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**PRINCIPAL NEWS**

I hope all the mums had a lovely day last Sunday and enjoyed the gifts from the Mothers Day Stall.

It has certainly been a busy week. The NAPLAN testing has gone well and this is a credit to staff and students. There is a “cold” bug going around. I have appreciated parents letting the school know of absences. It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development that parents/carers provide an explanation for absences.

3 Way Interview. This will be happening on the 14th June. Notes will go home shortly to allow families to book a time for this interview. This is a good opportunity for Teacher, Parent, and Student to come together to celebrate the success and map out the direction for future learning.

Stop Work Action
The Australian Education Union has applied to Fair Work Australia to hold a stop work action. The date that is proposed is 7th June. The Australian Electoral Commission must hold a ballot of AEU members and the outcome of this will determine if the stop work is to go ahead or not. Parents will be given definite notification as soon as possible.

**Report Writing**
Teachers are in the midst of testing and writing reports. Reports will be finalized and sent home prior to the 3 way interviews.

**Department of Early Childhood and Development Website**
http://www.education.vic.gov.au
This is the department’s website that includes a lot of information about what is happening in schools.

**SUNDAY FUN DAY MYSTERY TOUR**
The Parents’ Club invite all families to participate in the Sunday Funday Mystery Tour to be held on Sunday, 27th May.

This will be a mystery car tour (not a race) with clues for directions and questions to answer along the way. Families are to meet at the school at 11am. Cars will leave at regular intervals from the carpark.

Participation fee: $5.00 per car to cover costs and prizes. Please send form back to school with $5.00 by Friday, 28th May. Leave in box at the office clearly marked “Parents’ Club Sunday Funday Mystery Tour

Requirements for the day:
- Clipboard and pen, coloured pencils
- Digital camera or phone with capability of taking photos
- BYO picnic lunch or purchase at local shops at destination (no BBQ facility)

Enquiries to Glenda Dixon 0408 313590

**Leigh McLaren**
Principal

**Parents Victoria Online Conference**
Parents and other interested participants are warmly invited to take part in the sixth annual online conference to be held by Parents Victoria. The conference will be held non-stop on the internet during Education Week, commencing at 6.00 a.m. on Sunday 20 May, with discussion topics including:
- Celebrating Public Education
- Travel to School
- Multiculturalism
- Curriculum
- Bullying
- Mental Health
- School Payments and Funding

There is also the opportunity to comment on other Education issues that may concern you. No special software is needed just an internet-connected computer and a browser. The online discussions are very easy to join in, and guidelines about how to participate are provided. There are prizes for schools for participation. The conference is proudly sponsored by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development

Register at: http://www.cybertext.net.au/pv/
For further information, email: office@parentsvictoria.asn.au
Telephone (03) 9380 2158 or visit: www.parentsvictoria.asn.au
Geelong College Challenge

This weekend Emilie Benson, Joe Frigo, Seamus Spanner, Jasmine Willey and I will be attending the Geelong College Challenge. This weekend is a unique opportunity for a team of Year 6 students to participate in a weekend of co-operation and adventure with students and teachers from other schools as well as teachers from the Geelong College Preparatory School. The team will compete in a range of mental and physical challenges covering a variety of curriculum areas and physical spaces, both indoors and outdoors. This year the challenges will be in the areas of Art, Science, Technology, and Maths with two Physical Challenges and of course the MAJOR PROBLEM. The students will be sleeping in tents on Saturday night – a challenge in itself!!!!

I'm sure everyone wishes our team the best.

Jennie Marino

Geelong High School Information Night for Year 7 Enrolments 2013

2013 Year 7 Information Night
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School tours on the night
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Tuesday 22 May 9.30am and 2.00 pm
Wednesday 23 May 9.45 am
Friday 25 May 9.30 am
Please phone 5225 4100 to book a tour.
Please report to the office on your registered day.
For further information please contact Assistant Principals:
Mr Ken Stewart, Mr Peter Drummond or Mr Wayne Johannesen or
Ms Carmel Cranage - Transition Coordinator

Asthma: Quick Facts

- In 10 children and adults suffer from asthma. That’s over 2 million Australians
- Asthma remains a significant health problem in Australia, with prevalence rates that are high by international comparison
- Among those aged 3-4 years, current asthma is more common among males than females, but among those aged 15 years and over, the reverse is true
- There is currently no cure for asthma. However, good management can control the disease and prevent symptoms from occurring or worsening
- Poor asthma control (frequent symptoms and asthma exacerbations) is a common problem in both adults and children
- People with current asthma are significantly more likely to take days off work, school or study than people without current asthma
- There were 411 deaths attributed to asthma as the underlying cause in 2009. Deaths due to asthma occur in all age groups, although the risk of dying from asthma increases with age
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