



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

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Hello all,

Our term certainly has ended on a high. There is so much I could write and say about our school performance however the excitement on the children's' faces really said it all.

For me a highlight is seeing children who do not always excel in the more traditional tasks of schooling but who show a sometimes surprising side when it comes to the arts. Well done to all.

There is also so much work that goes on behind the scenes that is not often recognised. They are not always the exciting jobs but someone does have to organise all of the tickets, transport equipment, create power points, working on lighting plans and the list goes on. All staff from office to cleaning and a huge number of parents helped put this show on stage working additional hours to their normal role. (Did I say I was not going to write more☺)

Next term starts with bike camp followed by our 2 other camping programs for the year. We also have a whole school visit to the opera, maths days, sports days and the launch of 'Walk to School Month.'

Hopefully the school holidays will leave all the gastro and colds at bay and we can enjoy some days of full attendance. If your child is away, or you have other issues or clarifications, please use your teachers email address rather than their mobile phones. Parents at our school have amazing access to all staff however phone contact can make us feel we are on duty 24 hours a day. I am not referring to any emergency or urgent message with this comment as student and family safety and wellbeing is highly valued. We all check emails first thing each school day and often during the day as well.

When you return from holidays you will see some changes to our school due to works being carried out when children are absent. Keep your eyes peeled.

Have a great break, stay out of flooded water and we will see you back in October. I was planning in camping at Yanga National Park however I think it is under water. Julie

Calendar

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Oct

Mon 3rd: First Day Back
Bike Ed for grade 3-6

Tues 11: Bike Camp Meeting
3:45 for parent attending

Wed 12: Grounds and Buildings

Thurs 13-14th: 3-6 Bike Camp

Tues 18th: T20 cricket 3-4

Thurs 20th: School Council

Frid 21st: Walk to School

Tues 25th: P-1 maths day

Thurs-Frid 27th-28th:

Boomerang Camp Grade 2

Friday Night: Chewton Reach
for the Stars: Castlemaine Show
procession.

Nov

Tues 1st: Cup Day Holiday

Wed 2nd: Whole school to
Cinderella at the Capital

Friday 4th: p-2 Kick Ball

Sunday 6th: Farmers Market

Dec

Mon 5th: Curriculum Day

Mon 19th: Sleep Over and
awards Picnic

Tues 20th: Last Day 12:00 finish



Thank you to all the students, teachers and all involved with your production-'Reach for the Stars.' I want to say "Congratulations." I thoroughly enjoyed the show, the best one yet.

On behalf of the parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and friend we say thank you for all your hard work. It was well worth it.

Zeke's Nan. Pat Baynham. (Pat asked that this thanks go in our newsletter)

Out of uniform tomorrow. Clothes suitable for tree planting and bike riding. There will be minimum bike riding tomorrow as this is a time to check bike so we are ready the first day back

Bikes at school (or at least helmets) for all children grade 3-6

Tree planning from 11:30.

Free pizza lunch for students and tree planting adults. (Funded by Post Office Hill Landcare)

A screening of photos from 'Reach for the Stars' at 2pm in either the art room or Emma's classroom. All welcome

Photos will be uploaded to our website over the holidays.

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:***

Dan Chaplin: He really deserves the final award in this category for the way he welcomed the audience to join in on Tuesday night

Flynn: He always says hello to staff and visitors to our school.

Nathan: I love the way he says "Hello Miss Holden" every morning.

Thanks to:

Everyone for an incredibly supportive term.

We have families who help with cooking, art, gardening, library, classroom reading, breakfast program, environmental programs, building projects and so much more. We are a very lucky school.

Breakfast program:

Thanks to all who helped out this term. Affrica had her first session this week. Special thanks to Martyn who is an extra help on a Monday. Please keep your new roster handy.

Bike Camp

By now we should have all deposits, dietary forms and parent who are staying, driving and/or riding. There is some flexibility for reluctant starters.

Please remember if you are coming to bike camp you must give a copy of your current working with children's checks to Sally by the end of the first week of term. If we don't have your certificate on record, you will not be able to stay.

Hats On and Uniform reminders

Yes it is that time of year again. Our Sunsmart policy comes into effect from Sept 1st. (we are a little late)

Children have till the end of the first week of Sept to find and wash their hats. A school hat must be worn. Our school pays for your child's first hat but after that, **families will need to pay the cost of replacement hats**. This is always an issue however it is the one piece of uniform item that we are very strict with.

We have a very relaxed uniform policy however there are some students who are taking advantage of this.

Bottom clothing must be **black or maroon**. School tops need to be **yellow or maroon**, not black. When jumper are in the wash a black jumper is a good alternative the multi colours we are seeing. We will be ringing parents and supplying items for children who are not in uniform.

Clubs is back

14th Oct

4th Nov

25th Nov

2016 camps and excursions:

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

Grade 5-6: Melb: Date 9-11th Nov (now \$210..always nice when it is cheaper)

Bike camp: 3-6.13-14th Oct (Interested children only. Families invited) Heathcote to Bendigo: \$20

Farmers Market: Sunday 4th November

Our school will be running the BBQ at the November Farmers Market. Please Keep This Date Free.

Proceeds will support our schools camping program

Soap Sales

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.

Reach for the Stars



