Next Monday (10th March, 2014) is a Public Holiday – no school on that day – no Assembly.

**SCPS School Assembly**

From Monday 17th March, 2014, School Assembly will be held each fortnight at 3pm.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

Items sent home will generally be colour coded.

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

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**March**

- **7th** CURRICULUM DAY – No school for students
- **10th** Public Holiday – no school
- **12th** School Council AGM 3.45pm
- **17th** School Assembly – 3pm
- **19th** Harmony Day
- **27th** Whole School Photos
- **31st** School Assembly

**April**

- **4th** Last day of Term 1 – dismissal at 2.30pm

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Could all Parents please check their children’s hair, as lately there have been a number of cases of head lice. If children’s hair is checked on a regular basis, we hope that this issue will be kept under control. Thank you

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Please read this newsletter, as it is an important communication between school and home.

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome to the news this week.

**Student Leadership Badge Presentation**
On Monday we presented our Student Leaders with their badges at a special assembly attended by many of their parents. At Assembly I spoke about leadership and wished our leaders success in their roles throughout the year. We are very proud of these student leaders and I look forward to working with them in their respective roles.

**Fruit Day**
Last Friday the children enjoyed some yummy fruit from our new Supplier. We all enjoyed fruit skewers made up using apples, pears and grapes. We all look forward to our next Fresh Fruit Friday in 2 weeks’ time.

**Student Illness**
This week has seen many students, and staff, suffering with a nasty virus. As this virus appears to be spreading around the school, we would appreciate it that if your child is unwell in the morning of a school day that you keep them home. We would also appreciate in the event you are contacted to pick up your unwell child, that if you are unable to do this, you arrange for another person to collect them. Unfortunately the school does not have adequate facilities to cater for children who are quite unwell. We also ask that you notify the Office if there is a change of contact details (i.e. telephone numbers) for you, in case we need to contact you.

**School Council Elections**
In last week’s School Newsletter I advised we had received two nominations for the Parent position on School Council. I also indicated that as we had received the 2 nominations a ballot would need to be held and ballot papers would be sent home.
I would like to advise that one of the Parents who nominated for the Parent position has now withdrawn their nomination due to work/family commitments. This has now meant there will not be the need to hold a ballot.
I would like to congratulate Penelope Sulemani who will be inducted onto School Council at the next School Council Meeting.

**Curriculum Day**
Don’t forget that there is a Pupil Free Day on Friday 7th March, followed by a Public holiday on Monday 10th March. **DO NOT** send your children to school on this day. Teachers will be undertaking Professional development and planning throughout the day. Also please take note of our other Curriculum days on Friday 6th June and Monday 3rd November, 2014.

**Reminder** ...
Carpark
Please do not drop off or pick up your child from the staff car park. Only those with a Permit are allowed to enter
I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal
GREAT PANCAKE DAY ..... Thank you to all those who ordered pancakes and made this a successful special celebration

BOOK CLUB REMINDER
all orders due by 12th March

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY
All students will have been given an envelope today, to be brought back to school on photo day, 27th March. If you would like to purchase a photo package, please complete the details on the envelope and return it to school on photo day. If you would like a family photo to be taken, please collect an envelope from the school office.

PARENTS CORNER
SIBLING RIVALRY!!

Our childhood relationships can all have a dramatic effect on our identity, the way we perceive each other and the choices we make throughout our lives. Most parents would admit that siblings can influence each other in ways parents cannot. It would however be unrealistic for parents to expect their children to always get along and that conflict between brothers and sisters is inevitable. In fact it is a part of life. A way of them to learn, experience and decipher what outcomes work best.

Young children start to learn quite quickly about each other’s weak spots and how to predict each other’s behavior. This is not to only compete for the parent’s attention, but also because they enjoy the sneaky pleasure derived from the satisfaction of getting the better of someone. What siblings tell each other, how they treat each other and the roles assigned to each child by their parents can either have a beneficial or toxic effect on each individual. Keep in mind that rivalry is normal, but the response and actions towards it is what counts.

There are a few tips on how to best deal with this situation once it occurs:

- Don’t be the referee. Stand back and watch to see how they work out their issues. Allow them the opportunity to work things out fairly, so as to when they get older they are not always expecting you to get involved and that they can work out their own problems.
- Encourage positive communication. Keep your words positive to them and if needed give suggestions of proper words to use for expression if you find them having difficulty expressing themselves.
- Show proper attention. Appreciate children for who they are and care for their individual needs and abilities. Do not compare them as each child has their strengths and weaknesses that will differ.
- Lastly, encourage sibling love. Look for positive things to say to each other such as, “that’s fantastic that you share your car with your brother”.
Harmony Day.........EVERYONE BELONGS......2014

We are finalising our discussion about Harmony Day on Thursday 13th March in the School staffroom at around 9.10am. All welcome. Please come with your ideas and bring someone along to join in the discussion.

The message of Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs. It is a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity. It is a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

By participating in Harmony Day activities we can learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place.

On this day, students will be actively engaged in Harmony Day classroom activities in the morning as planned by their teachers followed by a feast of cultural food including Australian foods at 12.30pm. After lunch there will be an hour of whole school presentation on Harmony Day in the school hall.

This year our HARMONY DAY celebration at school is Wednesday 19th March.

Please diarise this date and hope to see you on this morning.

Mrs. A Nunn
School Principal

Mrs. A Singh
Co-ordinator (CHaTS)
Sports News

District Swimming Carnival

Congratulations on our District Swimming Team on their performance at the District Swimming Carnival last Thursday. All twelve swimmers performed extremely well at the Carnival which was held at Noble Park Swimming Pool. We had a warm day and the competition between the schools was fierce. Southern Cross competed against other schools in the Endeavour Hill District and overall Southern Cross came 4th. Special congratulations to Marie who qualified for Endeavour Hill District team. She will now represent the Endeavour Hills district in Breaststroke at the Casey North Swimming Carnival to be held on Wednesday 12th March.

I wish to thank these students not only for their performances but also for the way they conducted themselves on the day. It is an absolute pleasure to take students from our school to these events and have them behave in a mature and responsible manner. Congratulations to all our wonderful swimmers. The Swimming Team would like to thank Mr Gallagher, Mrs McKenna and Mrs Graham for not only coaching them on the day, but also transporting them to and from the venue. They would also like to thank Mrs Hamakiotis who helped and cheered the team on the day.

District Swimming Carnival Results

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WINTER SEASON 2014 JUNIOR BASKETBALL REGISTERATIONS ARE NOW BEING TAKEN FOR AFTERSCHOOL AND SATURDAY COMPETITION

IF YOU ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 5 TO 16 AND LOOKING TO JOIN A TEAM WE CAN HELP YOU FIND A LOCAL CLUB.

PLEASE EMAIL YOUR DETAILS TO JODIE AT development@caseybasketball.com.au

Attention Parents:

Please take the time to have a look at our wonderful Art Displays in the Office area and the corridors. Mrs Graham and the students have worked very hard on their artwork and the displays are constantly changing.

Thank you

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