

YOUR LINK

Term 3, 2009

YOUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION



A note from Your Parents' Association.

Welcome back to Term 3, Semester 2. We hope that everyone has settled back into the school routine and is energized for the second half of the school year.

We would like to introduce you to the first of what we anticipate to be a term-by-term publication. 'Your Link' will be produced by the Parents Association Committee, in an endeavour to keep the school community informed of upcoming events, PA goals and requests for assistance for specific events.

We are happy to report that over recent months, the P.A. has undergone a rejuvenation and now has more core members available to take on the management and coordination of events and to spread the workload.



Any small amount of assistance from the general school community would be very welcome and we would appreciate it if you could advise Kirsten or the noted coordinator if you are available to assist with any upcoming event.

We hope to build on our current list of "informal" volunteers, including those people who have only a small amount of time to offer, but who may not wish to commit to meetings/committee roles. If you would like to receive emails that keep you up to date with immediate goings-on, please email Kirsten at kgbm2@bigpond.com or return the slip in the back pages of this newsletter.

It has been decided that in order to attract a wider range of interested helpers, the PA will meet approximately monthly and alternately at either 9.15 a.m. on Mondays or 7.30 p.m. on Monday evenings. Notifications of meetings will be printed in the weekly Newsletter, so keep your eye out for the next date which will be an evening meeting.

Kirsten Aberle

Building a sense of community

The Parents Association is not only charged with raising essential funds for the school, but also for building a strong school community, by arranging social activities.

There are occasions such as the Mothers and Fathers Day stalls that are seen as a SERVICE to the school community, rather than an attempt to raise substantial funds.

Other major events could be seen as a cross-over

between the two agendas, such as the School Disco, the Trivia Night and the Open Air Movie night, planned for early 2010.

Whilst we have a full calendar of events planned for 2009, if you have any suggestions for 2010 that would go toward building a sense of community and/or raising funds, please let a member of the Parents Association know, or drop a note into the office.

For the Calendar

Term 3, 2009

Walk-a-thon	Wed, 26th Aug
Fathers' Day Stall	Thu, 3rd Sep
* PA Meeting 7:30pm	Mon, 7th Sep

Term 4, 2009

* PA Meeting 9:15am	Mon, 5th Oct
Car Boot Sale	Sun, 11th Oct
High School the Musical	Sun, 18th Oct
Trivia Night	Sat, 24th Oct
School Disco	Fri, 6th Nov

Term 2, 2010

Open Air Movie Night	Fri, 16th Apr
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Other items of note

- Colgate Brighter Smiles, Toothbrush and Toothpaste fundraiser, order today.
- Gather up your kids favourite recipes.
- Calendars are on the list for later in the year.
- Start your spring Cleaning, the Car Boot Sale is coming!
- Join the PA email list ...
- Register for the Casserole Bank
- Start studying your trivia.



Coordinator:
Rebecca Anwin

Dental Awareness Week 3-7th August

This week has been Dental Awareness week throughout Australia. In keeping with this, we have come up with a fundraiser that also ticks the boxes for a healthy life initiative.

Colgate Bright Smiles Fundraiser provides an opportunity for you to purchase pairs of toothbrushes and toothpaste in suitable age ranges at discount. Saving you up to \$2.50 per pair (depending on individual retailers) while assisting the school with its fundraising.

You will have already received your order forms and flyers for this program. All you need do is collect orders and payments

and return them promptly with you child by Friday 14th August.

The younger kids will get Dora or Diego, the older kids get Shrek, Donkey or Puss in Boots. Each design comes in a variety of colors. and the Teen/Adults are simply colored.

\$5 for a quality Colgate toothbrush and Colgate toothpaste is great value...

Helpers will be required to assist with packing the orders upon delivery of the stock. If you wish to help then make sure you email Rebecca and you will be kept up to date as to when that will be.

Walk-a-thon

Date: Wednesday 26th August, 2009

This event is back after a year off & is popular with everyone. It is a whole school event that encourages physical activity and raises funds for resources that will be directly used by students.

Walkers find people (family, friends & neighbours) who sponsor them with a donation or pledge an amount per lap (when applicable) . All the children have to then do is complete the course and collect the funds raised, and prizes will be awarded to the individuals in each year level who raise the most funds for this event.

Preps, Grade 1's & 2's will be asked to

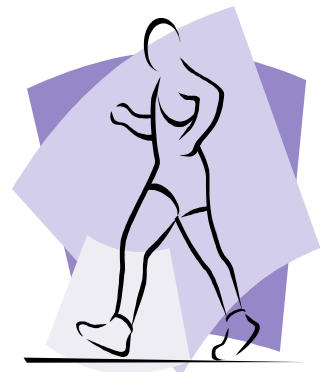
complete one lap of the course, which is 2km around the local neighbourhood. The Prep's will be accompanied on their lap by their buddies. Grades 3-6 will complete 2 laps totaling 4km.

Helpers are needed to be stationed as marshals at various positions along the course. Their job is to encourage and ensure walkers stay on course and safe. Teachers will also walk with the students so this is not a difficult role.

Helpers will also be required at the end of the event to distribute refreshments. Volunteers roles will commence between 9-9.15am and the event should be completed by 10.45am.

Please contact Jane if you can assist her in any of these roles..

Coordinator:
Jane Barnes



Recipes, Recipes and more Recipes

Thanks for the fantastic response to the expression of interest for the cookbook - the responses help us gauge the level of interest plus likely order numbers so we can begin getting quotes from printers etc.

The project is definitely a go-er so we will be asking for your favourite recipes shortly - everything from that secret family recipe passed down over the years to the one pot

wonder you (or better still the kids) can whip up in 10 minutes after footy training ran overtime, the traffic was at a standstill and little Johnny rolled in the mud and then on the living room carpet.

We will also be looking for artwork from the kids to include in the cookbook, but more about that from Bev & Melanie later...

Water Saving with 'Hughie'...sink

To tie in with the environmental aims of the school, we will be selling the 'Hughie sink' as a fundraiser.

The 'Hughie' is a rectangular bucket with fold-away handles that fits into most existing sinks to catch water from washing vegetables etc which can then be easily carried out to the garden.

The bucket features a spout for pouring, a filtered plug in the bottom, overflow holes and comes in a choice of 7 different colours. At \$25 each, it's a neat and simple way to save water.

Keep an eye out for the brochures and order forms. A sample is available to view at the office.



Fathers Day/Special Persons Stall



Coordinator:
Kirsten Aberle

Date: Thursday 3rd September, 2009

Once again we are holding our Fathers Day stall on the Thursday prior to Fathers Day, Sunday 6th September, 2009.

A fabulous range of items will be available and all of the gifts will be charged at \$5 each and students in all year levels will have the opportunity to purchase a gift/gifts for their Dad/Pop etc.

We are sure to have some great gifts so please consider allowing your children to

participate in this community service event.

Helpers will be required on Monday 1st September, following morning assembly to gift wrap at the school. We will also need 6 -8 helpers to assist with the manning of the stall on the Thursday.

If you are able to spare 2-3 hours to help out, on either day, it would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Kirsten should you wish to assist in any way.

Spring Clean - Car Boot Sale

Date: Sunday 11th October, 2009

It's time to get sorting. If you have an array of items that you'd like to sell but not enough to hold a garage sale then this is the event for you.

We are opening up the oval to hold a Car Boot Sale. We will be putting out notices of interest, inviting you to book a place for the morning at a cost of \$20 per car.

The PA will also be taking donations of books and toys and children's clothes specifically for a Marlborough Stall. Additionally we will be putting out a call for bakers donations of slices, biscuits and cakes for a cake stall.

Helpers will be required for different planning and operational areas from managing the gate, advertisements, letter-box drops and stall management. If you believe that you can help with this event then please contact Rebecca.

We hope to also run some additional fund-raising combined with this date such as a sausage sizzle and chook lotto.

Any items donated for the MPS stalls that remain at the end of the day will be donated to Charity.

If you have any additional suggestions in promoting this event then please contact Rebecca.

Coordinator:
Rebecca Anwin



Thankyou... SPC - Bulk Food order... A great result!

A huge thanks goes to Melanie Beanland who coordinated the SPC Bulk food fundraiser during last term and everyone who used this service to make purchases. We managed to fill a ute to capacity with all our orders. As this was a successful result for the PA, we have decided to run this Bulk Food order again in Term 4. We may need to look for an alternate vehicle to collect this time. If you can assist with this then please give Melanie a call on 0408 560 923 or email mtrb@optusnet.com.au

Casserole Bank

As part of our Parents Association we have had a thriving casserole Bank. We ask our school community to participate by entering into a roster to make a casserole or meal that can be frozen. This is stored in the deep freezer in our school canteen.

When families have times of need such as prolonged illness, death or any other trauma we are able to distribute casseroles to ease the burden.

The meals need to be labeled with ingredients to ensure that those with dietary issues know what's in them. They also need to be

stored in a freezer safe container that does not need to be returned. ie; glad tuckaways (foil trays with lids).

The roster is sent around at the beginning of school year to those that replied, but anyone can join in. If you'd like to volunteer you will be given a roster with instructions.

Please feel welcome to join any time. To go on the roster or find out more details please give Joy-Ann a call. If you know of a family in need you could discreetly recommend them for assistance also.

Coordinator:
Joy-Anne Edwards



The dot over the letter 'i' is called a tittle.

Barbie's full name is Barbara Millicent Roberts.

Al Capone's business card said he was a used furniture dealer.

Trivia Night

Date: Saturday 24th October, 2009

The Trivia Night is Back...

We have employed an experienced and recommended Trivia Host for the night and have booked the Hall at Great Ryrie, PS.

Now its time for you to start gathering together your friends and family in a group or table and start studying... because there will be questions that you wouldn't even dream of.

It will cost \$15 per head and tables will take up to 10 people. You can book a table or as individuals but don't miss out on the best fun for the year.

Apart from the fun, there will be plenty of

prizes through the night, silent auctions, coin toss for the nearest to prize, who am I? and much more!!!

We are still looking for anyone that maybe able to provide prizes and/or sponsorship. If you know of anyone or have something to give, then let Colin or Mary know.

Helpers will be required for this event, to assist with its promotion with flyers as well as wrapping of gifts for auction, setting up the room, packing up afterwards, and other tasks. If you would like to assist in any way with this event, contact Colin or Mary.

More information will come about this event later, including a booking form... keep your eyes peeled and mark the date in your diaries now.

Coordinators:
Colin Healey

Mary Grech



High School the Musical (on stage)

Date: Sunday Matinee 18th October, 2009 1.30pm

No doubt you have heard of High School the Musical, now you can see it live on stage...

The Whitehorse Musical Theatre Company is presenting this production in October and we have reserved a limited number of seats for the show...

The WMTC produces 2 professionally run performances a year and this amateur group is well regarded as one of the most successful and professional company's in Victoria.

Tickets for the Matinee can be ordered on a reply form which will go out to families shortly. It will be first in first served as seats for this popular show are selling fast, and we may not be able to obtain any additional seats.

Tickets orders will close strictly on 20th August.

Synopsis:

Disney's High School Musical is a contemporary musical comedy about Troy, a popular high school basket-baller and Gabriella, a shy, academically gifted newcomer, who discover they share a passion for singing. When they sign up together to audition for the lead roles in the school musical, it threatens East High's rigid social order and sends their peers into an uproar.

In a desperate attempt to maintain the status quo, the "jocks", the Braniacs", and even the drama club regulars, are soon hatching convoluted plots to separate the pair and keep them off the stage. However, by defying expectations and taking a chance on their dreams, the couple inspires other students to go public with some surprising hidden talent of their own.

Coordinator:
Kirsten Aberle

School Disco - Rock 'n' Roll

Date: Friday 6th November, 2009

This year the Whole School Disco will be held on Friday 6th November 2009 in the 5/6 Unit and OHSC Room. This is always a fun night, enjoyed by all age groups and we hope to see all MPS families involved.

The theme for the Disco this year will be ROCK 'N ROLL, so start thinking about your costumes!!!

Assistance will be needed to decorate, set

up, and clean up and in hosting this great event. Please let Kirsten know if you can help. We will also need lots of helpers in the Canteen on the night!

Keep an eye out for more information about this event in the Marlborough Mail and the PA newsletter in Term 4.

If you'd like to get in early on the planning stage, or just offer your assistance contact Kirsten.



Many Hands make light work. The more hands the stronger the concepts.

YOUR PARENTS ASSOCIATION

We believe that the education of our students is a partnership between home and school. Parents and care givers have both a right and responsibility to participate in their child's education. All parents and care givers are encouraged to contribute to the operations of the school and the Parents' Association is one of the many ways to be involved.

The Parents' Association acts as a liaison between parents and the School Council through a nominated Council representative. The Parents' Association members are representatives of the whole school community and aim to foster and build a strong sense of community, by supporting staff and students in organizing community events. The Parents' Association also facilitates the fund raising activities of the school

Being a member of the Parents Association enables parents and care givers:

to contribute to the wellbeing of the school community
to provide opportunities for parents to get to know each other and to be informed about their child's school
to provide opportunities for all parents of students of the school to discuss issues concerned with the welfare and the general education policy of the school and to assist in the development of a shared parent view

The success of the Parents' Association is dependent upon the support it receives from the school community.

For further Parent Information check out the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development Parents' Portal at: <http://www.education.vic.gov.au>

*"LET US NOT TAKE AWAY THE DREAMS OF CHILDREN -
LET THEM RIDE ON THE SILVER MOONBEAMS OF IMAGINATION -
AT LEAST UNTIL WE CAN OFFER THEM SOMETHING BETTER - "
- NANUSHKA*

THE PA CORE COMMITTEE

Kirsten Aberle
Rebecca Anwin
Melanie Beanland
Colin Healey
Mary Grech
Sonja Griggs
Beverley Yen

If you would like to be available to assist with some of the duties (small or large) that are involved with the running of the PA then please contact us.... Fill in and return this slip to school and we will put you on the email list for when the little jobs come up... If you'd like to be of greater assistance, look out for the next PA meeting date and come along or contact

Kirsten Aberle

I'd like to join the Parents Association email list and be kept up to date for when assistance is needed.

Name, _____ Phone _____

Email, _____ Child & Grade _____

Additional comments or suggestions:

