



Chewton
Primary School 1054



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

Newsletter Friday 24th 2017

Hello everyone,

With fingers crossed the new timetable was into full swing this week and it came together very nicely. I had images of me teaching a Chinese class if programs had been double booked. I have managed this before but it is not my area of expertise.

The one program that is still missing from our plan is 'Maker Hour'.

This idea was largely driven by parents at last year's brainstorming event.

Once again the call goes out for help. We plan to start next term but will have a few smaller sessions before the end of term 1. The idea is largely design and technology focused with plumbing, robotics, electronics or textiles being just some of the ideas floated. Thursday afternoon has been timetabled with the children working in fluid, mixed aged, interest based groupings. Projects might run for 1 week or an entire term.

If you or someone you know, has an interest, idea or skill they can share, please send us their details.

There has been a huge amount of volunteer work around the school this week from breakfast programs to helping organise the BBQ. I even noticed some donkey poo arrive in a trailer on Monday.

Everyone should have received raffle tickets this week. Please return these next week. It is our only raffle for the year.

We had an amazing response to parent teacher interviews. I am sure you all appreciated the late hours that staff worked on these two nights.

Hopefully everyone will return again for our Welcome night on Tuesday.

We have many new families this year and this is a great opportunity to get to know everyone.

See you next week

Julie

Calendar

Tues 28th: Welcome family picnic
5:00-7:00

March: Wed 1st: Parent Chats:
Reading p-1

Preps are here full time

Friday 3rd: Clean up Aust Day

Mon 6th: Head lice checks

Wed 8th: Parent Chat Maths 2-3

Thur 9th: Grounds and Building
8:30am

Mon 13th: Public Holiday

Tues 14th: Photos

Wed 15th: Parent Chat ICT 4-6
Cross Country 3-6

Thurs 16th: March: School Council
AGM 6pm followed by the first
meeting with the new school
council at 6:30

Frid 17th: Parent Chat ICT 4-6
World sleep day: Activities by the
student welfare team

Thurs 23rd: Our State Festival
Day

Mon 27th: Open classes

Wed 29th: Community Walk

Friday 31st: Final day. 2:30 finish



Kindness award:

This term we have a focus on being the kindest person that you can be. There have been so many excellent examples of this.

p-1: Jem for helping someone with their writing

1-2-3: Alicia for saying kind words about someone's work

3-4: Pyper for always offering to do those jobs no one else likes

4-5-6: Zephyr for checking that someone on the buddy bunch was OK

Thanks to:

Lilly: Who has started work as the 'duck whisperer' however chooks may well be a better option.

Kayrn : Who has started work on the wicker garden with our biodiversity team

Bronwyn : For adding new numbers to our new mobile phone

Tracey: For helping sort out the raffle tickets

Daydd: For his several trips to school this week for official meetings

Rob: For the praise he receive from a higher authority re the conditions of our school ground in being fire state

Library:

Thanks Belinda and Kate. Preps-1 will now have their borrowing session at 9am on Monday. Just after assembly. Open library on Monday 8:30-9 and Friday from 2

Headlice Checks. Monday 6th March

- It does not take long for these critters to find their way to school
- We have our first whole school check in 2 weeks
- In the meantime, please do a careful look preferably with wet hair in direct sunlight

Spare clothing: Please return any items that have been sent home with your child. The p-1 room supply has run dry

Roster for Saturday 4th March

Once again thanks: We have 2 on the shift but need 3

7am	Bronwyn, Rob and Dan to get the BBQ
7:30-8:30	Julie, Daydd and Emma
8:30-9:30	Tamsin and Grace
9:30- 11:00	Mary and Ginny
11:00- 12:30	Affrica and Belinda
12:30-2:00	Kate B (looking lonely here)
2:00-	Return of BBQ. As for 7am

BBQ News:

- Thanks to all who attended our planning meeting and have offered to help in many ways.
- Tracey (Kirsty, Nathan and Bella's mum) has organised raffle books and they will have gone home earlier this week.
- We are looking for donations of plants, produce and preserves on the day. Affrica and Grace are planning on using some of our tomatoes to make some relish to serve on the snags.
- For a full update, please see the letter attached to your family tickets.

Class News :

In 1-3 this term we are excited to be looking at transport and how it has changed in our local area throughout history. We will be investigating the changes in technology and the changes in the travel routes to and from major cities and ports.

We are working in small groups, developing our teamwork skills, to make timelines of different forms of transport in Victoria. This is integrating through Maths, measuring how long vehicles are, distances travelled and the difference in the original travel routes from Melbourne to the gold fields with the new freeways and highways.

Parent Chats: Reading. Target group. P-1. In the p-1 room once, the class has left for Art.

This is a time where Nicole will talk about the reading expectations for children at this grade level. Topics covered will include how the reading block is structured at school. The importance of home reading partnerships. How to support your child when they read to you. There will also be time for you to ask questions.

Parent payments:

These are now due. Please pick up a parent payment form and policy from the front desk. Please see Sally or I if you have any concerns re payments or would like to seek assistance with uniform items.

Breakfast Club: HELP

Thanks heaps all. We have a few blank spots for Thursdays and I am already looking at term 2.

Clean up Australia Day

This is a low-key event for our school. The children will be allocated areas to collect rubbish. Members of the sustainability team will sort the rubbish into piles and photograph what we have collected. They will then compare these photographs with the ones taken at the same time last year and compile a report on their findings. Families are more than welcome to join us.

- A sewing job for the library cushions
- Helpers in the classroom:
- **Working with Children's Checks**

Please go online and fill out an application form. Checks are free when you volunteer at our school and are required for camps, excursions and many other programs

KEYBOARDS WANTED (the piano kind, not the computer kind)

Chewton Primary School is working on improving its music curriculum and as such we are upgrading our fleet of instruments. On our 2017 wish list for gifting, loan or purchase is 61 key keyboards. If you have one you aren't using, if you know someone trying to get rid of one or if you've seen one going cheap on gumtree, please think of the school and contact Nicole or Julie Holden on 5472 2557.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available to every child whose parent/guardian holds an eligible Health Care Card.
- \$125.00 per child will be credited to the school account to be used for Camps, Sporting Activities and Excursions.
- These funds cannot be used for school fees or uniform.
- Application forms are located on the table in the hallway, or please see Sally.
- Please return completed forms and a copy of your health care card - we can take a copy of the concession card for you – as soon as possible.

Castlemaine State Festival: Notices went out this week

Student Leaders:

News from: "Friends of the Arts" Group

They met last week so watch this space. Please email Affrica if you would like to be involved
affmc0404@gmail.com

School Council Annual General Meeting Thurs 16th March 6pm followed by our regular meeting with new members. All members of the school community are invited and encouraged to attend.





Our sustainability teams have been very busy this week. Nathan, Monte and Rain accompanied me to a leadership training session on Thursday and Lee, Isaiah and Connor will be leading clean up Australia day next Friday.

Welcome Family Tea

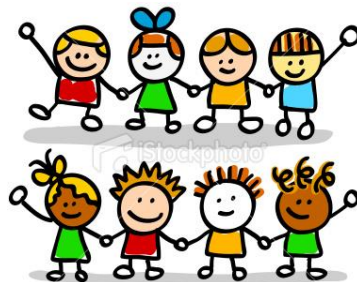
5:00- 7:00pm. Tuesday 28th Feb

Please join us for this family friendly event

- Meet new families
- Mix with old friend
- Talk to staff members

This is a BYO food and drink event

- The pizza oven will be fired up and families are very welcome to bring any food item they would like to cook in the oven.
- There is also a BBQ option or you might just bring a picnic.
- Please bring food down from the BBQ area to eat as a whole group around the pizza oven. No alcohol. Children are the responsibility of parents.



_Castlemaine District Community Health's next monthly walking tour will be at Chewton's Old Post Office Hill on Wednesday 29th of March at 10am.

Post Office Hill was named after Chewton's original post office; a tent with a bark and timber kitchen. Find out about this fascinating area, by attending this tour which will be led by Ian O'Halloran, a local with a strong interest in the history, geology and flora of this area.

The walk will also be attended by a small group of Grade 4 students from Chewton Primary School, keen to find out about the hundreds of bundles of mail dropped into unused mine shafts once the post office closed.

All are welcome to attend this free walk, and bookings are not required. Meet at Chewton Primary School Car Park at 10am for this gentle one hour walking tour.

The walk is cancelled in the event of heavy rain or Code Red Day, and students will not attend if the event falls on a Total Fire Ban Day.

Phone Castlemaine District Community Health on 5479 1000 for further information.



TARADALE

MINERAL SPRINGS FESTIVAL

TARADALE MINERAL SPRINGS RESERVE

OLD CALDER HIGHWAY (MELWAY REF: 627D1)

Sunday March 12th 2017

10am-4pm

10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY FESTIVAL FEATURES

- // GOURMET FOOD AND WINE
- // MULTICULTURAL DELIGHTS
- // EDGARS MISSION
- // CRAFTS & JEWELLERY
- // MUSIC & DANCE INCLUDING AFRICAN DRUMMING WORKSHOPS, FOLK, ROCK, JAZZ & ROAMING MUSICIANS
- // HISTORIC DISPLAYS & DEVONSHIRE TEAS
- // ART SHOW SAT & SUN 10AM-4PM
OFFICIAL ART EXHIBITION OPENING 7PM
FRIDAY 10TH MARCH
- // SPINNING WHEEL & RAFFLE
- // FREE CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES: FACE PAINTING, MINATURE FIRE TRUCK, CAPTAIN KOALA, JUMPING CASTLES AND MORE
- // CFA DISPLAY AND ACTIVITIES
- // \$5 ENTRY - CHILDREN UNDER 15 YRS FREE
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