A Message From The Principal….

Learning Time is Important Time
Core to our school’s curriculum is the development of high quality literacy and numeracy for every child. Core instruction commences in every classroom at 8.45am, and every minute is valuable and important. Teachers deliver an uninterrupted literacy and numeracy program for your child, and will commence core instruction on time. So that your child has every opportunity to learn and succeed, it is important that all students are in attendance and ready to commence learning at the beginning of each school day. If your child is absent from school, please provide your child’s teacher with a note explaining the reasons for the absence. In the event that your child is absent from school for two consecutive days, we request that you contact the school to inform us of the reason for your child’s absence.

The TLC
Our TLC has experienced a major makeover. Bookshelves and tables have been rearranged, and books have been reorganized and catalogued. The TLC looks fantastic and is ready for reading!! It is important that your child/ren has access to at least 5 different books for reading at all times (for example, fiction, non-fiction or picture story) so please encourage your child to borrow regularly from the TLC.

District Swimming
On Friday, thirty-five of our Grade 4 to 6 students will be representing Essendon North Primary School at the district swimming carnival. I wish them every success and a wonderful day, and believe they will represent our school with pride.

ENPS Green Thumbs Club
A reminder that Kira, Olga or the school’s office would love to hear from you if you able to help in any of the following ways:
- Donating agapanthus, camellia trees or bamboo plants
- Donating some large garden pots
- Volunteering to assist with some gardening
- Making a monetary donation (small or large) for the club to purchase additional trees, plants, shrubs or gardening pots for the school’s grounds. Donations can be made at the office.

School Gates and Visitors
So that we can provide a safe learning environment for our students and staff, the school’s gates will be locked at 9am and will reopen at 3pm. Any visitor to the school during school times is required to report to and sign in at the office, including parents and classroom helpers. This provides an instant record of the whereabouts of a visitor in the case of an emergency.

School Arrivals and Departures
There have been a number of concerns recently brought to the school’s attention with the way in which some drivers are dropping off and collecting child/ren at the school. It is not in the best interests of children’s safety to double park cars and cross Keilor Road without using the crossing. If dropping off and collecting your child/ren from school, please use the allocated parking zones. The parking zones outside the school on Gillies Street have a restricted time of 2 minutes between 8am to 9am and 3pm to 4pm. Longer-term parking is available opposite the school’s oval in McCulloch Street, and further down Gillies Street and on Keilor Road. Students are to use the school crossings on Keilor Road and McCulloch Street to cross the road, and are required to use the school gates to enter and exit the school.
School Uniform
Please remember that all students are required to wear a school uniform whilst at school or when representing the school. Thank you to the parents who ensure their child has a full school uniform and children are wearing this on a daily basis. I am very pleased to see children wearing sun smart hats whilst learning and playing outdoors. Well done! Please note that due to safety reasons the following items are not permitted at school:
- Earrings are not to be worn (other than studs or sleepers)
- Jewelry other than a wristwatch
- Clothing with offensive language/art work, messages etc
- Thongs, high heels, singlet tops, thin strapped or strapless sundresses or tops

Hair
If your child has long hair (ie: beyond the shoulder), we require students to have their hair tied back in a ponytail or in pigtails. We find this assists children to learn, play and socialize effectively together as well as preventing the infestation of head-lice amongst children.

Coffee Alfresco at ENPS
Every Friday afternoon from 2.30pm to 3.30pm, Coffee Alfresco will be at ENPS serving coffee in the main school quadrangle. Come along and enjoy a coffee, and meet other parents.

Curriculum Day
A reminder that the school’s curriculum day has been scheduled for Friday March 9th and students are not required to attend school on this day. If you require out of school care for your child/ren on this day, please contact Camp Australia.

Instrumental Music Program
Another exciting year is about to begin for the school’s Instrumental Music Program and the program has received many new enrolments. This is terrific program that enables students to learn new musical skills and instruments. The school offers tuition in Drums, Bass Guitar, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Ukulele, Singing and Keyboard. If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact the school’s IMP Coordinator on andrewnumns@hotmail.com

Scott Mullen
Principal

Hello everybody!
I am Sameer, a new parent of ENPS, wish to suggest starting a walking school bus for kids staying on north side of Kerferd Street from the school.

The Walking School Bus is not a real vehicle but a group of children who walk to school accompanied by two adult leaders (one ‘driver’ and one ‘conductor’). Picking up and delivering children at ‘bus stops’ on the way to school. Its aim is to increase physical activity amongst children and reduce traffic congestion around schools.

Parents interested to join the school bus kindly contact the school.

START 94 Kerferd Street, Essendon North
Head south-east on Kerferd Street towards Elm Grove, go through 1 roundabout (500m)
At the roundabout take the 1st exit onto McCulloch Street (260m)
Turn left onto Keilor Road (120m)
FINISH Essendon North Primary School
Little Takers School Playgroup is back for 2012!

This year our playgroup will be in its new permanent home in the school gym. Our new home allows the children to play in dry & wet areas. Children will have fun with our puzzles, games, & toys while mums, dads, and careers can enjoy a cup of tea or coffee and a chat! Our playgroup meets at 9am until approximately 12noon. But feel free to come and go within that timeframe. Watch out for further details in the next school newsletter confirming the start date & fees. Any mums, dads or careers that are interested in joining the school playgroup please fill in the below slip and place it in the playgroup pigeon hole in the school office. Either Carla or Leshelle will contact you shortly after or if you prefer, this Friday Carla or Leshelle will be in the school gym if you would like to come down and have a chat about how it all operates.

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Name: ........................................ Phone No. ..........................

Preferred time to be contacted: ..............................................................

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Strathmore Secondary College Tours & Application Process

College Tours will run during the period 19th March till 18th May 2011 and commence at 9am sharp. It is essential to telephone the College on 9379 7999 to make a booking as the Tours fill very quickly. We do not run open days.

Documentation: The College gives priority to children who reside within our designated area and you are required to provide proof of permanent residence before an application will be considered. This can be done by providing:

- A current rate notice or a valid lease agreement from a real estate agent covering the whole of the school year for which you are applying (2013) – in the full name/s of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s)
- Plus other documentation in support of your proof of residence at least three pieces (including utility bills etc). Note: we do not accept Drivers Licence or phone bills as proof of residence.
- Full birth certificate for your child (showing parents names)
- Passport and valid visa where relevant

Any enrolment based on false information will be withdrawn.

You can view the map on our website at www.strathmore.vic.edu.au - click on Enrolments then Neighbourhood Boundary. You must live inside the designated area.

Curriculum Grounds and Music Scholarship

Each year we offer a Music scholarship and that will be advertised in our local papers and on the Strathmore Secondary College website in the middle of March 2012.

Students who live outside our zone can lodge an application on Curriculum Grounds, those forms will be available on the website by the middle of March 2012.

If you have any enquiries please contact Dianne King at the College via email king.dianne.f@edumail.vic.gov.au or telephone 9379 7999.
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### AUSKICK SESSIONS

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