

The Penny Farthing Newsletter

WEDNESDAY 10 February 2010

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Tuesday 2 Feb - Friday 26 March

New parent orientation sessions - Weds 17 February at 2pm and 7pm

Labour Day Holiday - Monday 8 March

CAMPS AND EXCURSIONS

Fri 5 March: Year 8 - "A Midsummer Night's Dream"

10 - 12 March: Classes 5 & 6 - Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement Camp

Fri 19 March: Year 7 - Medieval Calligraphy Workshop

22 - 26 March: Year 8 - Balnarring Camp

FEES

FEE NOTICES

Fee notices have been sent out and fees are due on or before 19th February unless you sign a fee agreement form. If you haven't received your statement, please contact the office.

There have been payments made directly into the school account without identification. If you have made a payment that is not on your statement, please contact Annemarie in the office ASAP.

PANCAKE TUESDAY - TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

What is Pancake Day? Pancake Day (also known as Shrove Tuesday) is the last day before the period which Christians call Lent (the period leading up to Easter). It is traditional on this day to eat pancakes. **Lent** is a time of abstinence, of giving things up. So Shrove Tuesday is the last chance to indulge, and to use up the foods that aren't allowed during Lent. Pancakes are eaten on this day because they contain fat, butter and eggs which were forbidden during Lent.

We like to celebrate Shrove Tuesday by sharing a pancake breakfast at the school from 8.00am onwards. We will provide tea, coffee, milk and sugar for the breakfast. Can everyone please bring some pancake mix for their own family. We will meet at the pizza oven.

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Class Carers: We have school barbecues, but please try to find one family in your class to bring in a barbecue, if possible, so that we don't have too many people waiting for the pancakes to be cooked. Also, try to find someone with lemons to contribute. Anyone who wants to bring jam or other toppings is welcome to bring that too. **We look forward to seeing everyone there. This is a great chance for the community to get together, and for new families to be welcomed to the school.**

DRAMA GROUP

The Drama Group has begun meeting again this year and is looking forward to putting on an evening of 10-minute plays in May. With such a wide range of parts to offer, we are looking for new members to join our group. We meet on Tuesday evenings at the school and have a lot of fun. Please ring Rob Jorritsma to find out more on 5475 2505.

SMS

We're very pleased to say that we are grappling with technology in the school office and have found out how to send group SMS messages! Please make sure your mobile phone details are up-to-date, as we can then let you know if excursion buses are late, if the school will be shut because of a catastrophic fire danger day, etc.