

# Newsflash



<u>Term 1</u>		<u>Term 3</u>	
8 April 9 April 9 April <u>9 April</u>	K-2 Easter Hat Parade Band Easter Breakfast End of Term Sausage Sizzle <u>Last Day Term 1</u>	<u>27 July</u>  28 July 18 -25 Sept	<u>First Day Term 3- School Development day</u> First day for students Life Education
		<u>2 Oct</u>	<u>Last Day Term 3</u>
<u>Term 2</u>		<u>Term 4</u>	
<u>28 April</u> 29 April 12-14 May 25-29 May 28 May 9 June <u>10 July</u>	<u>First Day Term 2</u> Cross Country Carnival NAPLAN Testing Education Week OPEN DAY School Development Day <u>Last Day Term 2</u>	<u>19 Oct</u>  29 Nov 10 Dec <u>18 Dec</u>	<u>First Day Term 4</u>  Band Concert Carols By Candlelight <u>Last Day Term 4</u>



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## **PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

'Imagination is more important than knowledge.' Albert Einstein

### **STAFF NEWS**

As first term draws to a close Artarmon Public School says farewell to two members of staff. David Coon was successful in his transfer application for Chatswood PS and will begin at his new school after the holidays. We thank David for his contribution to the students of Artarmon PS, particularly to their fitness, and wish him well in the next stage of his career.

Suzi Chosid begins maternity leave pending the birth of her baby at the beginning of next term. We thank Suzi, who has relieved as Assistant Principal since 2008, for her commitment to student learning and her willingness to support the professional growth of her peers. Suzie will return to Artarmon in 2010 but until then we hope she enjoys the time with her new baby

The changes to classing for Term 2 are as follows:

Ms Caroline Alford has been appointed as the new Assistant Principal. She will become the class teacher for KD. Carolyn visited the school on Monday and spent most of the day with Cathie Donaldson and KD. Besides experience teaching students K-6, Carolyn brings to the school a great deal of experience in technology.

Brooke Keevers, who was recently appointed to the school, will continue to be the class teacher for 1K.

Karen Gallagher, also a new appointment to the school, will become the class teacher for KC. Karen has had experience teaching Kindergarten. She was delighted when she met the class and talked to Suzi Chosid last week

Cathie Donaldson, Assistant Principal, will fill the position made vacant by David Coon and teach with Jan Barlow on 4BC.

### **THANK YOU**

It has been a great pleasure to be part of the life of Artarmon Public School in these last two weeks. I want to thank Louise for doing me the honour of inviting me to work here. I have been very impressed the students from the charming excitement of the new Kindergarten students to the maturity and friendliness of Stage 3 students.

The parents I have met have been caring and committed to supporting student learning, the nurturing of well rounded, responsible children and the school environment. The extraordinary gift of your time and energy is much appreciated by all the staff.

The staff of Artarmon PS have shown themselves to be dedicated to students, willing to grow as educators and supportive of each other. I thank them for including me in their team. Best wishes to everyone for the Easter holidays.

Stay safe and enjoy the company of your children.

*Carolyn (Suzie) Smith*  
*Relieving Principal*

# Merit Badges

Congratulations to the following children

KD	Claire Wilkinson	3MC	Claire Koruga
KG	Riley Fanning	3R	Nellie Zydenbos
KM	Vivien Wu	3S	Joe Dyson
KC	John Elfverson	4BC	Olivia Heath
KVC	Alyssa Zheng	4D	Andy (Seo Jin) Yang
1S	Yung Kim	4/5K	Nancy Mao
1GS	Lucy Court	5C	Natasha Shirwaiker
1J	Yangda Bei	5H	Carl Bodnaruk
1W	John (Hengzhen) Zhou	5S	Yasmine Kumarasinhe
2K	Saki Azumi	5W	Trenton van Loon
2C	Jessie Rentong	5/6A	Jason (Soon-Won)Son
2H	Ewan Denton	6H	Esther Chu
2B	Henry Howard	6L	Wesley Zhang
		6T	Calvin Li

## **FIRST DAY TERM 2**

The first day for students in Term 2 will be Tuesday 28 April. Whilst some schools are having their Staff Development Day on that day ours will be held on Tuesday 9 June. On that day staff will attend a professional development day with teachers from Willoughby PS, Willoughby Girls HS and Northbridge PS. The guest speaker for the day could only be booked on that day.

## **SRC NEWS**

The Premiers Sporting Challenge will start next term.

There are new rules for the canteen. Students can only buy food for themselves but not for their friends. Please don't ask parents to buy food for you because parents can only buy food for their own child/ren, not their children's friends.

The scarves at the uniform shop are for sale for winter. ONLY \$10!!!!!!!  
When you buy one another one will go down to a school in Victoria. We have already filled 2 schools and want to fill another.

From Lauren Wilhelm and Katie O'Sullivan.

## **HEALTH ISSUES**

Parents should be aware that we have children in the school who have diagnosed with whooping cough and chicken pox. There is also the ever present problem with head lice. The holidays are the perfect time to check your children's heads and implement treatment if necessary.

## **DONATION FOR THE LIBRARY**

On Sunday 7 February two Year 6 Classes from 1959 gathered for a reunion at the Chatswood Club. The group was happy to note that 35 people attended with another 10 apologies. Most of the group had not seen each other for 50 years. Everyone expressed strong positive sentiments in relation to Artarmon Public School and was strong in their praise for the education they received at the school.

One of the organisers of the event, Margaret Thew (nee Allan) visited the school to present a cheque for \$917 for the Library. The funds were collected on the night from the 35 people there. As you can see it represents a generous donation from the group and we thank them for their contribution to our current students.

Margaret Thew also presented us with a great deal of information about the school experiences of these students and their contact details ready for the school's centenary next year. Amongst the most common memories were:

- The warm school milk the students were given to drink every day
- Chocolate crusts from the canteen
- The Oslo healthy lunch
- Fancy dress balls
- The wonderful friends they made at school
- Miss Kinsella, the Headmistress
- That this group were amongst the first to be co-educational. Until then the boys and girls were on separate sites called the Abbott Road and McMillan Road sites

## **GARDENING BEE**

Jenni Wilks Paton and Michael Paton arranged a gardening bee last weekend. Thank you to both of them for their hard work. This is the last year that Jenni and Micheal will be at the school so anyone who thinks they may be able to help by leading this group might like to talk to Michael to see what is involved.

Jenni's reports that they had 12 adults and 15 children at the Garden Bee on Sunday morning. Unfortunately there were not enough people to completely move all the mulch. The group also cleared quite a lot of rubbish from around the grounds. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day. Those who attended were:

Michael Paton, Jenni Paton, Georgia Paton, Richard deLautow, Steffany and Igor, Anna Curran, Isobel Curran, Harry Moffat, Sam McKay, Max Moffatt, Ian Baker, Riley Baker, Margot McKay, Dale McKay, Gabrielle Perry, Romi Peacock, David Peacock, Lucy Wang, Shelley Wang, Zoe Moffat, Laura Hartley, Alexia Villeda, Renee Villeda, Geoffrey Phipps, Tatyana Villeda and Jane Cozens.

# **BAND NEWS**

## **Easter Breakfast**

Don't forget, our Band Easter Breakfast is on this Thursday at 8am! Please pay \$5 at the door. Also, our lovely band key rings will be for sale - only \$7 each. This is a great memento to have of your child's time in band.

## **Contacts Reminder**

Instrument issues Alice Hung 0412 338 898  
Tutor issues Lilian Lee 9411 1285  
Band Supervision Your relevant band coordinator  
All other issues Jacqui Fuller 0449 915 189

**PLEASE DO NOT CALL MR WALMSLEY!**

## **Important Dates**

Term 1 2009

*Thurs Apr 9 - Easter Band Breakfast (all bands)*

Term2 2009

*Fri May 22 - Sun May 24 - Band Intensive (all bands except TB)*

## **Roster**

<b>SENIOR BAND</b>	<b>CONCERT BAND</b>	<b>JUNIOR BAND</b>
<i>Thurs 9 Apr 2.00pm</i>	<i>Thurs 9 Apr 12.30pm</i>	<i>Thurs 9 Apr 7.50am</i>
<b>S C Tay</b>	<b>K Orr</b>	<b>Easter B'fast</b>
<i>Wed 29 Apr 7.50am</i>	<i>Tues 28 Apr 7.50am</i>	<i>Mon 27 Apr 12.30pm</i>
<b>M Chu, J Paton</b>	<b>K Hunt, J Charles</b>	<b>Holidays</b>
<i>Thurs 30 Apr 2.00pm</i>	<i>Thurs 30 Apr 12.30pm</i>	<i>Thurs 30 Apr 7.50am</i>
<b>S Moffat</b>	<b>KY Moey</b>	<b>R Andreano M Brammall</b>
<b>JAZZ BAND 1</b>	<b>JAZZ BAND 2</b>	<b>TRAINING BAND</b>
<i>Thurs 9 Apr 7.50am</i>	<i>Thurs 9 Apr 12.30pm</i>	<i>Fri 1 May 7.50am</i>
<b>Easter B'fast</b>	<b>L/T Schwartz</b>	<b>Blue - K/B Beckett</b>
<i>Thurs 30 Apr 7.50am</i>	<i>Thurs 30 Apr 12.30pm</i>	<b>Red - K/G Phipps, C Roberts</b>
<b>M/D Holder</b>	<b>F/L Salionas</b>	

Please arrange a swap if you are unable to do your allocated roster.

**Convenor - Jacqui Fuller – Ph: 0449 915 189  
Email: artarmonschoollband@hotmail.com**

# **CANTEEN UPDATE**

## **No Lunch Orders - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

The Canteen will only be open for 'over the counter sales' of snack foods, drinks and ice creams on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April - **there will be no lunch orders.**

## **Menu Changes for Term 2**

Sushi will not be available in Term 2.

Term 2 'Winter Specials' will include:

- Baked Potatoes – with bolognaise sauce or creamed corn or baked beans, and/or cheese - \$3.30
- Homemade Soup (over the counter sales only) - \$1.00

Check Munchmonitor for updates. A revised menu will be included in the first Newsflash of Term 2.

## **End of Term Sausage Sizzle**

A number of people have asked why the end of term 'sausage sizzle / fruit lunch' is Munchmonitor only. The answer is simple....the Canteen Committee just don't have time to do it any other way...unless we are able to find new volunteers to join the committee. Mass catering events like our end of term sausage sizzles take a lot of organizing.....the most time consuming part being the collection and processing of orders.....many hours of work for volunteers, before we even get to ordering and collecting supplies and actually preparing and serving food.

The Munchmonitor system simplifies the whole process for everyone ..... no collating orders, no counting cash. On the day, the children simply give their name and class to collect their lunch.

With 60% of APS children now using munchmonitor, it provides a sensible / practical way for the Canteen to run 'special events' with limited resources.

## **Volunteers – Can you help in the Canteen in Term 2?**

Several volunteers are not able to continue on the roster, we desperately need to replace them. Please contact Michele if you would like to be added to the roster to help in Canteen in Term 2.

## **Canteen Roster : Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April :- Tony Palecek, Aemy Khor, Cathy Pan.

Next term.....

## **Canteen Roster : Term 2 - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2009**

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April :- Yuka Kondo, Rie Huxtable, Takae Burgess

Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April : - Jane Sue, Jane Zheng, Fiona Gibbs

Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April: - Kim Wildey, Felicity Vacchini, Jacqueline Hole

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May: - Anna Curran, Tracey Laming, Elizabeth Allen (sh), Keshani Desilva (sh).

**Artarmon School Canteen - Canteen Manager – Michele Stockley-Smith Tel: 9411 1425**

## **MR COONS FAREWELL**

**Date:** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May

**Location:** Artarmon Reserve Oval

**Time:** 2-5 pm

If you are available and would like to enjoy a fun farewell afternoon at the Park, please join us.

BYO healthy afternoon tea

Dress Code : Sports Gear!

Everyone is welcome, children, parents and teachers.

See You There!

**A book has been placed in the school office to sign if you wish to leave a message for Mr Coon.**

It will also be possible to say goodbye to Mr Coon under the Primary COLA this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April, at the end of the school day.

## **DONATION OF SCARVES FOR VICTORIAN SCHOOLS**

The drive to donate scarves to all of the students in the three Victorian schools that were badly affected by the bushfires at the start of the year is going well. The idea was born out of the plan by Robyn Tolnay and Kellie Morton to raise funds for the bushfire victims. Cath Gyles had the idea that a school scarf would be useful to the students, many of whom had lost everything. Cath, with the approval of the uniform committee, is co-ordinating this project and we are grateful for her thoughtfulness and hard work.

As a result of the generous donations by students and their parents, 82 scarves have been purchased. 3MC have bought the most scarves so far – a special thank you to those students. We need to have:

- 160 green scarves for King Lake Middle School
- 40 green scarves for Marysville School
- 50 red scarves for Strathewan

Please consider buying a school scarf or donating one to the students in Victoria. Artarmon students are going to write a card for each school for inclusion in the package of scarves.

## **KINDY AFTERNOON TEA**

***Attention all Kindy Parents & Caregivers: please note change of date for "K Afternoon Tea" – now Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm onwards....***

We would like to invite you to attend our 1<sup>st</sup> 'K' get-together, which will be a great opportunity to meet all the other parents in year K, as well as the children in our child's year. The whole family is welcome.

On **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May from 2pm onwards**, come along to Hallstrom Park in Small St, Willoughby for a play. There is plenty of parking along Small St and next door at Bicentennial Reserve).

Bring Your Own (BYO) food and drinks. Hallstrom Park has a playground, bike track (so bring bikes/scooters), barbecues and plenty of grass for ball games etc.

We hope you can make it, and look forward to seeing you all there.

Regards from the K Class Parents

## **4BC CLASS DINNER**

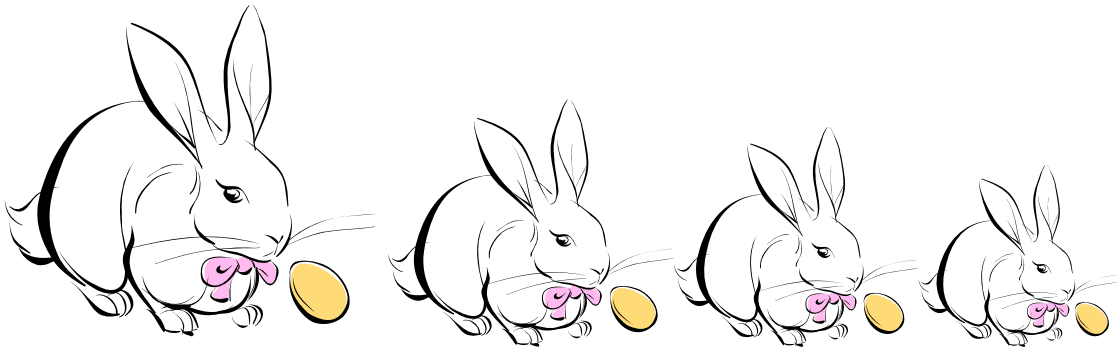
*Please come and join other 4BC parents for a relaxing Thai Dinner at:*



*Kaffir Lime (541 Willoughby Road)  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm  
Set menu for \$25.00 / BYO.*

*This is adults only, sorry no kids.*

*RSVP: Kate ( [robertandkate@bigpond.com](mailto:robertandkate@bigpond.com) ),  
mob: 0405 329 701 by 30<sup>th</sup> April  
See u there!*



Hop on down to the  
**Year 4**

Easter Hunt & Afternoon Tea

3.15pm – 4.30pm Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
Artarmon Reserve Playground

Bring Easter Eggs  
(for the Easter Hunt) & Afternoon  
Tea to share

No need to RSVP, see u There!!

Any questions phone : Kaye: 9420 5743 or  
mob: 041 007 5595

## DOES ANYBODY KNOW

### THE HISTORY OF THE PELICAN ????

As you walk in the front gate of the school, in the garden beside the main office there is an impressive stone pelican sitting in a nest of Mondo Grass. We believe that it was donated to the school by a parent, probably before 1981. We would like to know more about this impressive gift to the school so that we can put a plaque on it and include the information with material we are gathering for the centenary in 2010.

## HOLIDAY HINTS & TIPS FOR PARENTS

Looking to keep your kids amused these school holidays? It doesn't always have to involve the latest Playstation or Wii game. Why not try some of these easy outdoor activities that can be done in the backyard or the local park. Your child will benefit from the exercise too:

- Skipping
- Hopscotch
- Juggling with tennis balls or small beanbags
- Chasings
- Ball games such as playing catch, kicking to each other or shooting hoops
- Cricket
- Hula hoop
- Trampoline
- Frisbee
- Skateboarding or rollerblading
- Bike-riding
- Gymnastics on a grass area.

If you are feeling adventurous and wish to take your child on an outing why not try some of these ideas:

- Visit local parks or gardens
- Find a river or lake and feed the ducks
- Visit a museum
- Visit a national park and go for a bushwalk along one of the tracks
- Catch a ferry or bus
- Go to a beach with waves and take the boogie boards if you have them
- Go to a zoo.

For more information visit: [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/topics/2101.html](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/topics/2101.html)

## **HEALTHY KIDS EAT FRUIT AND VEGETABLES**

Try and make fruit and vegetables a part of every meal or snack for your child. Here are some yummy examples:

- Top breakfast cereal with fruit
- Add chopped or pureed fruit to yoghurt as a snack
- Make a smoothie with fresh, frozen or canned fruit
- Add a topping on toast such as a banana, avocado or tomatoes
- Freeze fruit on a skewer as a snack
- Add vegies to a stir-fry, chopped up in meat loaf or a casserole or on a homemade pizza
- Select fruit and vegetables in season – it will taste better and is usually cheaper than those that are out of season.

For more information visit: [www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/infopages/2028.html](http://www.healthykids.nsw.gov.au/infopages/2028.html)

## **MP3 PLAYERS AND HEARING DAMAGE**

It's hard enough trying to get through to your child when they seem to be surgically attached to their MP3 players (such as an iPod), aside from the 'selective deafness' that seems to go with the territory, a more serious and permanent risk of noise-induced hearing loss can be a real concern to all parents.

A rule of thumb is that if you can hear the music on your child's MP3 player, they have the volume up too high. Likewise, if your children shout or raise their voices to speak to you while they are listening to their MP3 player, it is too loud. It can take only 28 seconds of listening at too high a volume to cause permanent hearing damage—and younger children are most vulnerable.

### *Warning signs for your child*

- Vague feelings of pressure or fullness in the ears
- Sounds becoming distorted or muffled
- Difficulty understanding speech
- Experiencing a ringing sound in the ears (tinnitus) when in a quiet place

### *Safe listening tips for parents*

- Lock the volume to a safe listening level (around 75dB)
- If you can hear the music from your child's headphones, it is up too loud
- Buy over-ear headphones, which are less damaging than in-ear headphones
- Limit the amount of time your child listens to their MP3 and advise them to give their ears a rest every hour

For more information visit: [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/click)