FROM THE PRINCIPAL….

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Book Week
Next week is Book Week and Sallie has planned a number of activities to celebrate this event. The highlight will be the visit by Morris Gleitzman for the Year 3-6 levels. With the theme being “Champions Read”, Sallie has taken an Olympics theme, with students voting on the picture story books that have been shortlisted for various Children’s Book Council of Australia Awards. You can find them on the 100 metre sprint track displayed in the Library.

The Junior School Council will also be running a fundraiser for State Schools Relief using the book character parade as the fundraising vehicle of choice. Please plant the seeds of thought in your child/rens minds, as there will be a short lead up to this event next week.

Industrial Action - State-wide Stop Work, 5th Sept 2012
Unfortunately my prediction of a more prolonged industrial campaign has come to pass and further action is planned for the 5th Sept. I do apologize for any inconvenience to parents and this time I am also planning to take industrial action, along with all members of the school leadership team. I will be notifying the Regional Office of this situation. All parents will be informed on Friday August 17 of those staff members taking industrial action.

Cyber Bullying Information Night - Tues 21st August
A final reminder about the Cyber Bullying Information session which will be presented by Sally-Anne McCormack - a clinical Psychologist and a former teacher - on Tuesday 21st August from 7.00-9.00pm. I encourage parents and carers to take up this opportunity as I believe that it will be very beneficial to those who attend. The cost of the session is $5 and is to be paid at the door.

Christopher Sexton
Principal
**BOOK WEEK**

The Children’s Book Council of Australia celebrates Book Week from Saturday 18th – Friday 24th August. We will be celebrating Book Week at Wales Street by reading the Picture Story books that have been shortlisted for various awards in 2012. The students will then be given the chance to vote for their favourite book and we will compare their favourites with those of the Book Council!

The Junior School Council will be supporting State School Relief with a Book Character Day next Wednesday and we have Morris Gleitzman coming to talk to the Grade 3-6 areas next Friday, thanks to the efforts of Rob over the last couple of years!

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**SOLAR PANEL LAUNCH**

*at Assembly 3rd September*

On Monday 3rd September there will be an official ‘launching’ of our Solar Panels. Martin Ferguson, Federal Minister for Resources, Energy and Tourism as well as Fiona Richardson MLA for Northcote, will be attending.

There will be an item from the choir and a presentation from Shannon /Clare’s Grade 5 students. The school community, including several parents, have worked hard over the last couple of years to see this energy saving action come about and this will be an opportunity to thank them publicly.

All parents are invited to attend the assembly in the Multi-purpose Hall at 9.00.

Louise Young

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**Book Character Parade**

Tuesday 21st August

Dress up as your favourite book character to raise money for State Schools Relief. Bring a gold coin donation and make sure you’re looking like your favourite character and the best dressed will win a prize

Junior School Council

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**CHINA CAFE**

Thursday 23rd August

3.30 - 5.00pm

LAST ONE FOR 2012!

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**Woolworths Earn and Learn Stickers**

Thanks for a great effort. Please send in all your forms and sticker rolls to the office by Wednesday 22nd August. We currently have 43,700 stickers to send in next week!

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**Coles sports for school’s vouchers**

Thanks to everyone who has been supporting this great initiative, it’s exciting to see so many vouchers piling up in the box in the office! Keep up the good work.
COBURG CRICKET CLUB. Junior Cricket Season 2012/13, incl. MILO/ Under 10 & Under 12 & older. Our junior program exists to provide children the opportunity to socialise, learn, improve & develop as cricketers & more importantly as individuals. Registration Day at City Oval Harding Street Coburg, Sun. 16th Sept. 2012 at 10am -12pm. Or register your interest incl. contact details with our club secretary at: bettina.t@bigpond.com

PRESTON (Darebin) BLUE LIGHT DISCO. 31st Aug. Preston Town Hall. 274 Gower St., Preston. 6.30-9pm (8-14yo). Cost $6. Canteen with food & drinks. Plenty of prizes & giveaways. Contact: Jo Parissis 0418 144 446. Sign up to the Blue Light Website at www.bluelight.org.au. “Children need to be picked up by responsible adult”

Princes Hill SC Showcase Concert. Come along & see our fabulous musicians, Contemporary Jazz Ensemble, Latin Band, Orchestra, String groups, Rock Bands, Vocal groups & many more made up of students from years 7 – 12. Venue: Darebin Arts Centre, Aug. 30th @ 7pm. Tickets $20 Adults, $15 concession & $45 Family. Ph: Darebin Arts Centre on 8470 8280 A great family nights entertainment!

Roald Dahl Day is 13 Sept. - his birthday. Darebin Libraries is holding a Roald Dahl Drawing Competition for kids aged 5 – 12 years! Competition dates 2 Aug. – Thurs. 13 Sept. Winner announced Friday 21 September. Entry forms are available at the Customer Service Desks at any Darebin Libraries branch - and can also be downloaded from the Sponge Club and Darebin Libraries websites. The prize: Roald Dahl gift pack. A selection of entries, including the winner, will be displayed in the libraries and online!

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Pascoe Vale Little Athletics Club embraces all kids (5-16 yrs) & families. Registration: Sat 18th Aug. (10am-1pm) Venue: Harold Stevens Athletic Track, Outlook Rd, Coburg (Melway 18A10) Information: Chris Rizzo 0425 712 961 or visit www.pvlac.com.au