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Friday March 21st

Newsletter No. 8

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March		April	
Friday 28th	.3-6 Cross Country Planning meeting for the street stall fundraiser 9:00am	Tues 1st	Bulb orders to be returned.
Sat 29th	‘Fundraiser Street Stall’ in Castlemaine	Wed 2nd	Prep-2 excursion. Castlemaine 10:00-1:00 Join us for our final dance session. 2:30- 3:20
		Friday 4th	Last day of term.
		Tuesday April 22nd	First day of term 2.
		Friday 25th Monday 28th	Anzac day holiday. First of our head lice checks. 2:30- 3:30
		Wed 30th	Grade 6 Grip leadership program in Bendigo.
		May Wed 7th	Photos will be back sometime this week. Creek Story Art excursion 3-6

Hello everyone,

This has been one of our busiest weeks of the term. Monday’s school photos were in-between wind and showers with Wednesday’s dance classes a hot and sunny afternoon. Our visit from the Timor-Leste study tour was extremely successful on Tuesday and our school captains did a great job of representing our school at the welcome afternoon tea at the market building on Monday. It is fantastic to see our captains willing to take on these responsibilities especially when it involves after school sessions. Our walk and ride to school day was well supported by both parents and students. It was one of the coldest morning starts for the year with many freezing hands on handle bars. Lots of families stayed behind to help clean up after breakfast. Our busy road does make it difficult for many to cycle to school but with an adult to help with the road crossings, it is certainly an enjoyable way to start the day. I had to question the logic of my transport as I drove to school first and then cycled to the start of the ride. I am sure I will get back to cycling the full way to work very soon. On Thursday we had three students travel to Philip Island to be part of a Coastal Ambassadors Program. I did not hear one complaint about their 6am departure so they could be there by 10:00am. A huge thanks to Sera-Jane Peters who drove the children all this way, not only taking a day off work but also taking on the responsibility of being our school representative. Our school places a large emphasis on providing leadership opportunities for our students but

this relies heavily on parent support for transport and supervision. Scott and his grade 3-6 class are to be congratulated for their fund raising efforts today. I am sure there will be a full account in next week’s newsletter. Once again this charity event was greatly supported by parents with Jika now an expert in Nepalese cooking. Ginny raised \$90 with a car boot sale with all proceeds going toward the project. We now have two new parents trained as head lice checkers as they attended the training session on Wednesday. We will start this program in week 2 of next term. Our head lice policy will be reviewed at the next school council meeting with families being fully informed of the policy details prior to our first official day. If you have any questions about treatments for head lice, please come and see me for up to date information. Today is Kerri’s final day for this teaching round. We have really appreciated her help and will look forward to her return later in the year.

Julie

Students of the week:

- P-2: Flynn:** For great story telling.
- 3-6: Kirsty:** Great work with measuring area.



Kindness Award.

Patsy: For lending a helping hand.

Thanks To: So many thanks. I hope I did not leave anyone out. It just shows the strength of our community.

Rob and Kate B: For helping wash dishes after last week's lunch

Everyone: Who came along to yesterday's working bee.

John and Tony: Who lead the charge for the walking and cycling to school day.

Patsy: For assisting with making both morning tea and lunch for our guests on Tuesday.

Jennifer: For the many hours she is putting in to help complete core one of the ResourseSmart modules.

Rhonda and Jason: For spending an hour learning about head lice.

Everyone: Who stayed behind and helped wash dishes on Wednesday.

Sera-Jane: For that long drive to Philip Island

Jika: For great cooking.

Ginny: For her kind donation to the Nepal fundraiser.

Everyone: Who came along on the day.

Lunches

Please use microwaved lunches as a special treat rather than a daily event for your child. Long lines are forming in the staff room over the lunch break and it is difficult for staff to supervise this as well as have time for their own lunch that will be quickly followed by yard duty. We are happy to provide this service on an occasional basis.

School Photos.

These should be back in the first week of next term. Please contact the photo company directly for any back orders.

Trash Pack:

At this stage we are allowing the 3-6 children to trade these items. P-2 must not give or swap characters and older children are not to trade with these grade levels



Some of our cyclist on Ride to School Day.



Our visitors from Timor Leste enjoying lunch after their school tour.



Wanted: Tomatoes to make relish for the street stall. Also some very small jars.



**Fundraiser: BBQ and plant sales in Mostyn St Castlemaine.
Saturday 29th March.**

Funds raised will go towards **building a sustainable cubby house in the interpretive garden** and making the **chook house enclosure** child friendly.

We need **donations of plants** for our garden stall. Some of you may have cuttings that you have taken over the summer that are ready for sale. We have a few that the children propagated last year.

Next week I will be asking families to **sell raffle tickets** for a hamper donated by IGA. These tickets will also be for sale on the day.

Please let me know if you can help with the stall on the Saturday: The roster is on the office table.

7:30- 9:30

9:30- 11:00

11:00- 12:30

12:30- 2:30

Our final planning meeting is at 9:00am Friday the 28th (The day before for our stall).

Head Lice

NOTHING WORKS. I TREAT MY CHILD AND THEY CATCH LICE AT SCHOOL THE NEXT DAY.

Some facts from the James Cook University Australia:

Reason for failure comes down to the following reasons in order of importance:

- 1: Not enough product to cover all of the hair.
- 2: Lice are resistant to the product. (Please see me for a fact sheet on product rotation)
- 3: Failure to retreat. This must be done. There are no single one off treatments that work.
- 4: Reinfection. Yes. They may have caught them at school again but this is 4th on the list of common reasons.



School Council Report

Our School Council AMG was held on Monday followed by our first meeting of the year.

Elected office-bearers are:

President: Caroline Pflienger

Vice President: Belinda Van Der Horst

Secretary: Jennifer Pryce

Parent Reps: John Thomas and Marco Amati.

Once again we thank are retiring member Sera-Jane Peters.

At our first meeting School Council approved the building of a solid roof over the BBQ area. This will stabilize the structure and allow better use of this area.

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Healthy Mums in the Kitchen

With Lorna Reynolds - Dietician CDCH

- Learn a nutritious and easy to cook meal using everyday ingredients
 - Tips on breakfast and packing healthy lunchboxes
 - Focus on **low cost options** for mums on a budget
 - Helpful advice from local Dietician
 - **Fun** and **friendly** group for young mums



When: Wednesday 30th April, 2014

Time: 10.30am - 12.30pm, including lunch

Where: Castlemaine Continuing Education, 30 Templeton Street, Castlemaine

Cost: FREE

RSVP: Bookings essential, please call CDCH on 5479 1000

Need assistance: We can help with transport and respite. Just let us know.



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