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<p>February Mon 3rd</p> <p>Wed 12th</p> <p>Thurs 13th</p>	<p>Start of our 10 day swimming program at the Chewton Pool. Please consider purchasing a seasons ticket for half price. This more than covers the cost of your daily entry and you can swim on the weekend as well.</p> <p>Grade 3-6 excursion to Melb. No swimming on this day. We may add an extra day to the following week if there are other lost sessions.</p> <p>Grounds and Buildings. New members welcome: 3:45- 4:30</p>	<p>Monday 17th</p> <p>Tuesday 19th</p> <p>Thursday 20th</p> <p>Tues 25th and Wed 26th March</p> <p>Wed 5th</p> <p>Thur 6th</p> <p>Mon 17th</p> <p>April 4th</p>	<p>Finance Meeting 4:30 School Council 5:00</p> <p>Grade 3-6 excursion. Castlemaine. Indigenous Australians at War.</p> <p>Google Apps for Parents(More info soon) 3:45-4:30</p> <p>Parent Teacher interviews 2:00- 6:00</p> <p>First of 5 sessions of dance with ‘Footsteps Dance Company’ p-6 AusVELS parent information session. 3:45- 4:30. <u>Family pizza night. 5:00- 7:00.</u> School Photos. School Council AGM</p> <p>Last day of term.</p>
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Hello everyone,
What a fantastic beginning to our new school year. We have several new families at our school with 39 children enrolled for 2014. As explained in our welcome note on Wednesday, this has meant some changes to our class structures. With a new timetable now in day 3 everything is running very smoothly. Both classes had music and Mandarin lessons today with Art and Library session starting next week. With the very hot conditions we are experiencing, the children are being kept inside during the lunch break. Some children are playing under the shade trees at the front of the school but there is no play on the oval or asphalt areas. The children are encouraged to drink water with water bottles permitted in classrooms. Next week lunch break will be shorter giving us time to walk to the pool. We will not be swimming on days of total fire ban. With this newsletter you have dates for family interviews later in the month. If you have any concerns, please come and see us earlier. The first few weeks of school can be stressful for some children with little things being big issues. We can't help if you don't tell us.

We also have our family pizza night the first week in March. Many of you are getting to know our many new families already. You are welcome to come into the passage to wait at the end of the day especially in this heat. This is a great time for families to get to know each other. I am looking forward to a positive 2014 school year and all staff feel privileged to be part of this school community.

Julie

Students of the week:

*P-2: Emma –Lee and Grace for excellent role modelling.
3-6: Tenzin for her positive attitude to learning.*

Kindness Award.

Sally for keeping a smile on her face during her extra busy Thursday. Thanks to you all for being so patient during a very busy day.



Thanks To:

All the families and Patsy who helped with the garden over summer. It was a huge effort with no rain and plenty of long hot days. I hope you were all rewarded with some eggs and vegetables.

Belinda: for starting work in the library already.

Bronwyn (Flynn's mum): For tidying all of the play group toys.

Rob: For, cleaning gutters, hanging pin boards, moving art room equipment, painting shelves, cleaning the fish tank, sweeping paths and mowing grass. I am sure I have missed many of the other jobs he completed during the holidays.

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 a **Friday afternoon**.

Take home books:

Many of our home reading books are not on the catalogue system. The grade 3-6 children are free to change these books regularly. Patsy and Scott monitor the books that are taken home.

The p-2 class have home book folders and their take home books are kept in the classroom. Nicole has organized for these books to go home as from today. We had a slight delay as folders did not arrive on time.

Swimming:

When I sent out the notices on Wednesday I was unaware that seasons tickets were half price. It is better value for families to purchase a \$20 season ticket for swimming then pay for children on a daily basis. You then have the added bonus of swimming over the weekend.

Netbooks and Lap Top Computers:

We had 4 new computers arrive today with a new charging cupboard for additional storage. We now have 18 lap top computers and 6 leased netbooks. We will be leasing an additional 4 netbooks in the next few weeks.

Children in grade 5-6 will be able to take their netbook computer home for the cost of insurance. I am still finalizing contracts and parent permission forms. Grade 5-6 families will need to sign an agreement before these computers can leave the school. There are strict guidelines for using department computers at home. Children and parents need to be fully aware of what they can and cannot access using departmental equipment. Computer history will be checked on a regular basis.

We still have some older netbook and laptop computers at our school however these will rarely need to be used.

Stationary and materials for 2014.

School council has set the fee at \$120. Funds received will help cover the cost of all stationary and material used by students on a daily basis.

All children will have the opportunity to grow and cook food during the years. Part of your contribution will go towards the purchase of items to support this program.

Children who attend Religious Education will incur an additional fee of \$5

Children in Grade 5-6 will have a netbook leasing fee however I am still negotiating the cost of this.

Please see Sally on Monday's or Thursdays for the payment of fees. Payment slips will be available on Monday.

Early payment would be greatly appreciated as we have already purchased material for your child. If you have problems with your payment, please see myself or Sally. We are happy for families to make small regular payments during the year.

Approximate costs for camp will be in next week's newsletter.

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