



Chewton

Friday Nov 29th

Newsletter No. 35

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Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity – Achievement

Mon 1st Sat 6th	Wesley Hill Market Stall: Helpers from 6:30am	Dec Fri 12th	5-6: Table Tennis 8:00am- 11:00am 2:30- 3:30 Reports go home
Mon 8th	Afternoon Tea for family helpers 3:30-4:45	Wed-Thur 10th-11th	Student Led Conferences. Read below for details
Tues 9th	Transtion day: K-P and Castlemaine SC 6-7	Thur 18th	Family end of year celebrations and Whole School sleep over
		Frid 19th	Last day of term. 12pm dismissal
		Jan 28th Thursday 29th	Teachers start Children start, including preps.
			If you would like to know camp and other dates for the year, check out our web site mid January when I will have added the new year.

Hello all,

As much as I love to see our students work with others for sporting events it is also fantastic to see them coming together to work on mathematical tasks with other schools with the Castlemaine Secondary College as a host. There was no shortage of takers when I asked for a team of 4 with Ada, Uma, Kate and Otis representing our school. When I collected them from the College after 2 hours of maths, the only complaint was that I was late and they were the last group to be picked up. It's times like this that I really feel like the parent as I explained that I did have a class to teach, some yard duty to do and a 15min drive. Grudgingly I was forgiven and the talk soon turned to how hard the maths was and how they really needed to work as a team to get the problems solved. I seem to recall that this was the purpose of the task.

Saturday's election fundraiser added \$350 to our solar project with another \$350 yet to come from the Electoral Commission for use of the building. As with so many of our fundraisers, it is often not about how much we raise but about the interest that this sparks within the community. I had phone calls and visits from people who said how great it was to talk to our committed families and how much they love our school. Well done team. The grounds looked great thanks to Rob, planting teams and weeders who just get on with the job when no one is looking.

With just two weeks to go, reports are about to be printed. On Monday much of our time was spent ensuring we have covered all of the necessary units from AusVels. With combined classes we work on a 3 year cycle for all inquiry units. With History, Science, Geography, Health and Economic topics there is plenty of material to draw from. Teachers have now started some serious planning for next year however we still have over a week of much focused teaching before we relax with some end of year activities listed below.

I hope all of you are able to attend the thank you afternoon tea on Monday. Please read below for more information. I promise I will make time to produce some homemade goodies. 😊

Julie

Students of the week:

3-6: Monte for leading maths discussions

P-2: Flynn his cheery manners and diligence with spelling.

Thanks To:

All of the families on the roster at last weeks election. I sent out an SOS and it was answered. I don't want to list names for fear of missing someone.

Also to the many families who are helping on Saturday. It is certainly and end of year rush. I am so glad solar panels have a 20year life expectancy.

Afternoon tea for families and helpers

Monday 8th Dec: 3:30-4:45.



At this busy time of the year it is time to reflect on all of the hard work families contribute to our school.

Please join us for afternoon tea on Monday the 8th of December. This is a final Active After School session night. This is also an excellent opportunity to ask any questions about our programs next year. Staffing arrangements will be set and you can even view our new timetable. I hope to see you all there.

The bin is on the wall just inside Sally's office.



Help Required :

Some dead wattles require removing from our school yard. A chainsaw would help but not essential

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People Solar Update:



<http://www.thepeoplesolar.com/chewton-primary-school/>

We have reached 43% of our target.
Please continue to support our efforts.

'tiqbiz' For Communication.

The news is catching on slowly and we now have almost all parents signed up. Please remember if you don't have a smart phone you can still download the app onto your PC. See me if you have any issues. There are now links to our newsletter and daily events.



Kinder to Prep Transition Dates

Tuesday 9th Dec 1:00-3:30. Teddy Bear's Picnic
Please bring your lunch to share with our families from 2014.

Extra day or times by arrangement

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P-2 Student Showcase.

2015 Term Dates:

Please try to plan family holidays in these break times.

Term 1: Teachers start Jan 28th. Children start Thurs Jan 29th (Including Preps) - 27th March

Term 2: 13th April- 26th June

Term 3: 13th July- 18th September

Term 4: 5th Oct - 18th December

Program for the final week of school



Monday: Normal Classes p-5: Grade 6: Big day out.

Tuesday: Meet at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens at 9:00am with your child's bike. We will have 1 hour of supervised cycling around the gardens. At around 10am we will stop for play lunch. The grade 3-6 children will then cycle back to Chewton Primary School following the bike track. With some major roads to cross there will be some pushing of bikes. More details with permission note. Some younger families have asked to cycle back as well. This is fine on a 1-1 family supervision.

Wednesday: Christmas crafts. 9:00- 10:00.
Christmas Carol Singing 10- 11:00

11:30- 1:30: Bring a board game to share.

Thursday: Yabbing at 9:00am Afternoon.
Swimming . Sleepover

Friday: Children will have breakfast at school. Fruit will be available for playlunch if you are not going home. All children will have lunch at home. This is a major cleaning day for staff to clean classroom and storage spaces.

3-6 Home Based Learning Seminars

It's that time of year where 3-6 get to showcase all the hard work they have put into producing their Home Based Projects.

In recent years these projects have been of an extremely high standard, I'm sure this year will be no exception.

Students have written an invitation letter and have sent it via email to people they would like to have present during their presentation. **Times and dates are in the email.** We hope you can come and share in our students creativity and inquiry. Please see me if your email has not arrived.

Scott.

Next week the P-2's would like to host their parents in a student led conference. **On Thursday the 11th at 2:30pm** parents and carers are invited into the classroom where their child will give a personal tour of their favourite workstations, learning aids and school work.



Learning about different types of 'Poo' with Tanya this morning.

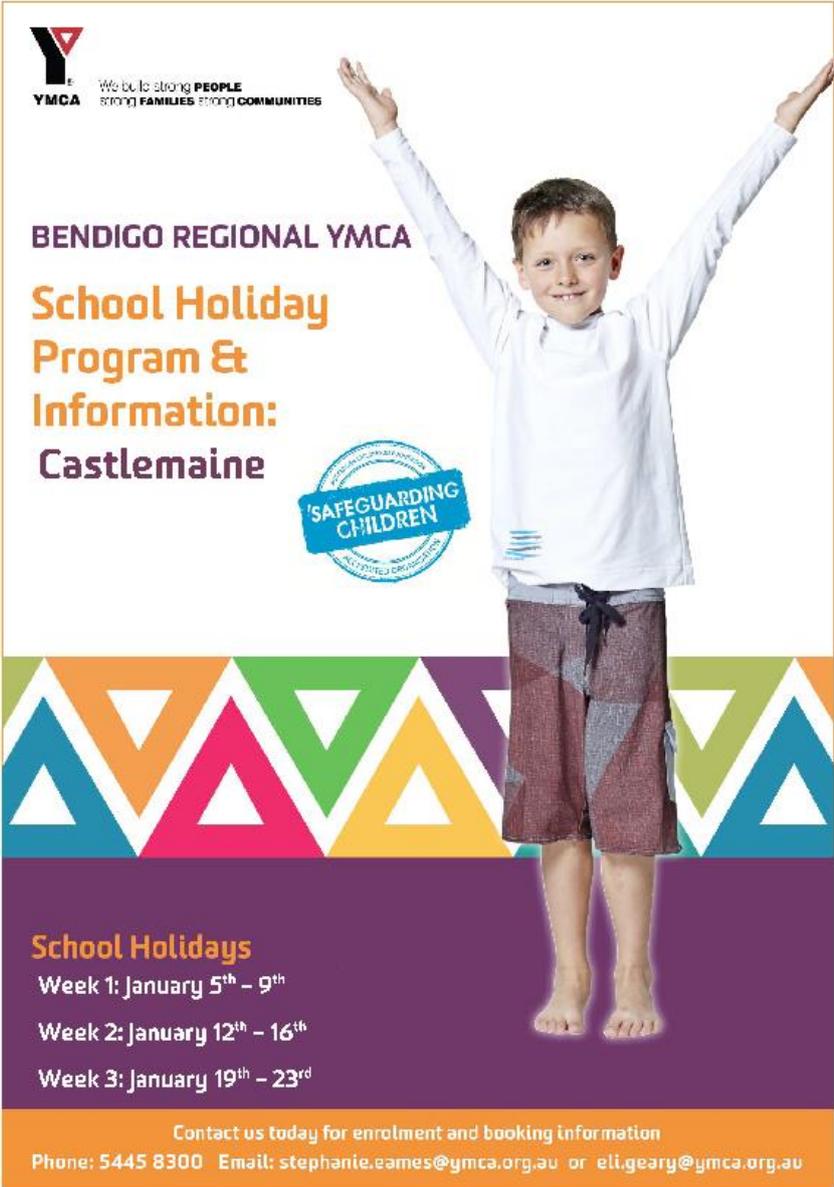


All this learning took place before 8am today. Well done all.

Final Transition. 1pm for lunch.

Please join our new parents and children for lunch on the grass area at the front of the school.

The 2015 preps will arrive at 1:00 on Tuesday complete with a picnic lunch and teddy bear. This is a p-2 event however the 2015 grade buddies will also be joining us.



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School Holiday Program & Information: Castlemaine

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN

School Holidays
Week 1: January 5th – 9th
Week 2: January 12th – 16th
Week 3: January 19th – 23rd

Contact us today for enrolment and booking information
Phone: 5445 8300 Email: stephanie.eames@ymca.org.au or eli.geary@ymca.org.au

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Library Stocktake

Belinda and Kate have been working very hard in our library all year. Please help them out by returning all SCHOOL and MOBILE library books over the next few weeks.

ROSTER MARKET DAY SAT 6TH DEC

6:30am- 8:30am: Mark, Jess Chaplin and Jennifer

8:30- 10:00am: Mel. V and Kate M

10:00am- 11:30am: Caroline and Sera-Jane

11:30am-1:00pm : Jennifer for pack up.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL

With Monday being our final day under the existing funding, I would like to take this opportunity to thank Patsy Braybrook for her commitment to this program over the past 2 years. There are many nights when she has stayed to care for children when parents are late. She has made sure everyone is able to participate and has always been enthusiastic about her role.

I am confident that we will be funded under the new arrangements in June but it is a case of wait and see. I am still waiting for a response from the YMCA about other after school child care options that would be user pay. I hope to have some info by our final newsletter.

I have some full copies of the Castlemaine holiday program on the front desk.

Protective Behaviours

One of the programs that I am currently teaching is the topic of Protective Behaviours.

The grade 3-6 student have talked about

Fear of choice. “ It is my choice to ride my motor bike.”

Fear with a time limit: “ I am scared on this roller coaster but I know that the ride will stop soon.”

Fear with control. “I am watching a scary movie but I can push the stop button when I like.”

These are fears but fear where we can stay safe. This discussion then lead to fear when we are not safe.

We have no choice, there is no time limit and we are not in control. We need to find someone to support and help us if we ever experience this type of fear.

The p-2 class talked and drew about what happens to their body when they are scared. The importance of being connected to our own body and recognise the changes that will allow us to know something is wrong.

If you would like to learn more about what I am teaching, please come and see me.

What a great start to the day for a healthy breakfast. A huge thanks to Jess and Jennifer for preparing this wonderful food on our bird watch morning and the parents who stayed behind to help clean up.



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