Happy Reading

Libraries borrowing has begun! Please ensure you bring along your library bags so that you can borrow.

Welcome to 2015!
Be prepared for an Asthma Spike

What is the February Asthma spike?

Spikes are significant increases in asthma presentations to hospitals and emergency departments.

For children and adolescents with asthma these 'spikes' occur after the return to school and other education settings following the long holiday break.

Therefore, a significant 'spike' in asthma presentations and admissions to hospital for children and adolescents experiencing severe asthma exacerbations, occurs throughout the first few weeks of February.

Why does the spike occur?

While there have not been direct links established, the February asthma spike is believed to be largely due to children and adolescents coming back into contact with asthma triggers in and around their school environment. It is likely they have come away from home over the holidays. Failing to take their medication (because their asthma feels better during the summer) and poor medication adherence, also places students at an increased risk of asthma attacks when exposed to triggers.

The Asthma Foundation of Victoria

www.asthma.org.au
1880 ASTHMA (276-642)

Term 1 2015

House Points Update - Friday 6th February

Shankland 1st Place

Tarcoola 2nd Place

Mitchell 3rd Place

Paringa 4th Place

sylvia Kelly - Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs
Phone: 1300 884 733 Email: info@wep.org.au
Online: www.wep.org.au

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http://www.wep.org.au

IGA Sales Begin Wed 11th February until Tues 17th February while stocks last

1/2 Price

Morgan's Super IGA

An election will be conducted for members of the school council of Meadow Heights Primary School.

Nominations forms may be obtained from the school and must be lodged by 4 pm on 25th February 2015.

The ballot will close at 4 pm on Monday 2nd March 2015.

Following the closing of nominations a list of the nominations received will be passed at the school. The terms of office, membership categories and number of positions in each membership category are as follows:

Membership category Term of office No. of positions

Parent member

From the day after the date of the declaration of the election of the principal until the date of the election of the principal in 2017

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DISCO employee member

From the day after the date of the declaration of the election of the principal until the date of the declaration of the election of the principal in 2017

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If the number of nominations is less than the number of vacancies, a notice to that effect and calling for further nominations will be posted in a prominent position at the school.

Kevin Pope

Principal

Meadow Heights Primary School

Parent representatives required for school council

Parent representatives are needed to join the Meadow Heights School Council. If you are interested, please make a time to see the principal Mr. Kevin Pope by 20th February, 2015.

School Council elections - timeline

Friday 20th Feb: Nominations close

Friday 20th February distribute ballot papers by this date (if required)

Monday 16th March: Close of ballot. Count votes and declare the poll.

Tuesday 17th March: Last meeting of current School Council.

Tuesday 17th March: Annual General Meeting.

Tuesday 12th May: First meeting of the new School Council.

Craigieburn Festival - Saturday 28th & Sunday 1st March from 3pm - 10:00pm on Saturday, and 11am - 4pm on Sunday. Lots of free activities for the whole family. D.S. Atlen Reserve, Craigieburn. Check website for further information: www.hume.vic.gov.au or ph:9620 2200.

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Dear Parent/Carers,

Please note, further information regarding times and dates will be in next weeks newsletter and notices will be sent home.

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**NEWSLETTER**

**Meadow Heights Primary School**

**12th FEBRUARY, 2015**

**PRINCIPAL: KEVIN POPE**

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If you would like more information please contact Salwa Salwa Salem for further information

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**Term 1 schedule of events**

**Community Hub - Come along and join in the fun:**

- Term 1 schedule of events
- Monday 10:00 - 12:00 noon: Arabic Play Group
- Wednesday 9:30 - 12:30 pm: Mother & Child English Language
- Wednesday 10:00 - 12:00: Turkish Play Group
- Friday 9:00 - 10:00: Coffee and Chat
- Friday 10:00 - 12:00 noon: Active Kids Playgroup

International Women’s Night Out - Thursday 5th March Contact Salwa Salem for further information

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**School Photo Day - Tuesday 17th March, 2015.**

Pencil this date in your calendars

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**URGENT INFORMATION**

**CHANGE OF DETAILS**

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**PARENTS AND FRIENDS are holding a P LUNCH on Monday 2nd March. Order forms are enclosed within this newsletter. This lunch will consist of 2 slices of pizza, popcorn and a fruit drink at a cost of $5.00.**

Order forms and money must be returned to school by Thursday 19th February in the Morning only/ am.

No late orders will be accepted as all orders need to be placed with suppliers.

Thank you for your support.

Parents and Friends.

**ASTHMA PLANS/ MEDICATIONS - SICKBAY**

If your child suffers from any sort of illness, this should be notified immediately to the school. All medications, including asthma pumps etc., must be supplied for your child as required, to the sickbay. Children must also have an updated asthma plan.

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