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Friday Feb 14th

Newsletter No. 3

## N e w s l e t t e r

Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity – Achievement

<b>February</b>			
<b>Thurs 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Grounds and Buildings. New members welcome: 3:45- 4:30	<b>Tues 25<sup>th</sup> and Wed 26<sup>th</sup></b>	Parent Teacher interviews 2:00- 6:00
<b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	First of our school lunches. Menu attached.	<b>March</b>	
<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	Netbook lease meeting for grade 5-6 parents 3:30- 3:50.	<b>Wed 5<sup>th</sup></b>	First of 5 sessions of dance with 'Footsteps Dance Company' p-6 (Paid for by school) AusVELS parent information session. 3:45- 4:30. <b><u>Family pizza night. 5:00- 7:00.</u></b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Grade 3-6 excursion. Castlemaine. Indigenous Australians at War.	<b>Thur 6<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Google Apps for Parents (More info soon) 3:45-4:30	<b>Mon 10<sup>th</sup> Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Wed 19<sup>th</sup></b>	Labour Day Holiday School Photos. School Council AGM Ride to School Day. Parent headlice training program. 2:15 Last day of term.
		<b>April 4<sup>th</sup></b>	

Hello everyone,  
At the time of writing this newsletter, I am hoping that the rain will prevent swimming from running today. Everything is so dry and dusty and I am sure we will all be happy for the rains to come yet again. It seems like such a long time ago that we had flooding at our school during February. We were working on a minimum of 8 sessions at the pool so if it is raining, Monday will still be our final day with a swimming carnival organized by our 3-6 students. Please come along to help us celebrate yet another successful program. I would like to make special mention to Patsy Braybrook, who with her expertise in swimming has once again led the organisation of this program.

Today Nicole and I are in Melbourne attending a 'School Wide Positive Behaviours' support group. Last year we received funding to implement this program at our school. The \$4000 over 2 years will help to cover teacher replacement costs and materials that we may wish to purchase. The behaviour of the students at our school this year is nothing less than exemplary. This can largely be contributed to our whole school commitment to student wellbeing, continued support from our families should an issue occur and consistent, fair, restorative discipline used by all our teachers. Positive student behaviour is vital for student success

and I am sure Nicole and I will return with many new ideas and learnings.

There are many add-ons to this week newsletter, the first being our homework survey. Please return these to the box outside Sally's office. I have also included some head lice information as well as the departments new guidelines on suspension and expulsion that schools are required to provide to parents.

I hope to see you all at our Swimming Carnival on Monday and once again, thank you to you all for supporting this program. We have had close to 100% student attendance on all days.

Julie

### Students of the week:

**P-2: Daniel for his excellent listening.**

**3-6: Harley for taking care of others.**

### Kindness Award.

**Dash: For helping Connor at swimming**



### Thanks To

**David:** For preparing the first of our lunches.

**Bronwyn and Rob:** For cleaning the fish tank. Yes, we did do this a few weeks ago but it is amazing the effect from a tub of fish food.

**Caroline and Jennifer:** For helping with the 3-6 excursion on Wednesday.

### Library:

The library van comes each **Thursday**. The children will be borrowing books from the van next week.

Belinda will be supervising borrowing from our school library on **Friday afternoons**.

### 5-6 Netbook Lease:

All netbooks should be ready for lease by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Feb. Parents and children will be required to attend this information session and sign all agreements before netbooks can be taken home.

A payment of \$50 must be made before this date with the remaining payment to be made in June.

### Scholastic Bookclub - Issue #1

Any orders are due back at school by Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February.

Books will be delivered approximately 2 weeks later.

### Headlice:

Yes they are back and moving swiftly through the classes. I am currently organizing a new training session for parents so we can revamp our headlice checking program. This looks like being Wed the 19<sup>th</sup> of March at 2:15pm. In the meantime stay vigilant. I have included some information that maybe of help with this newsletter.



Ada and Harley are proud recipients of school captaincy.

### School Council Elections 2014

Please ensure you have read last week's newsletter in regards to the election process.

Working with Childrens Check  
All adults working with our children  
require this free authorization. Please  
collect a form from the office desk.



Our Grade 3-6 class took the train to Melbourne on Wednesday to 'Meet the Jones' as an excursion to support their sustainability inquiry topic. I received an excellent report on their behaviour, attitude and team work. Well done grade 3-6 and thanks to Scott, Patsy, Jennifer and Caroline.

### **Camp Dates for 2014**

These costs are approximates only.

Grade 2: Boomerang Holiday Ranch.  
Oct 30-31<sup>st</sup> \$85

Grade 3-4: Lady Northcote 27-29<sup>th</sup> Aug  
\$190

Grade 5-6: Melbourne 8-10<sup>th</sup> Oct \$220

Possible 3-6 Overnight bike camp:  
Early November. \$100.





Welcome to Kate in grade 5 and Erlin in grade 3.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniforms.

Thanks to Sally we now have a very organized box of 2<sup>nd</sup> hand uniforms. Thanks to all who have donated used items. Please see Sally on a Monday or Thursday for a full list of what is available.



On Monday our p-2 children had a lesson on crossing the road.

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Next week on **Thursday the 20<sup>th</sup> at 3:45pm** I will be hosting a short parent information session about our intentions for GAFE (Google Apps For Education) as a replacement for the ultranet. Please come along and express your ideas, concerns or ask questions about this ground-breaking education tool.

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