



Chewton
Primary School 1054



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

Newsletter Friday March 10rd 2017

Hello everyone,

A very early newsletter this week as I will not be at school tomorrow but I assure you it is not because I have an extra-long weekend planned.

The term is very quickly coming to an end and we have lots to celebrate so far.

Our school has set some very clear goals in this year 'Schools Annual Implementation Plan' around the teaching and learning of reading. We can already see some clear shifts in both the way teachers plan and the way our children are learning. Teachers are learners every day and we have an amazing team that are always prepared to shift their thinking.

Another goal for this year's school plan is around further engaging families in the work that their children do online. We are very much a paper bases school with most learning involving the children reading real books and writing with pens and pencils. Teachers will be commenting on digital work in the same way as non-digital with children providing feedback and parents invited to view this platform. (Grade 2-6).

Our maths chat on Wednesday had limited family interest but I have included an article with this week's newsletter that I wrote about 20 years ago. I hope it makes you think a little more about what we do in a small part of any maths sessions. If you would like a greater insight into how your child learns maths or any other part of the curriculum please ask you class teacher if you can be part of a regular class.

Have a safe long weekend.

Julie

Calendar

Mon 13th Public Holiday

Tues 14th: Photos

Wed 15th: 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 2-6 in their class times

World sleep day: 'Sleep soundly, nurture life'

Tues: 21st: Renee and Scott's class have a visit to some historical sites

Thurs 23rd: Our State Festival Day

Mon 27th: Open classes

Headlice training: 2:15

Wed 29th: Community Walk

Friday 31st: Final day. 2:30 finish

Join us for some bush dancing
Out of uniform: A walk in the goldfields



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: Frankie for taking care of friends. (Nominated by Nicole)

1-2-3: Paige because she helps people when they are hurt (Nominated by Ceridwen)

3-4: Pyper for helping out other children in the class (Nominated by Jet)

4-5-6: Martika because she is a very good friend (Nominated by Freya)

Thanks to:

Rob: Helping out with the wicking bed

Affrica: There were many helpers for the BBQ this year and I thank them all but Affrica did put in an amazing full days work on Friday and managed to collect some fantastic items for our raffle.

Karyn : For leading the wicking bed team

School Council Update:

The AGM is next week just before the regular school council meeting. 2016 members will be at the AGM as well as other interested groups. I will give a brief written summary of the years events however I will not be able to present the Annual Report to the School Community as the template has not been prepopulated by the department. This report will now be delivered at our first meeting in term 2.

Library: Open Monday mornings and from 2pm on Friday. Mobile library every Thursday

Emergency Management:

All families should have received an SMS from our school mobile, asking you to reply with a yes. You may wish to identify this number on your phone however it is ONLY an emergency contact. This phone is not checked or used unless we are in an emergency.

We will also be testing our school computer SMS (as soon as we get the all clear to do so) . This runs on a different system. I will send a group text first and an email warning you of this event as the system will say it is an EMERGENCY

Be a head lice checker

Many years ago, we started a parent head lice-checking program. Parents are trained by our school nurse and must sign a confidentially statement as well as hold a current working with children's check. If you would like to help out in this role or you would just like to learn a few tricks for checking and treating your own hair, then come along to the 'Library' at 2:15 on Monday the 27th March and learn from an expert.

BBQ News:

Funds raised so far are \$630 with more raffle money to come.

Raffle tickets due back NOW please. Sold or unsold : We will draw the raffle at end of the day on Friday

Parent Chats: Learning to read your child's work on the online platform:

These sessions will be run by John during his teaching time. You will working with your child during sessions and learning how to access their work. We have a target of 80% of parents viewing this platform online and seeing the work they are sharing. Only a limited amount of work is digital. Come and find the facts

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: Update

Thanks heaps all. We have Racheal Booker already on the roster for next term. Now that is commitment. Please let me know what days you can help out. This terms roster can be found on the front table

Notices that need returning

- Castlemaine state festival: Whole school
- Historical sites: Scott and Renee's Class
- Orienteering grade 3-6
- Raffle books and money please

Student Leaders:

- Sleep day next week has been organised by our student welfare team
- Excellent progress is being made on the garden beds with the biodiversity group
- The sustainability group has learnt how to read our solar power generation and will be making monthly reports starting in April. The savings so far have been amazing.



Lee, Connor and Isaiah helped to sort the piles of rubbish collected on Friday

News from: "Friends of the Arts" Group

Lots of ideas continue to flow. A choir has always been on our school wish list and the group is now trying to find times that this could work. Watch this space.

Eggs for the art room

As an end of term Easter activity in the art room, I am hoping to do some egg dyeing with the students. This means I am in need of heaps of eggs that have had the yolk blown from them. This is not necessarily the loveliest of jobs but I would appreciate any help with this.

Last year I blew 70 eggs on my own 😬 so that the grade 4/5/6 class could do this activity but our school is bigger this year and I would love to do this with some of the younger students too if I get enough eggs.

I will put a box on the shelf next to the art books inside the art room so you can leave any blown eggs there!

Thanks!! Kate

Thanks to Scot(Jonquils Dad) for presenting the 'Mathy Maths Show'. Daydd took his role very seriously



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Sleep Day

Friday the 17th of March it is World Sleep Day.

Sleep day is a day for remembering the importance of sleep

Here are the ideas we are going to be doing:

- On the day, we will be able to go to school in pyjamas or just slippers and uniform with a parade first up
- We will be playing games like pyjamas relay and Dead fish
- We are hoping to get someone to come in and talk to us about how important sleep is.

Other than this it is just a normal school day. We hope you have fun but this will not be going on all day. School rules still apply.

Yours Scout and Emma-Lee.