington Primary School’s end of term BBQ's
TPCC Community Fund – 2012 Netball camp – registrations now open

The Toorak Prahran Cricket Club Community Fund is pleased to announce that it is running the second annual netball camp consisting of three days – Monday 17, Tuesday 18, and Wednesday 19 of December 2012 at Sacre Coeur, 172 Burke Road, Glen Iris.

The purpose of the camp (which is part of the Community Fund’s ongoing commitment to junior netball within Stonnington), is to provide a structured system of increasing players’ netball skills and helping them to gain more enjoyment from their netball. We encourage girls to come with members of their current netball team – it will provide the team with a valuable opportunity to develop their match play. The camp is open for girls aged between 6 and 15. The three day program is suitable for girls of all experience levels (including those children who have not played netball).

We have changed the times from last year so that children who attend primary schools which do not finish the term until after the camp dates, are welcome to attend from 3.30 to 5 pm for a reduced fee. We would waive the fee for any students from Stonnington primary – no equipment needed - just runners, hat and t-shirt.

Registration forms are available from the Stonnington Primary school office.

Coaches

The coaching staff will again be led by the camp coordinator Caroline Hallam (Caroline ran the 2011 camp and is coach of the Purple Thunder Netball Team and has been involved in netball as a coach and player for over 15 years.) – Netball Victoria SEDA coaches and other volunteers will be part of the coaching team.

REGISTRATIONS

To register a player to participate in the camp, please mail the registration form to TPCC Netball Camp PO Box 673 Malvern 3144 or by email to jendix@onthe.net.au

If you have any queries, please contact the TPCC Netball Camp Coordinator Caroline Hallam 0405 607 310 or jendix@onthe.net.au