Dear parents and friends,

Here we are again at the end of another term. We are very proud of how well the children have worked this term, applying themselves to their studies and generally showing great improvement. Tonight we have our second Parent/Teacher Interview evening and I’d like to thank the teachers for their hard work and the parents for their support, for making themselves available to meet with the teachers and for ensuring the nights ran smoothly by being on time.

As I have already mentioned in previous newsletters Miss Sally and Miss Clare will be leaving us at the end of the term and we wish them the very best in their future endeavours. Mr. Fimiani will also be back next term and the PE timetable will go back to normal.

Next term will begin on Monday 16th July at 8:55am. I know that late arrival to school and early pick ups are sometimes unavoidable, and that it is not always possible to make appointments outside of school hours. I have noticed, however, that it is becoming increasingly regular, and can be very disruptive to the classroom. I would ask that these be kept to a minimum and only when absolutely necessary. If you are doing a planned early pick up it is helpful to send a note to the teacher so they are aware that your child is leaving early.

Thank You:
On behalf of Sam and myself, I would like to thank you all for your support during Paul’s absence this term. Paul will officially be back next term and I will be very happy to hand the reins over to him! Your support has been much appreciated and helped to make the term run smoothly, with very few hiccups.

Finally, have a safe and restful holiday, and we look forward to seeing everyone back next term, ready to work hard and enjoy school.

Warm regards,
Pat
Parent helpers Maria, Eva, Tracy, Mary, Sheena, Parimala, Leanne, Loretta and a warm welcome to Teresa who joined the group today and helped make the tally of fairy skirts to 20. “Many hands make light work”.

Thank you to all the parents for bringing their wonderful craft skills to the group and sharing their knowledge to help others learn - Eve has rekindled her dormant crochet skills (learnt many years ago from her grandmother). There has been a lot of interest in learning to crochet and the group is happy to teach you.

Today’s craft was bookmarks.
Craft group continues next term on Thursday mornings.

You may be a parent who is unable to come to the meetings but are able to make items for the fete, i.e. knitting scarves, hats. If this is how you can help—please contact Antoinette Dingle on 0421 575 275

Many thanks, Antoinette Craft Convener

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**BROKEN TOYS**

As children bring their broken toys, with tears, for me to mend
I brought my broken dreams to God because he was my friend.

But then, instead of leaving Him in peace to work alone
I hung around and tried to help... with ways that were my own.

At last I snatched them back and cried, "How can You be so slow?"

—-By Ben Hildner—-
The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided to assist eligible families with the costs associated with the education of their children.

To be eligible for receipt of the EMA you must:

- be either a parent or guardian of a primary or secondary school student up to the age of sixteen;
- and be an eligible beneficiary of a Centrelink pension, allowance or benefit within the meaning of the State Concessions Act 2004 or be a Veterans Affairs (TPI) pensioner or be a foster parent.

Consequently parents/guardians are able to access the EMA if they have a valid Health Care Card or valid Pension Card.

The eligibility criteria must be met in Term 3 as of 16 July 2012)

**THE EMA APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED TO THE SCHOOL BY 3 AUGUST 2012 FOR THE SECOND INSTALLMENT.**

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*Student year level (or age for ungraded and special school students) will form the basis for calculating the amount payable to parents and schools.

Application form attached to newsletter. A copy of your current health care card is required for the second installment.
COBURG JUNIOR PROGRAMS - COBURG BASKETBALL STADIUM

MINI HOOPS
Structured Junior Basketball Competition for children aged 8 to 15.

WHEN: Wednesday afternoons
TIME: 4.30pm – 6.00pm
Cost: Registration - $10
$5 per participant per session

DEVELOPING STARS BASKETBALL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM
Structured 45 minute program focusing on basketball skills and basketball specific fitness.
Children of any age over 4 and level welcome.

WHEN: Monday at 4.15pm & Friday at 4.30pm
Cost: $5 per participant per session

BIRTHDAY PARTIES
The Coburg Basketball Stadium is now offering Birthday Party packages for a number of sports including Basketball, Netball, Volleyball and Futsal.

The 2 hour package includes a supervisor for your party, party food, drinks, lolly bags for all guests and a special gift for the birthday child.

Coburg Basketball Stadium
25 Outlook Dr, Coburg
Ph: 9355 7200
Email: bsvcoburg@netspace.net.au
Website: www.stadiumsvic.net.au

SHOOTING STARS JUNIOR NETBALL COMPETITION
Junior Netball Competition held on Friday afternoons for children aged between 7 and 14.
Cost: $5 per participant per game

COURTS FOR HIRE
- 4 Basketball Courts
- 3 Netball Courts
- 2 Volleyball Courts
- 2 Indoor Soccer Courts

Contact the stadium for further information.
EDUCATION MAINTENANCE ALLOWANCE (EMA) & SCHOOL START BONUS APPLICATION FORM - 2012

The following details must be completed by the applicant (the concession card holder). EMA is payable by either Electronic Funds Transfer (Direct Credit) to your nominated bank account, or by cheque. However, you must complete the banking details section if you have a child commencing Prep or Year 7 in 2012 – to receive the School Start Bonus payment.

SCHOOL NAME

APPLICANT / PARENT DETAILS

SURNAME

FIRST NAME

ADDRESS

TOWN/SUBURB

STATE

POSTCODE

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

CENTRELINK PENSIONER

CONCESSION / HEALTH

CARE CARD NUMBER (CRN)

FOSTER

VETERANS AFFAIRS

PENSIONER

* Foster Parents must provide copy of the temporary care order letter from the Department of Human Services (DHS) or Courts, etc.

PREFERRED EMA PAYMENT METHOD Please TICK the box below for your preferred method for your EMA payment.

EMA by EFT Complete details below for direct credit

EMA Payment by Cheque

SCHOOL START BONUS - for 2012 Prep & Year 7 students ONLY*

*If you have a child entering Prep or Year 7 in 2012, and you hold a Centrelink concession card, please complete your bank account details below as you may be eligible for a School Start Bonus payment – only payable by EFT into your bank account

ACCOUNT NAME (e.g John Smith)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTION (e.g Westpac) AND BRANCH

BSB No.

BANK ACCOUNT No.

* If you are unsure of the above details check your Bank Statements or enquire at your Financial Institution.

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The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development collects your personal information for the purpose of administering the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) and/or School Start Bonus payment. Some personal information may be disclosed to other Victorian Government departments, such as the Department of Human Services, for the purpose of evaluation and monitoring of concession card services.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development may disclose some of your personal information to Centrelink to confirm that the details provided matches Centrelink’s records. This is to be used for testing eligibility for EMA and/or School Start Bonus applications for 2012.

The Department of Education and Early Childhood Development will provide the above bank account details to Westpac Bank for the sole purpose of making the EMA and/or School Start Bonus payment into your nominated bank account. The bank account details provided will not be disclosed or used for any other purpose. You are able to request access to the personal information that we hold about you, and to request that any errors be corrected, by contacting your child’s school.

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT ___________________________ DATE __/__/____
Dear parents,

Hot lunches will continue in Term 3 (on Fridays). Children will be able to order pies, party pies, sausage rolls, vegetable pasties and cottage pies. Donuts will also be available. As you know this can only happen with parent volunteers. If you are able to assist with tallying, picking up orders or packing orders please fill in the roster below and return it to the school as soon as possible. We will try to begin in week 1 (if we have the volunteers).

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Pat

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**HOT LUNCH ROSTER: TERM 3**

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Last week of Term 3 – No Hot Lunches