April
2nd
Assembly, Wednesday at 9.00 a.m.

4th
Last day Term 1 -finish 2.30 p.m.

22nd Tuesday
School Resumes at 9.00 a.m.

Unfortunately school photo date has changed to MONDAY, 12TH MAY, 2014

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

SCPS School Assembly
Next fortnightly assembly will be held WEDNESDAY, 2nd April 2014, at 9.15 a.m.
Please note this is WEDNESDAY, not MONDAY

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

Pale Blue or White
Gold
General Notices
Excursion Incursion

Orange
Bright Pink
Important Messages
Fundraising

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.

It is hard to believe that the term is nearly over. It has been extremely busy with many Department procedural implementations. It has been a very successful term in the areas of teaching and learning. Our students have settled quickly and have been achieving a pleasing standard of work across all areas of the school.

Assembly
Next week we will be having our final assembly on Wednesday morning at 9.15 a.m. This day and time have been chosen as several staff members have department of education commitments on other days next week. Therefore I would like to invite you to attend if it is at all possible. Many children will be receiving certificates for achievement throughout the term. I look forward to seeing you if you are able to attend.

School Photographs
School Photos will now be taken on Monday May 12th. So please put that date in your diary.

Term 2
Term 2 resumes on Tuesday 22nd April.

I wish you a happy and healthy week ahead.

Averil Nunn
Principal

We would like to thank Bunnings Dandenong for their donation of products for rejuvenating our vegetable gardens. The grade 1/2s and 5/6s will be working on the vegetable gardens as part of the Healthy Living, Healthy Lifestyles mentoring program and this donation is very much appreciated.

SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

As mentioned in the calendar on the front cover, unfortunately our school photo day has had to be changed from next week. The new school photo day is now:

Monday, 12th May, 2013

Please retain your student envelope until the new date and for those parents who have returned their envelope to the school office, we will keep them safely at school until the required new date.

Apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.
Harmony Day!!!
The 2014 Swimming Program will be conducted during Term 2 - running Monday 26th to Thursday 29th May and Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th June (8 days).

This program will be held at Genisis, 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 have been sent home this week 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.

PARENTS CORNER

Quick and easy lunches.

During the school terms there is nothing in more demand than quick and easy lunches. At times though, you want to give your children a healthy homemade snack that doesn’t involve you slaving away in the kitchen for hours on pretense of feeling more domestic. Melt and mix bars or cookies that can be made ahead, then popped into the freezer only to then be easily placed into lunchboxes is what seems more appealing. If this catches your attention then below is a recipe that can tick all these boxes of quick, easy and able to be made ahead, to freeze into slices for later use.

Fruity Muesli Bar
125g unsalted butter
2 tablespoons of honey
¼ cup sesame seeds

1/3 cup brown sugar
1 ½ cups rolled oats
¼ cup sunflower seeds

1 cup sultanas or dried cranberries
½ cup self-raising flour
½ cup chopped walnuts

Method
Preheat oven to 180 degrees or 160 degrees fan forced. Grease and line a tray of the measurements of 20 cm x 30cm.

Melt the butter and honey in a saucepan over med heat until combined. Stir in all the remaining ingredients. Press the mixture into the pan and bake for 30 minutes. Leave to cool completely in the pan, then slice into 5 cm pieces and you can freeze it or serve it up.

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Social Networking

Social networking happens on a variety of services like YouTube, MySpace, Facebook and Twitter. These websites allow users to create profiles, communicate with others and form networks of friends. Users can participate in a range of activities including chatting, sharing information and photos and posting comments in forums, blogs or discussion groups.

Different social networking sites have different purposes, including
- Create communities of friends – MySpace and Bebo
- Create and download video content – YouTube and Google Video
- Share still photos – Facebook and Flickr.

Advice for parents

Where inappropriate information appears on a social networking website, users can contact the website administrator to request that the offensive content is removed.

Social networking sites generally have policies about unacceptable content, restricting content that users are allowed to upload. For example, some sites limit false profiles, content containing nudity or which presents violence. Website administrators generally rely on complaints from users in identifying unacceptable content, though this can be difficult to monitor because large quantities of content are posted every day.

Users can complain to the ACMA about offensive or illegal material including text, photographs or videos. The ACMA may take action if the material meets the criteria for prohibited content.

When making a complaint, users should provide the web address and any log-in details. Log-in details, such as a user name and password, are particularly important as many social networking sites offer users the ability to restrict information to friends or affiliated users.

Complains about content can be made at www.acma.gov.au/hotline.

Parents can:

- Set house rules about when children can give out or share personal information such as name, address or mobile number
- Advise children to set profiles to private so that only people they want to see it can
- Encourage children to thank before they put anything online. Information posted online can be there indefinitely
- Encourage children to be careful when making new friends online – they might not be who they say they are – and never arrange to meet an online friend unless a trusted adult is with them
- Report to the ACMA any material suspected of being prohibited
- Report abuse or inappropriate content to the website administrator and show children how to do this
- Visit the Cybersmart website for more information on social networking
- Contact the Cybersafety Contact Centre for advice.
**CHILD DENTAL BENEFITS SCHEDULE**

**What is it?**

From January 2014 eligible children and teenagers between 2 and 17 years of age can receive basic Dental services under the Child Dental Benefit Scheme (CDBS). Basic dental services are capped at $1000 per child over two consecutive calendar years.

Children and teenagers can access a range of services including x-rays, cleaning, fissure sealing, fillings, root canals and extractions.

**How can we find out if a child or teenager is eligible?**

Parents or carers can confirm their children’s eligibility and balance by accessing Medicare online at my.gov.au or calling 132 011.

**Information for families**


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**DENTAL SURGERY**

**St Mina Medical Centre**

Dr Fayed Azouz

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Moonlit Sanctuary Summer School Holidays
Young Ranger Program

Environmental Activities, Native Animal Care, Fun and Games during *April 2014*.

**Monday 7th, Wednesday 9th, Friday 11th April**
**Monday 14th, Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, April**

Cost: $45.00 per day, or $120 for 3 days. 
*Bookings essential* - suitable 7-14 years.

Hours: 10AM – 4PM

Wear closed-toe shoes and long pants and remember your hat.

Lunches: BYO or available for $7.50

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