Dear Parents

STUDENT ALLERGIES

Schools today have a wide range of students with allergies ranging from oranges, eggs, fish, dairy, bees, variety of nuts, etc. Some of these are life threatening within a short time if a child is exposed or has contact. Coromandel Valley Primary School has students who are highly allergic to nuts and require medication within minutes via an epi-pen followed by hospitalisation. We would appreciate families not providing students with snack packs of nuts or including nut based products in lunches.

RAISING KIDS

Parents of students in years 6 and 7 and beyond often find the changes in their child’s behaviour and attitude to school and life in general as they become teenagers challenging and at times confrontational. In response to comments made by parents when I have spoken to them during first term and at 3 way conferences, the school has engaged two outstanding speakers to run separate workshops for parents and children on the 7th August at 7.30pm (please note that this is week 3 of term 3) at the school. Mark LeMessurier will lead the parent workshop and Bill Hansberry the student workshop. They are well known in South Australia and co-authors of a book to be released later this year called “Raising Beau Kids”. Mark also wrote a best seller called “Parenting Tough Kids” and is the architect of a “Mentoring Program” used in a number of schools across Australia.

Mark and Bill believe that ‘Beau Kids’ just don’t happen! Children begin life by being naturally impulsive and self-motivated. They look to parents to show sound judgement, compassionate leadership and the capacity to develop predictable boundaries and routines. Kids, whether they’re 7 or 17 years old need connected parents who can make the tough calls when required, even when making these tough calls inconveniences them. In short, kids need parents that know ‘when to say yes, and how to say no’.

How parents do this often depends a lot more on their personal parenting style than on the kids themselves. Come and learn about your parenting style in a fun and interactive atmosphere. You’ll discover -

What your parenting style really is – the window you mostly live in
Whether your management style is the same at work and at home
Whether your parenting style is working for you, and for the kids
And, whether it’s likely to work for you in the future. Is it sustainable?
Once you leave the workshop - the next time you’re faced with one of those ‘tricky moments’ with the kids, you’ll be able to ask yourself;

Which window do I ‘feel’ like reacting from?
Should I move to another window?
If I need to move, how can I gather the energy and poise to do this?
Which window is most likely to result in a constructive solution, and has a good chance of keeping our relationship intact?

If you are the parent of a year 6 or 7 student put the 7th of August on your calendar we will call for families to register later in the term.

PHIL GREAVES
PRINCIPAL

Friday 24th May, 2013

The time has arrived again to put on those walking shoes and step out for an early morning stroll to school.

Put this date on the calendar and join in the fun! There will be more information to follow in the next newsletter.

Regards,
Michelle O’Connell

SAPSASA KNOCKOUT CRICKET

This year CVPS has entered a team in the SAPSASA Knockout Cricket Competition. So far the team has played 2 games winning both and moving into the quarter finals to be played throughout the last term. The first game was against Hallett Cove East PS with our team winning comfortably with all the boys playing well. The second game was against Woodend PS and proved to be another comfortable win with the boys having to work much harder in the field in the warmer conditions. The team has played in good spirits and has played well as a team.

Rob Warncken
Senior Leader

NUT AWARE SCHOOL

The school is a “Nut Aware” school. There are a growing number of schools in Adelaide and many others in the State that are “Nut Free Schools”. The policy was implemented because several students at our school have a severe peanut/nut allergy. These students can not be exposed to nuts in ANY form, as this will trigger an anaphylactic reaction – that is a reaction requiring an immediate injection of adrenalin, ambulance attendance and hospitalisation.

This has very serious consequences for our school and in the students’ best interests we made the unanimous decision to ban all peanut/nuts and food containing nuts within the school. The Canteen has also undertaken the change.

Parents and caregivers are requested NOT to send food to school that contains nuts. This includes peanut paste, nuttella, all nuts and cooking oil containing peanut oil, as well as food containing nuts.

* This school acknowledges that due to food processing practices, it is impractical to eliminate nuts or nut products entirely from an environment where there is food. Thus “Nut Aware” school.

MOVING OUR BLACKWOOD WAR MEMORIAL!

There are plans afoot to relocate the Blackwood War Memorial from its present site in the heart of Blackwood where it has stood for over 90 years to the Waite Reserve behind the Coles car park. Whilst not opposing the upgrade to the Waite Reserve, as a community we need to be consulted before any motion is passed to relocate the memorial as a respect to the residents of our area who sacrificed their lives for our country. Thousands of people have signed a local petition to ensure the digger is not relocated, however please make sure you are aware of all the facts, and PLEASE have your say by visiting the following web page. ‘Lest we forgot’.

Have your say at http://www.facebook.com/Save.the.Blackwood.Soldiers.Memorial
FRONT GARDEN REDEVELOPMENT

A HUGE thank you to Gaven Wollaston and his team for the fantastic work done over the weekend on the front gardens at the school.

- Over 20 species of natives put in with a deliberate emphasis getting colour into the beds.
- Thanks to Russell Cropley, Rachel Collingwood, Tim Gray, & both Nick & Tom Wollaston for helping.
- Watering system converted to industrial surface style simply to ease maintenance/ breakages in such a high traffic area.
- Please advise kids to keep off the garden beds especially while new plants are establishing themselves.
- Plenty more work to be done and any volunteers can contact Gaven on 0403300880.

ISSUE 3 BOOK CLUB OUT NOW

Did the kids run out of things to do during the holidays?

Issue 3 of Book Club is out now and full of great books, activities and ideas for all ages, with many of the titles being listed in the Premiers Reading Challenge Book List. As well as your child's name & class, please remember to include your name & phone number in case you need to be contacted. Last issue saw a huge order of very popular books and a few of our students had to wait for a second shipment to arrive.

A big thank you to those of you who had to wait a few extra days for your orders. I've since heard it was well worth the wait! The return date for this issue is **WEDNESDAY THE 15TH MAY**. Orders can be delivered to the office until the end of the school day. Orders after this date will not be accepted.

Happy Reading!
The Marriage Course is a great opportunity to get out for a date night with a difference, and is designed for all couples, whether your relationship is great or there are areas you need to work on. It’s designed for those who recognise the importance of their relationship and want to invest in and improve it. Through the use of informal DVD talks the 7-week course provides helpful and practical tools as well as plenty of laughs along the way. There is no group work whatsoever – you will be served coffee/tea and delicious desserts at a romantic table for two.

The next course being run by CoroUniting church (415 Main Rd, Coro Valley) will run on Monday evenings starting Monday 13th May. There is a cost of $100 per couple to cover materials & food. Enquiries: David Buxton on 0438 500 375 or check out the CoroUniting website for more info.

Are you interested in hosting a Korean student in term 3, 2013. Your family will have a unique opportunity to learn about another culture.

We are currently arranging student numbers for the term 3 program and would love to have many families involved. This will be a 4 week homestay from the beginning of the term. Students will meet their host family on Sunday 21 July until Saturday 17 August.

As a host family you will be reimbursed $230 per week per student to cover your costs. We hope you will give your consideration for this program in Term 1. If you are unsure and would like to ask some questions please see me and I would be happy to explain the program to you.

Please complete the registration form below or email me at Sue MAThews799@schools.sa.edu.au and send your reply by Monday 13th May. After receiving your application I will send home a family application form for you to complete and return to me.

Thank you for your interest.

Sue Matthews
International Student Program Manager

REGISTRATION OF INTEREST - KOREAN HOMESTAY

NAME…………………………………………… ………………..…………………….
Contact Phone No……………………….………………… ………………..………..
We are interested in hosting a student in term 3, 2013 for 4 weeks.
Signed……………………………………………………………………………………

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LEARNER PROFILE & ATTITUDE CERTIFICATES

Congratulations to the following students who received recognition for their efforts at school to learn in a positive and productive manner.

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Anzac Day Memorial Service

On the 25th April it was Anzac Day. There was a dawn service which was attended by many people from the community.

Jenny W., Ryan C., Kingsley R. and myself laid a wreath to represent the school.

Indigo P.

~ COMMUNITY NEWS ~

PLANT SALE – Coromandel Valley Rotary will be holding its next Plant Sale on Saturday 11th May at Waite Reserve, Blackwood from 8.30 a.m. to 3 p.m. 1,000’s of fantastic plants – mostly under $4.00. All profits support Rotary projects locally, nationally and overseas.
The Parents and Friends team would like to invite you to our GIRLS NIGHT OUT.

When: Tuesday 7th May (just prior to Mother’s Day)

Time: 7:30pm to 9:30pm

Where: C.V.P.S Hall

We have approximately 15 small businesses displaying/selling/promoting their products and/or services. Many of these businesses are owned by parents or friends of our school community.

Maybe you would like to treat yourself and purchase something for a loved one or friend.

A $5 entry fee includes a complimentary glass of bubbles or juice on arrival. A café and chat area will be set with light refreshments provided (food platters and water). Soft drinks and tea/coffee can be purchased on the night.

Raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the beginning of the night for $1 each with our stall holders kindly donating the prizes. Raffle prizes will be drawn the same evening.

Pre-purchase of tickets is a must!

Limited tickets will be available on the night so to pre-purchase your tickets to this fun event, please complete the form below and return with your entrance fee(s) in an envelope to the front office by the morning of Friday 3rd May.

We will then hold your name and number of guests on our guest list at the door. So please gather your family and friends and joins us for our GIRLS NIGHT OUT.

N.B. Please no stiletto heels in the school hall.

Name: …………………………………………………………………………

Number of tickets: ……………………………………………………………

Money enclosed: ……………………………………………………………