**CALANDER OF EVENTS**

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<td>Special BBQ sausage &amp; icy-pole lunch -$2 per child – proceeds to Relay for Life. CASUAL DRESS DAY. COMMONWEALTH GAMES HOLIDAYS BEGIN 11th – 26th March. 2.00pm assembly, 2.30pm dismissal</td>
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<td>Mon 27th Mar</td>
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<td>Reporting Writing Day. NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.</td>
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**THE FIRST SIX WEEKS**

It is hard to believe that our students have already completed the first 6 weeks of the 2006 school year. Both Prep classes are working extremely well and this group of young learners are confidently tackling new challenges each day. Our Preps will begin attending full-time from **MONDAY 27th MARCH**. The teachers at South Geelong Primary School have worked hard during this short period to provide a learning environment where children flourish and structured activities stimulate and develop positive attitudes to learning. Parents will have an opportunity to discuss their child’s learning progress and future goals at Parent & Teacher interviews on April 10th – 12th. Parents are reminded not to hesitate to contact their child’s teacher if they have any concerns. Effective school communities foster openness, dialogue, inquiry, risk-taking and trust for all - students, teachers and parents. Positive partnerships between home and school is an important component of learning at South Geelong Primary School.

**SHROVE TUESDAY**

Shrove Tuesday is the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, it also falls on the 28th of February and sometimes early March. Shrove Tuesday is a day of preparation for Lent. People have a last feast before Lent. This tradition is very very old, it is about 1000 years old

*By Estelle Kayler-Thomson 4/5B*

Shrove Tuesday falls in February, sometimes March. There are two other names for Shrove Tuesday, they are “Pancake Day” and “Fat Tuesday”. Shrove Tuesday is the day before Lent and on this day you eat all you can, then for Lent you don’t eat anything in order to clear up your soul. The name Pancake Day came around because you eat pancakes and pancakes have egg, flour and sugar which is fat. The name Fat came around because you consume lots of fat. Shrove Tuesday is important to Christians. Shrove Tuesday is the last day of feast because after this day most Christians have 40 days of Lent.

*By Paige Mercer 4/5B*

**SPECIAL LUNCH**

Don’t forget that we are holding a Special Lunch tomorrow. Children can buy a sausage and icy-pole for $2.00. All profits will be given to the Relay for Life — 26th March. It is a fund raising effort.

*By Paige Mercer 4/5B*
I went to the barbeque. I asked my mummy if I could play on the big kid’s area. And I had lots of food.

By Bill O’Connor

I went to play at our barbeque. Our family also came.

I went to our barbeque. Mum, Grandpa, Nan, and Josh came too. They were all excited.

By Jordan Dwyer

I went to our school barbeque. I had lots of fun.

By Ciara

I went to our school barbeque with eight people.

I went to our school barbeque. I had lots of fun. I went to play at our barbeque. I liked the big kid’s area. And I had lots of food.

I went to our school barbeque with Mum and Dad and Sam.

By Amelia Brunt

I went to our school barbeque. I liked the food that people brought.

By Lili Vincent

I went to play at our barbeque. We played with my brothers.

By Claire

Our children have created outstanding portraits which are now on display. Parents are welcome to view these after assembly this Friday. There will be an exhibition of portraits by students at the Geelong Art Gallery later this year.

All grades will be involved in this and have begun a study of Portraits by famous artists. The students are also developing their drawing techniques and use of colour. The students will all be creating portraits (head and shoulders only) of someone who inspires them or is important to them eg: Mum, Dad, Nan, Grandpa, a Geelong identity (Geelong footballer, Supercat, Nathan Deakes, Craig Mottram, Missy Higgins etc). They will need to do many sketches of this person so perhaps a photograph or newspaper article would be useful. Photos/pictures of their chosen people should be brought to Art in the first week next term. Thanks for your co-operation

Clare Carroll

On Monday 6th March grades 5/6A and 5/6M went to the Wool Museum and met a Swiss sweater, Bridgette Heller. From 9.30am to 11.30am 5/6A learnt how to weave with Bridgette while 5/6M made woven bracelets. Afterwards we all met up and had lunch on the steps at the Botanic Gardens. We then all had a lot of fun at a new playground at Eastern Park. Then it was time to walk back to the Botanic Gardens. 5/6A got a tour with Rosemary Noone while 5/6M made cane baskets. To finish off the day we all agreed to go back to the playground. It was a great day.

WELCOME BBQ - BY PREP L

By Ryan Hamers

BIRTHDAY LIST -March

Congratulations to those students who have celebrated their birthday.

5th Lily Hennessy 9th Blake Newling 10th Noah Farrow

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Name: Bella Cooke
Class: 1/2G
Favourite Music: Black-eyed Peas
Hobbies/interests: Riding my bike
Favourite TV show: Mr Men
Favourite tucker: Mango
A book I would recommend: The Enchanted Wood
Interesting fact: I am going to get a dog

Name: Cara Silkstone
Class: 1/2G
Pets: A dog called Henry
Favourite Music: Hilary Duff
Hobbies/interests: Going on holidays
Favourite TV show: Simpsons
Favourite tucker: McDonalds
A book I would recommend: Green Eggs and Ham
Interesting fact: I have been to Bali

Name: William Fitzgerald
Class: 1/2G
Pets: I have a dog named Chester
Favourite Music: We Will Rock You
Hobbies/interests: Cricket
Favourite TV show: Cricketer
Favourite tucker: KFC
A book I would recommend: Star Wars
Interesting fact: I like the AFL

Name: Brittney Murray-Rowe
Class: 1/2G
Pets: 1 rabbit called Pirra, 1 dog called Wicket
Favourite Music: Black-eyed Peas
Hobbies/interests: Playing on the computer
Favourite TV show: The Simpsons
Favourite tucker: McDonalds
A book I would recommend: Mr. Good
Interesting fact: I went to Queensland when I was in Prep

WANTED!!

Parent helpers to make Literacy tasks for Prep & 1/2 classes. This involves cutting and laminating. If you have some spare time and are willing to help we would love to see you. Please contact Mrs. Roy or Mrs. Good.

EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE

EMA cheques can be picked up from the office as soon as possible. Thankyou.

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK:

1st Yarra – 20, 2nd Mundy – 18, 3rd Kilgour – 16

PROGRESSIVE TOTALS FOR 2005:

1st Yarra – 87, 2nd Kilgour – 74, 3rd Mundy – 71