CALANDER OF EVENTS

Fri 2nd June  LAST DAY FOR YEAR 7 APPLICATION FOR ENROLMENT FORMS TO BE RETURNED. Athletic Sports at Landy Field 9.30am.
SGPS choir to attend Kodaly Junior Choral Festival at Caulfield Grammar School. There will be NO ASSEMBLY today.

Mon 5th June  Reporting Writing Day. NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

Wed 7th June  Choir Performance 12.00pm Multi-Purpose Room. All grandparents, parents and friends welcome to attend.

Thur 8th June  Prep Gymnastics

Mon 12th June  Queens Birthday Public Holiday. NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

Tues 13th June  Speech Therapist – Prep Screening

Thur 15th June  Prep Gymnastics. University of NSW Test.

Fri 16th June  LAST DAY OF TERM. Assembly 2.00pm. School finishes at 2.30pm.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT-AIM HIGH

3/4M  Olivia Weakley, for being a kind and friendly student with excellent work habits in 3/4M.

3/4N  Rhys Gleave-Gillard, for your work and achievement in mathematics.

2/3T  Hannah Aird, for providing our class with entertaining songs and dances.

1/2B  Cayley Marshall, for the outstanding time and effort that you put into all of your class work.

1/2A  Sam Keogh, for setting a great example to his class mates.
      Lily Hennessy, for showing great improvement in her work skills.

1/2G  Brittany Fowler, for fantastic listening skills, always friendly and hard working. Well done Brittany.
      Blake Newling, for working very hard in English and Maths and for being sensible. Good boy Blake!

PM  Jasmine Armstrong, for always trying hard with everything and being a great listener.

PL  Molly Brown, for trying hard with all your work. Well done Molly!

MUSIC  Paige Mercer, for completing all set work to a high standard and for her creative poetry.
        Michael Avé, for completing all set work to a high standard and for his creative poetry

ART  Estelle Kayler-Thomson, for fantastic clay skills.

LIBRARY  Liam Powell, for excellent work on the computers and for assisting other students.

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK:
1st Mundy – 14, 2nd Yarra – 12, 3rd Kilgour – 10

PROGRESSIVE TOTALS FOR 2006:

OUR SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

An Independent Reviewer for DE&T, has evaluated the performance of South Geelong PS (2003-2005) against the following indicators; student achievement, student engagement/well-being and student transition. The results of this independent assessment was presented to staff and school councillors on Tuesday evening.

South Geelong Primary School aims to promote quality teaching and learning methods and challenging flexible programs that engaged all students. Evaluation of the student data for this period shows the following exceptional learning outcomes being achieved:

ENGLISH

Prep to Year 2 results indicate consistent scores above the State similar schools benchmarks over the past five years.

By the end of Year 2 – 2005, 97% of students read with 90-100% accuracy at level 20, with 85% reading at level 26. The same pattern was reflected in the Writing and Speaking & Listening scores where South Geelong PS students are consistently above the benchmarks.

These excellent results have continued throughout the school. The AIM results have matched or exceeded the benchmark means at both Year 3 and Year 5 with the same student group improving over three years.

MATHEMATICS

Prep to Year 2 Number and Measurement results are consistently above the State and similar schools benchmarks. Results for Years 4 and 6 were also consistently above the benchmarks with some fluctuation in the trend. The 2005 results indicate an improvement pattern emerging. The AIM results indicate scores at or above the 75th percentile in all years except Year 3 – 2005 and show boys exceeding, particularly at Year 5.

High Expectations of all Learners:

Parent Opinion rated the quality and teaching and curriculum and standards well above the State benchmarks in 2005. Staff opinion also supports that of parents indicating that students are treated well in a positive and encouraging learning environment. The school has in place constructive and positive processes for dealing with student behaviour and provides professional support for students and families where required. Parent assessment of positive student behaviour has increased markedly in 2005 indicating that the school sets high expectations for all students. Staff rated student behaviour in line with the State average as being very good. This was also supported by the students.

Our highly dedicated and professional teachers and support staff are to be congratulated for these outstanding results. We also thank all members of our school community in working together to achieve excellence at South Geelong Primary School.
JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Name: Gavin Buchmasser
Class: 4/5B
Pets: 1 dog
Favourite Music: Gorillaz/Clint Eastwood
Hobbies/interests: Skateboarding
Favourite TV show: Simpsons
Favourite tucker: Steak
A book I would recommend: Indiana Jones
Interesting fact: I can speak pig Latin

Name: Phoebe Walsh
Class: 4/5B
Pets: Monty (cat), Barney (dog).
Favourite Music: Madness of Madness
Hobbies/interests: Writing, drawing, watching TV, Playing GB, GC & PS2.
Favourite TV show: Southpark
Favourite tucker: Fish & chips and McDonalds
A book I would recommend: 4th Harry Potter
Interesting fact: I’m nearly as big as my Gran.

Name: Verity Williams
Class: 4/5B
Pets: 1 dog (Mazze)
Favourite Music: The Veronicas
Hobbies/interests: Singing, dancing and netball
Favourite TV show: Oliver Been
Favourite tucker: Fish ‘n’ chips
A book I would recommend: Clarice Been Spells Trouble
Interesting fact: I went to Robe.

Name: Paige Mercer
Class: 4/5B
Pets: 1 dog Basha, 1 bird Harvey
Favourite Music: James Blunt and Kelly Clarkson
Hobbies/interests: Drawing and reading
Favourite TV show: Simpsons
Favourite tucker: Sushi
A book I would recommend: Miss Woff and the Porkers
Interesting fact: I was born in Townsville

Name: Danielle McGann
Class: 4/5B
Pets: 2 fish and 1 cat (Misty).
Favourite Music: Hilary Duff and the Veronicas
Hobbies/interests: Waterslides, boogie boarding
Favourite TV show: The Simpsons and Lizzie McGuire
Favourite tucker: Vegetables and McDonalds
A book I would recommend: Harry Potter and The _ Blooded Prince
Interesting fact: One time I laughed for 20 minutes straight

BIRTHDAY LIST

Congratulations to those students who have celebrated their birthday.

MAY

26th Ebonie Janetzki
27th Olivia Lochrie
28th Olivia Renee Costa
28th Blake Dwyer
30th Darcy Maher

JUNE

1st Kes Leibhardt

FOOTY CAR PARKING

Last week’s footy car parking raised a grand total of $750.20, with the barbecue raising $178.00. Fantastic effort!! Huge thank you to all those concerned. The following parents are rostered on for footy car parking this Saturday 3rd June:-

12.30pm-2.15pm – Wendy Marshall, Ken Leaming, Rhonda Moat, Mardi Keogh and David Lowe
2.15pm – 4.00pm – Ken Leaming
4.00pm – 5.30pm – Lasseter Shaw

There will also be a sausage sizzle on the day to raise funds for our school which will be attended by John Quinane, Kylie & David Kaye.

Thankyou so much to all our wonderful helpers.

GO CATS...........PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!

APPRECIATIONS

We would like to thank the following members of our school community:-

To Wendy Marshall, David Lowe, Doug Dridan, Mardi Keogh, David & Kylie Kaye, Lisa Spowart, Lasseter Shaw & John Quinane for your help at the footy car parking & sausage sizzle on Saturday. An amount of $750.20 was raised for the carparking. Well done!

To Lisa Spowart for demonstrating the pottery wheel to students and assisting Grade 6 children to make their own pots.

SPEECH PATHOLOGY

PREP SCREEN 2006

The Geelong Bellarine Network Speech Pathologists will begin their annual prep screening program on TUESDAY JUNE 13TH, 2006.

Prep students will be screened for articulation (speech), stuttering, phonemic awareness, receptive language and expressive language skills. This year the language component of the screen is more extensive than it has been in previous years so that children requiring language intervention can be identified and included in the Language Support Program as early as possible.

The Geelong-Bellarine Network Speech Pathologists, Jacqui Nicholson, Sarah Weber and Gayle Fitzpatrick, will work together during this time to ensure the program is completed as quickly and efficiently as possible. Parents concerned about their child’s speech and language development are advised to contact their child’s teacher for further details.

DONATE YOUR OLD BUTTONS

OMEP Australia - the World Organisation for Early Childhood Education, a non-profit organisation with links to UNICEF, is seeking old buttons, all shapes and sizes (preferably not with shanks) – for the making of jewellery. The items made are sold at craft markets and the money raised is distributed both in Australia and overseas. In the last 12 months money from OMEP has been used to rebuild a kindergarten in Thailand destroyed by floods, to help teachers in the Tsunami devastated areas & to the Mirabelle Foundation, who assist grandparents who are bringing up young children. Please bring buttons to Kerri in the office. Thankyou.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book has fantastic offers for every family available at the office at a cost of $50.00. Please Note: This fundraiser is only available until the end of term, so if you want your entertainment book, please obtain before the 16th of