May

7th Wednesday – Foundation excursion to Chesterfield Farm
8th Thursday – Mothers Day Stall
19th Monday Years 1 & 2 to Casey Safety Road School

MONDAY, 12TH MAY, 2014 - School photos
22nd Thursday - Commonwealth Bank Rep will be at school if anyone wants to open a student bank account 8.30 a.m. and 3.00 p.m.

School photo day:  Monday, 12th May, 2014
If you have misplaced your child’s envelope, please contact the office for a replacement

SCPS School Assembly
Next fortnightly assembly will be held MONDAY, 12th May 2014, at 3.00 p.m.

School Hours and Break Times
Playgrounds supervised 8:45 – 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 -3:45 p.m.
Students arrive 8:50 a.m. Classes start promptly at 9.00 a.m.
Morning Recess is 11 – 11:30 a.m. Lunch 1:40 – 2:30 p.m.
School finishes at 3.30 p.m.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION
Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

- Pale Blue or White
- Gold
- Orange
- Bright Pink
- General Notices
- Excursion Incursion
- Important Messages
- Fundraising

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

**NAPLAN**
The children in years 3 and 5 are currently preparing for their upcoming tests using the approved ACER materials. If you have any queries in regard to your child’s testing please discuss this with your child’s teacher. The dates for Naplan are May 13, 14, 15. These 3 days are in two weeks and fall on the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of that week. I wish all of our students taking part successful outcomes for your effort.

**Four Year Review**
Firstly, we are currently commencing our 4 year Review. This is an extremely intense study of our data over the past four years and the achievements we have made. Every Government School has to write a 4 year strategic plan and then yearly plans called Annual Implementation Plans. These are in line with DEECD procedures, practice and educational expectations. It has always been a very valuable time, as we look back over the achievements we have made. It also gives us the opportunity to focus on the current needs of the school community and to apply the programs that will gain the best results. Staff at the school have been analysing our data and our teaching and learning outcomes in detail since term 3 last year. We are now ready to work with an external reviewer, who will come in and write up a report on our progress. I am delighted to say that our outcomes, as always, make us very proud of our students, teachers and school community. Everyone has a part to play in the success of our students and in this school community everyone takes their role seriously. I will keep you informed of the stages of the process in the coming weeks.

**Case Study**
Our school has been chosen to be one of 10 Victorian schools being used in a Case Study between the DEECD and The University of Melbourne. We have been chosen due to our highly successful implementation and use of the ‘e5 Instructional Model’ for teaching. This model is the basis for our planning, interpreting, analysing, questioning, and implementing the teaching of strategies and skills to our students, so that they can acquire knowledge and know how to use it. The researchers have written up a draft report on our school and will soon be coming for a day of filming to capture the teaching process that occurs in the classrooms. I will place a copy of that report in the newsletter once it has been released for public access. Again we are very proud to be chosen as a top school in teacher pedagogical practice.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead

Averil Nunn
Principal

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**SWIMMING PROGRAM**
The 2014 Swimming Program will be conducted during Term 2 – running Monday 26th - Thursday 29th May and Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th June (8 days).

This program will be held at Genesis, Scott Street, Dandenong (formerly Just Swimming), where the students will be instructed by fully qualified swimming instructors. The students will be transported to and from the Pool by bus each day. Notices were sent home recently for the Swimming Program.

The Swimming Centre requires a minimum of 70 students to run this program at the cost of $80.00.

**If this minimum number of students is not achieved, unfortunately, we will not be able to run the Swimming Program.** Please consider supporting this very important aspect of your child’s health and wellbeing.
ANZAC stands for Australian and New Zealand Army Corps. WHAT IS ANZAC DAY? On the 25th of April every year, we pay our respects to the Australian and New Zealand troops who died in World War One (WWI) to protect our countries. ANZAC biscuits were made as they would last longer than bread as bread would go stale. The ANZAC biscuits were made from oats, syrup, flour, sugar, butter and crushed coconut. Once these ingredients were all mixed together they were placed into the oven to cook.

Thursday the 24th of April the Senior Primary (grade 5/6) and Junior Primary (1/2) as part of our buddy program made ANZAC biscuits. The students got into groups (mixed with senior and junior) and gathered the ingredients to start making the biscuits. Student engagement in each group appeared absolutely high and the senior students interacted beautifully with their younger buddies.

The outcome of the recipe was rather scrumptious. The biscuits had a sweet, nutty and a tiny but salty taste. We definitely took pride in our baking. Why don’t you make them? They are absolutely divine!

BY Rainey and Damien (5/6)
Term 1 at Southern Cross!!