



Belong Learn Thrive

NEWSLETTER

Building Update

This week, preparation work for the footings is underway. The concrete foundations will be poured on Friday.

The steel for the framework has also been delivered.

We look forward to the building starting to take shape in the coming weeks.

The brick pedestrian pathway and entrance at the front of the school (eastern side) has now been restored and the temporary fencing along the eastern fence line removed.

We are looking for a team of people to assist us with a project to provide curtains for the top windows in the student commons. More information on the attached flier.

Student Absences - Monday November 3

Thank you for your continued support in sending a note (in advance of your child's absence) or phoning the school before 9.30am on the day they will be absent.

School will be open on Monday November 2nd but closed on Melbourne Cup Day (Tuesday November 3rd) as it is a public holiday.

Lunch orders will not be available on Monday November 2nd.

If your child will not be attending school on Monday October 3rd (before Cup Day) please send a note to your child's class teacher prior to the day or call on the day before 9.30am.

Booklists 2010

School booklists for next year are being sent home this week with the children.

If you choose to purchase the items through our supplier,

Landmark, you need to complete the booklist form and return it to the school by Friday December 4. Remember to cut off the bottom section of the form that contains the information about collecting your parcel.

NB: Payment is arranged with Landmark and can be prepaid by credit card or paid on collection.

You may also choose to source the booklist items yourself. If you do so please ensure that the items (as listed) are purchased.

Swimming & Water Safety Program

Thank you to families who have returned the permission forms and

Coming events

• Enrolments for 2010 are now being taken. Forms are available from the Office

• Teachers Day - October 30

• Melbourne Cup Day (public holiday) - Tuesday November 3

• Prep 2010 Orientation Program

- First session Wednesday November 4 (9:30-11.00am)

- Next sessions: November 11 and 18 (9.30 - 11.00am)

• - November 4 Parent Information Session - 7.00pm

• Parent & other Volunteers morning tea November 25 (11.00am)

• Swimming Program November 30 - December 11

• Term 4 concludes - Friday December 18 at 1.30pm

Check out the updated school website!

www.pvsps.vic.edu.au

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Pupil of the Week

Maybel & Olivia for trying hard to learn all their spelling words - Ameera

Mackenzie for her persistence when coloring in her teddy bear & **Izabella** for trying her best in maths - Michael

Michaela for her enthusiasm and positive attitude towards her school work - Patty

Zoe for her creative story writing - Anthony

Talia for her hard work and excellent listening skills - Souad

Harry for his excellent handwriting and making an outstanding improvement in listening skills - Heavena

Lucas for cooperatively building a model of a volcano to share with the class - Heather

Kai for his enthusiasm in all classroom tasks & **Rohan** for making an outstanding effort in his story writing - Michele

Matthew for his understanding of base 2 notation in maths - Charmaine

Natalia for always being a careful listener and improvement in her narrative writing - Alison

Liam for making a fantastic effort in maths groups - Margie

Sharon for always presenting neat, creative and attractive work - Zoe

Tayla for always working well in the Italian class & **Stefan** for all the good work he completes in the Italian class - Maria

CJ for his increased participation in Physical Education - Nathan

Kardelen for her enthusiasm in all musical activities - Greg

Eleni for her deep thinking about chance and data - Brent

Alani & Bridget for their great reports on Behind the News - Sue

Addendum: 2009 Mathematics International Competition & Assessments for Schools - UNSW

Congratulations to the following students on their achievements.

Year 3: Katrina V. (distinction)

Countdown to Christmas - after school activity program

This is a fun, after school program, for primary age children, and features the Christmas story with plays, lively songs, craft and refreshments.

It will be held on Mondays - November 30, December 7 and 14 - 3.45 - 5.30pm in the Uniting Church Hall, Westgate Street, Pascoe Vale South.

Although there is no charge, enrolments are essential. Please ring Nancy on 9354 4950 by November 14th.

payment for this program. All forms and payment are required by Friday November 13th.

Student Safety

As part of our Displan we have a number of processes in place in the event of an emergency. These are regularly reviewed and updated to reflect current information and changes to the school environment.

With building works moving to the next level we have developed a joint evacuation procedure, with the building site personnel and everyone on the school site, in the event of a situation requiring evacuation of the buildings or site.

There are two designated assembly areas - one on the school oval and one in the park across from the school in Reynard Street. The assembly area to be used would be decided in relation to the circumstances at the time, with safety being the prime factor.

A joint practice drill was conducted today with the school evacuating to the park across from the school.

Sue Spurr, Principal

The Importance of Fatherhood

Last month, *Parent Update* announced the launch of a new parenting resource, *Fathers Matter* – a publication that offers practical information for fathers on bonding with your children, everyday fatherhood, rough and tumble play and parenting after separation. Here's an extract from *Fathers Matter*:



Only fathers father
Why is the importance of fatherhood frequently underestimated? Is it because we believe mothers do the 'real' parenting, while dads have

to make do with 'best supporting role'? Fathers come fully equipped to deal with fatherhood. Research has shown that fathers are just as good as mothers at recognising and responding sensitively to the needs of their newborn babies, and just as able to care for older children.

On the whole, fathers are more similar than dissimilar to mothers in their capacity to parent and the way they parent, yet there are subtle differences and research is showing that these differences are important.

For example, fathers play with children differently than mothers. The father 'brand' of play expands children's experiences and is linked to important social skills needed later in life. When you care for and play with your child, you are doing so in ways only a dad can. You're not just 'babysitting' or 'being mother' for a while; you're fathering.

Fathering is irreplaceable

Then there is the issue of father involvement. Despite the fact that fathers in our society spend less time with their children (and far less time with babies) than mothers, they have a major impact on how their children turn out. High levels of father involvement have been linked to better social and academic skills in their children. Disengaged fathering has been linked to problems in children and young people as diverse as obesity, delinquency and depression. Despite the fact that fathers in our society spend less time with their children (and far less time with babies) than mothers, they have a major impact on how their children turn out. High levels of father involvement have been linked to better social and academic skills in their children. Disengaged fathering has been linked to problems in children and young people as diverse as obesity, delinquency and depression.

Paths to fatherhood

Unlike mothers, modern fathers do not have universally accepted role models or fatherhood scripts they can follow. Our idea of fatherhood is in a state of flux, with rapidly changing views on what constitutes good fathering. You only have to think about how much fatherhood has

changed over the last generation. Looking around today, you'll see many approaches to fatherhood – from the slightly detached traditional father role, through to fathers who have a much more 'hands-on' approach. Finding the right path for you is not made any easier by mass media which routinely highlights derelict fathering, focuses on violence and abuse, or presents fathers as lovable dills at best. Don't be deterred. You will discover that, in addition to the more traditional roles of father as 'provider' and 'protector', there are other roles that you can fill competently – such as 'carer', 'teacher', 'role model' or 'guide'. The good news is that it's up to you what kind of father you'll become. Sure, you'll be influenced by your cultural heritage and your own experience of being fathered. But by no means are you destined to follow any previous pattern. You may or may not want to emulate your own father – but the point is you have a choice. Being a father is one of the most rewarding life experiences a man can have. In the end, the only

limiting factor is the role you choose to adopt – and how involved you decide to be.

More information

For more information and to read a copy of *Fathers Matter* online, visit [Fathers Matter Parenting Resource](#)

Fathers Matter was produced by the Parenting Research Centre for the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development.

BOOK FAIR 2009

Dear parents,

The Book Fair will be at Pascoe Vale South Primary School from Tuesday 24th to Friday 27th November. We are requesting parent volunteers to help with set up, pack up and selling before school and after school.

Thank you

Maria & Heather

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Attention: Maria Alagna/Heather Noonan

Book Fair - Could you please write your name and contact number if you are able to help out on the following days and times. For morning sales you would need to be available between 8.30 – 9.10am and for afternoon sales between 3.15 and 4.00pm. Forms can be returned to your child's teacher or to the Office.

- Tuesday 24th (afternoon) set up _____
- Wednesday 25th (morning) sales _____
- Wednesday 25th (afternoon) sales _____
- Thursday 26th (morning) sales _____
- Thursday 26th (afternoon) sales _____
- Friday 27th (morning) sales _____
- Friday 27th (afternoon) sales _____
- Monday 30th (morning) Pack up _____