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Friday Feb 28th

Newsletter No. 5

N e w s l e t t e r

Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity – Achievement

March		March	
Wed 5th	First of 5 sessions of dance with 'Footsteps Dance Company' p-6 (Paid for by school) .	Mon 17th	School Photos. School Council AGM
Thur 6th	<u>Family Welcome night. 4:45- 7:00pm (see last weeks notice for details)</u>	Wed 19th	Ride to School Day. Parent headlice training program. 2:15
Frid 7th	Pet Education Program	Thurs 20th	Working Bee: 3:30- 5:00
Mon 10th	Labour Day Holiday	Friday 21st	National Day Against Bullying; Nepal Fundraising day.
Wed 12th	Planning meeting for our Street Stall 9:00am	Friday 28th	3-6 Cross Country
Thur 13th	Grounds and Buildings 3:40pm. All welcome.	Sat 29th	'Fundraiser Street Stall' in Castlemaine
		April 4th	Last day of term.

Hello everyone,

By the time you read this newsletter the term will be half over. It has been fantastic to see so many families this week for interviews. Making regular contact with your school is one of the more positive actions you can take for your child. When the children know you value their education and are working in partnership with their teachers, they are more focused on what they are doing during school times.

This year we are planning a fundraising stall in Castlemaine on Saturday the 29th of March (this is the last Saturday before term ends). This is our first major fundraiser for over 2 years and an excellent opportunity for families who are unable to help during the week to make a valued contribution. We have a planning meeting on Wednesday 12th March at 9:00am. Please send me an email or come along to support this venture. The 3-4 class have been very busy with their work on Nepal. Scott has given a full report with this newsletter. They have a fundraiser coming up to purchase a camera for the school that they are corresponding with. This initiative has been very much driven by the students and we are all proud of their efforts.

Our green teams are in full swing with the water team conducting an audit with Rob earlier in the week. We also looked at how and where we use water in our school and by using a tracking device, were able to see peak water use times. Jennifer has been busy putting

the finishing touches on the completion of our first Module for being ResourceSmart. Next week is our family welcome. I hope to see many of you there.

Julie

Students of the week:

P-2: Freya for writing lots about the water cycle.

3-6: Minka for her excellent writing.

(Please note: These nominations were from the children in the grade. It seems that writing must run in the family)

Kindness Award.



Dash: For helping a friend

Have you moved? Changed you phone number? Please let Sally know. It is vital we have up to



date information.

Thanks To

Belinda: For sorting all of book club's books

Rob: General garden tidy and providing some extra tomatoes for soup this week. Putting a closer on the door.

Jika: For helping in the garden this week

Jennifer and Shannon: For working with our sustainability teams.

David and Mel: For the great lunch.

John: For helping out with Google Apps last week.

All the parents and staff: For spending time to share information about our children.

Library:

The mobile library van is on Thursdays.

Belinda organizes school borrowing on a Friday after recess. Books will be collected at 9:00am each Friday.

P-2: 1 book at a time can be borrowed, however if you don't return your book you can have a maximum of 2 books out at any one time.

3-6: 2 books can be borrowed at any one time. The same maximum of 2 books applies.

Thanks to Kate for helping with this.

Carparking:

Our western car park has become very busy. At Monday's School Council meeting we discussed ways we could make it safer. The school does not own this land and as such it is not a school car park.

If all drivers could please park their cars facing down the hill towards Hunter St, this would then reduce the need for backing cars at the busy end of the day.

Children have been instructed to wait inside the school grounds until their pick-up has arrived. Please get out of your car when collecting younger children.

Interviews:

If you were unable to make last week's interview time, please see class teachers to make a new appointment.

Rob, Tim and Otis are checking the water efficiency of our bubble taps. There is some work to be done over the next few weeks.



2nd Hand Uniforms.

You may have met Scott's daughter Scout early last week. She is now enrolled in a Bendigo school, however has a 3 day old Chewton uniform for sale. Skirt size 7 shirt size 7.

Both these uniform items are $\frac{1}{2}$ price. See Scott for details.

Sandpit:

We do have a working-bee later in the term, however the sandpit is due for a top-up. Please see me if you are able to collect and unload a trailer load of sand. We have an account at Alstones so no costs will be involved, just hard work. **There are still no takers for this task?**



NEPAL FUNDRAISER

Grade 3-6 was fortunate last week to have a very special person visit. Anne Rittman shared her remarkable story of how she befriended a young Nepalese boy thirty or so years ago while travelling through Asia. Anne told us how she sent money to him upon her return to Australia, but never knew whether the money was actually reaching him, so decided to stop sending money.

Thirty years later she returned to Nepal curious as to what had become of her young friend Ram. As she stood in the market square in Kathmandu she noticed a man hovering nearby. She asked him a few inquiring questions and detected that he spoke quite good English. He proceeded to tell her that thirty years ago a wonderful lady from Australia had sent him money which he used to study English. 'But then the money suddenly stopped.'

Anne's heart sang and sank at the same time. 'Is your name Ram by any chance?'

'Yes', he said. 'It is me!' After an emotional reunion Anne vowed to help him in any way she could, feeling terrible that she had stopped sending him money but inspired by the remarkable encounter. Ram told her that he wanted to start a school for the children in his village, to give them an opportunity that Anne had afforded him all those years ago. With Anne's support Ram has built a school, growing in numbers every day.

Grade 3-6 were moved by Anne's story and became more and more enthused by the idea that Chewton Primary School could play an active role in supporting a small school in Nepal, for kids of a low caste and with limited opportunities without an education.

We shared ideas and talked about fundraising, writing letters, making books to help teach English and even short films about life in Australia. Our students were delighted to share with Anne their learning by delivering their Nepal presentations, for a second time. Anne was thrilled with their enthusiasm for the project and responded to me via-email, 'What an amazing class you have!'

Thanks to Glenn Braybrook, generously donating his coin collection, we had raised \$75 before the end of the day. We have sent letters via Google Apps to a contact in Nepal and are eagerly awaiting a response.

We have decided to hold a Nepal Fundraiser Day to be held at Chewton Primary School on Friday March 24th. If you would like to be on the organising committee for this wonderful cross-cultural project please let me know so we can begin organising the day and future projects to support Anne, Ram, our kids and the children of his village.

Thank you Caroline for introducing us to Anne Rittman and Steve for your generous \$50 donation!

Regards,
Scott.

Money

Please make sure all money is in an envelope with your child's name and purpose of the payment clearly labelled. There are envelopes and pens on the front desk.

Sally has a very limited time to complete all office tasks on Monday and Thursday. Chasing loose coins just adds to her tasks.



*Don't miss the flypast of the F/A-18 over
Castlemaine at 1030am on both
Saturday 1st March & Sunday 2nd March, 2014.*

School Council Nominations:

Nominations closed last week. As the number of nominations was the same as the number of vacancies, there has been no need for an election.

John Thomas will be joining our School Council following the AGM on Monday March 17th at 5pm. The AGM is open to all of the school community. You are welcome as an observer to all School Council Meetings.

Caroline Pflienger renominated for her position and will remain on School Council for the next 2 years.

Sera-Jane Peters will be resigning as following the AGM. Sera-Jane has been an active, knowledgeable and supportive School Council member. She has worked with 5 different principals during her time on school council. I take this opportunity to thank her for all of the hard work and time she has given our school. I am sure we will continue to see her involvement in varying roles in the future.

Preps start full time next week

Campbells Creek Junior Football Club

Wishes to advise that training commences for Under 10 and Under 12 players on Monday 3rd March at the Campbells Creek Sports Ground from 4-5pm.

Past and new players welcome.
Phone: Rob Douglas 5470 6419 for enquiries.

Taradale Mineral Springs Festival Sunday 9th March 2014 – 10am – 4pm

Mineral Springs Reserve, Taradale

Local tastings of fine wine and cuisine at the Taradale Mineral Springs Festival on Sunday 9 March. Voted best Community Event in the region 2012, there will be something for everyone including handcrafted local wines and produce including olives, oils, preserves, puddings and lots more. There will also be plenty of food to go with yum cha, pancakes and bbq delights among many. There will be plenty of entertainment with African drumming workshops and Zumba demonstrations and Judith Lanigan hula hooping her way around, as well as live music from jazz singer Meg Corson, the Deckaids and Gussy & the Barn Cats. There will also be a 4-day art exhibition as part of Arts Open, vintage cars and a range of free children's activities including a jumping castle and a giant inflatable slide, face painting and a youth activity bus. BYO picnic blanket and basket to fill. For event enquiries call 0417 547 270.

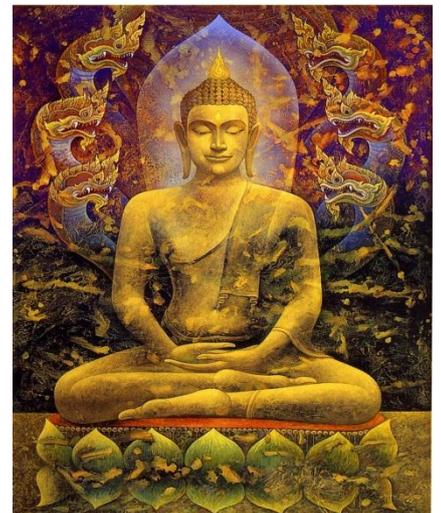
You may have noticed a flyer around last week that referred to this as an all day activity. Whilst we love Ada's enthusiasm, a time scale is yet to be decided. This version has some edits.

Please come to our
Nepal fund raising
fete day!

Where: Chewton Primary
school.

When: Friday the 21st of
March

We are raising money
for a small school in
Nepal.



Connecting Cultures Meeting March
11 3:40 at Winters Flat Primary
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