



Chewton
Primary School 1054



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

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Hello all,

A lot happens at our school in 2 weeks and whilst I really love the short newsletter every 2nd week, it then means we have so much more news to catch up on.

One of the highlights of our school year is science week. This year Rain and Jet's dad was our guest scientist as he doubles as dad and geologist. Kids love rocks and Jon was able to engage all grades with his wealth of knowledge, experience and the all-important rocks. Monday night we held the annual science dinner where some children work with Jess Chaplin to cook and amazing feast that is shared with the parents of the children, our scientist and invited community members. I have received some very complementary thanks from our guests.

I often write about the range of programs our school offers. Small groups of children regularly do different things. We often only have limited spaces for activities and events but we do ensure that all children will have the opportunity for at least one extra curricula activity and we already have a waiting list for some children who have missed out on roles that they wanted this year. Sometimes we are unable to supply a staff member for just a few children and parents are always willing to help out with transport and supervision of others.

One activity that I am pleased to announce no one will miss out on is free tickets to the Victorian Opera performing Cinderella at the Capital Theatre in term 4. I was placed on hold for 40 min in attempt to make sure that we gained a place in this offer. We have a visit in September from some of the performers with the aim to highlight the athleticism of opera to some of our students who may not quiet see the appeal.

Please support our only working bee for the year. There are showers forecast but we are a tough lot so work will go ahead.

Calendar

TERM 3

SUN 21th: Working Bee 9-11

Wed 24th: Cluster Day Taradale

Thurs 25th: School council 6:30

Tues 30th: Grade 4-6 Landcare day

Sept:

Thur 1st: Information session for Prep families 2017 9:00-10:00

Frid 2nd: Harvest Dinner

Mon 5th: Open Classrooms 9:00-11:00

Wed 7th: Coastal Ambassadors

Tues 13th: Production

Wed 14th: School starts at 10:00am

Frid 16th: Last Day of term 2:30 dismissal:



Students of the week:

One of the best ways to make an impression is to just say hello. This might be to your friends, teachers, other parents or visitors to our school. This term students will be encouraged to practise this life skill. It can be a little challenging for some but hopefully everyone will begin to say hello with confidence.

This week **Friendly Students are:**

Zeke: Always greets staff with a smile in the morning

Alba: I love greeting time with Alba every Tuesday morning

Marta: Starts the day with a hello and smile

Thanks to

Jess: For her amazing marathon effort in once again being the chef on our science night dinner. This is the 4th year we have held this event.

Mary and Rachael: For yet another yummy student lunch day

Barb and family: For making our chook house fox free

Kasey: For pruning our fruit trees

Pat (Zeke's Nan): For covering all of our new books for the reading program and **Kate B** for adding them to the system

Daydd: For his amazing work on developing plans for school improvements as part of our School Pride Funding.

Bronwyn: For collecting our new plants for Sunday

Charlie: For collecting the dirt for the new garden bed on Sunday.

Bronwyn and Rhonda and Parents: For their careful nit checking

Breakfast program:

Thanks to Katherine, Martyn and Shaun for helping out this week. Monday was a busy morning as we had pancakes on the menu. These are a treat item only as there is lots more work involved and the nutrition value is doubtful.

Next week: Monday: Mary Thursday: Scott

2017 Enrolments

Can families please make sure you complete your child's enrolment form for 2017 by the end of the term? We have an information session for our new parents on the 1st Sept at 9:00am. If you know of other families that intend to enrol at our school next year can you please encourage them to also complete the enrolment process.

Cluster Day at Elphinstone:

Most notes back. Children and staff to wear **RED BLACK AND YELLOW** for our Aboriginal season's theme or in school uniform. Families are welcome and encouraged to join us for the day.

NITS:

Well done all families. We had an outbreaks of head lice a couple of weeks back but with the help of our dedicated head lice team and prompt action by all families, we seem to be on top of it. Thanks heaps as these little critters create big stress to parents. (Kids seem fine with it and are happy to be hosts)

Conjunctivitis and vomits

Also thanks to parents who let us know when their children have contagious conditions. It helps staff to be on the lookout for other children with similar conditions. We have one reported case of conjunctivitis so please be aware of swollen eyes over the next few weeks.

NAPLAN:

We have received results for all children who sat the NAPLAN assessment in grades 3 and 5. Please see your class teacher for your personal copy. We will not be sending results home with children.

As a school, we have some very pleasing results and positive trends from this years data. Over the next few weeks staff will analyse results and make judgements about areas where are students are excelling as well as where we need to focus our teaching in future planning. Individual results give a snap shot of a child however it is the overall school data that can help us make decisions as to how we can best support all children at our school.

Production News

Rehearsals from 11:30 for the next 3 Fridays. Dress rehearsal on Friday 9th Sept: If you intend to help with costumes on the night, can you please come to this rehearsal.

Please Help: Kate has bagged up some hoods which need to be sewn for the school concert. If any parents can sew one/some that would be fabulous. The instructions are inside the bags. These are in the staff room.

Community Lunch:

On Tuesday the grade 2-3 class went to the Castlemaine Community Lunch. The learning behind this excursion was for the children to develop an appreciation of the importance of sharing a meal together, meeting new people, eating healthy but low cost food and the benefits that all of this brings to the both the people who attend as well as the many people who help prepare the food.

Community Lunch is a time to get together with the community. Catch up with old friends and meet new ones. It is run by the community house. They don't turn anyone away. Max 2-3

Community lunch is helpful because even if they cannot afford lunch they can go. It's nice to catch up with people and even just have lunch where there are other people. Nobody gets turned away because community lunch is all about improving people's social lives. You should go because you can catch up with friends and family. It is nice to enjoy a meal with other people meal with other people. **Jet 2-3**



Alex and Max enjoyed their lunch before joining the rest of the class to interview Martyn about the community value of the lunch program.

School Lunch Orders for Term 3: Thanks to Mary

Friday 26nd Aug Friday 9th Sept

Clubs

Please note that we are not running a clubs this term but using this time for our school production. Clubs will start again week 3 of term 4

Soap Sales

Sales have really slowed down. Anyone got some great ideas to revamp this?

Please support this bike camp fundraiser. 3-6 children have been asked to sell soaps however all families are welcome to be involved. There are samples and order forms on the front desk.



\$5 for two soaps in a pack.

Working Bee: Sunday 21st Aug 9-11

- Preparing a new garden bed
- Weeding vegetable garden
- General weeding
- Bring; rakes, spades, wheel barrows and energy.
- Children welcome and encouraged to help out



Harry did our talbe arrangement and we had Luke, Tai, Peter and Rain helping Jess in the Kitchen.

2016 camps and excursions: Approximate Costs Only.

Grade 2: Boomerang Holiday Ranch. Daylesford: Oct 27-28th. Horse riding and outdoor fun. \$90

Grade 5-6: Melb: Date 9-11th Nov \$260

Bike camp: 3-6.13-14th Oct (Interested children only. Families invited) Heathcote to Bendigo: \$60

