CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri 14th – Mon 17th April  
EASTER HOLIDAYS

Tues 18th  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING 6.00pm

Thurs 20th  
Winter Sport Competition 4/5B, 5/6A, 5/6M VS Clifton Springs PS at home
Year 4 Camp

Mon 24th April  
School Council approved holiday. NO STUDENTS REQUIRED AT SCHOOL.

Tues 25th April  
ANZAC DAY HOLIDAY

Fri 28th April  
Yr 6 Marimba Band to perform at Poppykettle. District Cross Country at Eastern Park 12 noon.

Thurs 4th May  
Winter Sport Competition 4/5B, 5/6A, 5/6M VS Newcomb Park PS (away)

8th-14th May  
EDUCATION WEEK- Grandparents & Special Friends Picnic 10th May.

Thurs 18th May  
Prep Gymnastics commences
Winter Sport Competition 4/5B, 5/6A, 5/6M VS Tate St PS (away)

Thurs 25th May  
Prep Gymnastics

24th to 26th May  
Year 6 Cavehill Creek Camp

Wed 31st My  
Barwon Zone Cross Country at Geelong Racecourse

Thurs 1st June  
Prep Gymnastics
Winter Sport Competition 4/5B, 5/6A, 5/6M VS Whittington PS (away)

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

Thurs 8th June  
Prep Gymnastics

Thurs 15th June  
Prep Gymnastics

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT-AIM HIGH

5/6A  
Chloe Cannon, for an enthusiastic approach to work and a positive attitude.

4/5B  
Chloe Hollins, for working consistently in all areas and for always being a happy and cheerful member.

3/4M  
Simon Butson, for impressive publishing of his latest story writing

3/4N  
Tiarnee Cornwill, for sharing your news with the class. This is a big step for you. Well done.

2/3T  
Jye Cannon, for his excellent dancing with the Mornington Island Dancers.

1/2A  
Paris Forrest, for extra special efforts with spelling unfamiliar words.

1/2G  
Aaron Leaming, for trying very hard with your handwriting and trying to complete set tasks.

MUSIC  
Phoebe Walsh, for consistently working to a high standard in music and for her excellent singing.
Parker Rettke, for consistently working well in music and his demonstration of marimba skills in ensemble.

HOUSE POINTS THIS WEEK:

1st Yarra – 23, 2nd Kilgour – 15, 3rd Yarra – 7

PROGRESSIVE TOTALS FOR 2005:

1st Yarra – 141 3rd Mundv – 119 1st Kilgour – 117

HOME READING

My Mum and Dad read to me every night. I like the pictures and the books. Sometimes I read to Mum and Dad.

The purpose of home reading is to develop and extend your child’s interest and confidence in reading.

To help parents and their child/ren enjoy reading with each other we recommend using the 3 P’s

PAUSE
Give the child time to:
Check their own reading.
Search or fix up their reading attempts.

PROMPT
If the child stops, pause then ask:
What do you think it could be?
Does the picture help?
What is happening in the story?

If the child doesn’t know the word:
What word might make sense?
What would sound right?
What does it start with?
Tell the child the word.

If the child makes a mistake:
If the word makes sense allow the child to keep reading.
Then go back to the word.
If the word doesn’t make sense encourage the child to have another try.
Tell the child the word.

PRAISE
At all times it is important that children are praised and encouraged for their efforts.
I like the way you……

We thank all parents who were able to attend the Reading Information session held last week.
Information booklets relating to this session have been sent home to all prep families. Additional copies are available from the office.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK

The Entertainment Book has more fantastic offers than ever before! If you wish to purchase one they are now available at the office at a cost of $50.00. This is a wonderful fundraising opportunity for our school. 

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N e w s l e t t e r

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Congratulations to those students who have celebrated their birthday.

**BIRTHDAY LIST - April**

7th Ryan Hamers  
9th Jake Weakley  
10th Jordan Anson-Gorman  
12th Casey Bennett

7th Rory Hempton  
9th Amelia Munday  
11th Paige Mercer  
12th David Luscombe-Caldwell

**JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

**Name:** Niamh Quinane  
**Class:** 1/2G  
**Pets:** None  
**Favourite Music:** Hilary Duff  
**Hobbies/interests:** Knitting  
**Favourite TV show:** Neighbours  
**Favourite tucker:** Strawberries  
**A book I would recommend:** I Don’t Want To Go To Hospital  
**Interesting fact:** We are getting a dog.

**Name:** Aaron Leaming  
**Class:** 1/2G  
**Pets:** A cat  
**Favourite Music:** Green Day  
**Favourite TV show:** Simpsons  
**Favourite tucker:** Chinese  
**A book I would recommend:** Charlie and the Chocolate Factory  
**Interesting fact:** I have swimming lessons.

**Name:** Hannah Arkinstall  
**Class:** 1/2G  
**Pets:** I have six chickens, 3 dogs and 6 ducks  
**Favourite Music:** The Veronicas and Kiss  
**Hobbies/interests:** The Simpsons  
**Favourite TV show:** KFC  
**Favourite tucker:** Chinese  
**A book I would recommend:** The Enchanted Wood  
**Interesting fact:** I went to Queensland

**Name:** Tristan Lowe  
**Class:** 1/2G  
**Pets:** Dog, cat and 2 guinea pigs  
**Favourite Music:** We Will Rock You  
**Hobbies/interests:** Gameboy  
**Favourite TV show:** The Simpsons  
**Favourite tucker:** KFC  
**A book I would recommend:** Danny The Champion of the World.  
**Interesting fact:** I go to Wye River on holidays

**Name:** Noah Farrow  
**Class:** 1/2G  
**Pets:** Rabbit called Princey  
**Favourite Music:** Jingle Bells  
**Hobbies/interests:** Playing Playstation  
**Favourite TV show:** Star Wars  
**Favourite tucker:** Lettuce  
**A book I would recommend:** Hairy McLary  
**Interesting fact:** In two sleeps I am going to Nanny’s (19.2.06)

**APPRECIATIONS**

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


- To all parents who attended the recently held parent & teacher interviews. These formal discussions help to provide clear and concise information and evidence about each child’s individual learning path.

- To Julie Luscombe-Caldwell for organising new Guided Reading books for grades 1/2.

- To the parents who assisted our Preps with the PMP (Perceptual Motor Program). The student’s physical movements & skills greatly improved during this intensive small group program.

**DRUMMING LESSONS**

Are you interested in drumming? Drumming has now been added to the instrumental music program at South Geelong and lessons will be conducted during school hours. Adam Giles is a drumming teacher at Newtown Primary School and has had a great deal of experience on stage. You may recognise Adam from Music Workshop where he is currently working. For more information contact Louise on 0412712701.

**ASTHMA & ALLERGIES**

**ASTHMA:** Since the beginning of term we have had a few incidences of students with asthma attacks. If your child suffers from asthma it is very important that they have the appropriate medication with them at school, at all times. Whether the attacks are regular or spasmodic it is very important that staff have current information and medication at school in order to provide appropriate care.

**ALLERGIES:** It is also essential that the school has updated information regarding any allergies your child may have. We have recently discovered children with peanut allergies and no record of this exists on their file.

**WANTED**

- Smaller size (4 - 8) green tracksuit pants for our “spare clothes” supply. Please send to the Prep rooms. Thankyou.

- The music department is seeking a piano. Do you have one or know of anyone who would like to donate a piano to South Geelong PS? The children would very much appreciate it. Please contact the school office with details.

**EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE**

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

**FOOTY CAR PARKING**

The following parents are rostered on for footy car parking this Saturday. GO CATS!!!!!!!

- **12.30pm – 2.00pm** Steven Mathiesen, Ken Leaming & Matt Brunt
- **4.30pm – 5.30pm** Gerard Benstead

Your help is very much appreciated.