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Friday Feb 7th

Newsletter No. 2

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| February | | | |
| Mon 3rd | Saver Plus talk for parents. 9:00- 10:00 | Wednesday 19th | Grade 3-6 excursion. Castlemaine. Indigenous Australians at War. |
| | School Captains badge presentation. | Thursday 20th | Google Apps for Parents(More info soon) 3:45-4:30 |
| Wed 12th | 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. | Tues 25th and Wed 26th | Parent Teacher interviews 2:00- 6:00 |
| | | March | |
| Thurs 13th | Grounds and Buildings. New members welcome: 3:45- 4:30 | Wed 5th | First of 5 sessions of dance with 'Footsteps Dance Company' p-6 |
| | | Thur 6th | AusVELS parent information session. 3:45- 4:30. <u>Family pizza night. 5:00- 7:00.</u> |
| Friday 14th | First of our school lunches.Menu attached. | | |
| Monday 17th | Netbook lease meeting for grade 5-6 parents 3:30- 3:50. | Mon 10th | Labour Day Holiday |
| | | Mon 17th | School Photos. School Council AGM |
| | | Wed 19th | Ride to School Day. |
| | | April 4th | Last day of term. |

Hello everyone,
The weather continues to play havoc with our plans. When I spent my year teaching in Canada I found that everyone was completely 'snow' obsessed. I felt much challenged by the constant snow updates and temperature readings. -30 was a really cold day so we did not let the children go out to play. It seems we have spent the first part of our year on temperature alert with a very hot end to our week. Staff are very conscious of the conditions and all care is being taken to keep children active when it is cool and passive when the temperature rises. It is great to see so many families picking children up from the pool as it certainly saves a hot walk back. Thursday is National Apology Day. The National Apology to the indigenous peoples of Australia is a significant event in Australian history. Thursday the 13th of Feb will mark 6years since the address was given to the Australian Parliament by the then Prime minister, Keven Rudd. To mark the occasion the children will work with their buddy to talk about what it means to make an apology. They will also learn the Acknowledgment of Country

'I would like to acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand and pay my respects to their Elders both past and present.'
We have permission to fly the Aboriginal Flag on Thursday and will have a special flag raising ceremony at 9:30. Families are welcome to join us for any part of this event.
Julie

Students of the week:

P-2: Brock for great work in reading
3-6: Otis for always being happy to help others.



Kindness Award.

Grace: For helping others.
(Has anyone seen our trophy?)

Thanks To:

Pasty: For coming back to school to shut down all things electrical on Monday night. We all went home at 4:15. Not much we can do without power these days.
All parents: Who have been there at the pool on time and helping with all those lost socks and undies.

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**.

5- 6 Netbook Lease:

All netbooks should be ready for lease by Monday 17th Feb. Parents and children will be required to attend an 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 17th February.

Books will be delivered approximately 2 weeks later.



New carpet was installed during the holidays. Our music/art/ playgroup room is certainly looking brighter

School Council Elections 2014

We have 2 parent vacancies available for membership of School Council in 2012:

Retiring Members are: Sera-Jane Peters and Caroline Pflienger. We also have a 1 DEECD vacancy. I hold the other DEECD position as principal of our school.

These members may wish to renominate for their current positions.

Following the declaration of the poll and before office bearers are elected the School Council may coopt a Community member.

The functions of school councils are to:

- Establish the broad direction and vision of the school within the school's community
- Participate in the development and monitoring of the school strategic plan
- Develop, review and update school policies
- Develop, review and monitor the Student Engagement Policy and the School Dress Code
- Raise funds for school-related purposes
- Approve the annual budget and monitor expenditure
- Maintain the school's grounds and facilities
- Enter into contracts (e.g. cleaning, construction work)
- Report annually to the school community and to DEECD
- Generally stimulate interest in the school in the wider community
- If you would like to nominate for one of these positions, please collect a nomination form from the office ***If there are a greater number of nominations received, a School Council Election Process & Timetable will need to be followed:***

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| Notice of election and call for nominations | Friday 7 th February |
| Closing date for nominations | Friday 21 nd Feb |
| List of candidates and nominators will be posted | 28 th of Feb |
| Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (If required) | Monday 3 th March |
| Close of ballot (If required) | Monday 10 th March |
| Vote Count | Tuesday 11 th March |
| Declaration of poll | Friday 14 th March |
| First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) | Monday 17 th March |



Parent/ Student Committees.

Grounds and buildings is a sub committee of School Council however you do not need to be a member of school council to be part of this group. We report to school council before our ideas can go ahead. Grounds and Building meets the 2nd Thursday of each month at 3:45.

We also have Student/community Welfare Team. This group meets twice a term to look at our welfare policies and keep track of our health promoting programs.

There is also a 'Green Team'. This group is currently working on the schools Sustainability Program. We are yet to find a meeting time.

Please see me if you are interested in joining any of these groups. New members are more than welcome.



Olivia is in Prep

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 of \$100 payable by instalments.

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.



Luke and Nathan are two of our new students in the 3-6 class

Camp Dates for 2014

These costs are approximates only.

Grade 2: Boomerang Holiday Ranch.

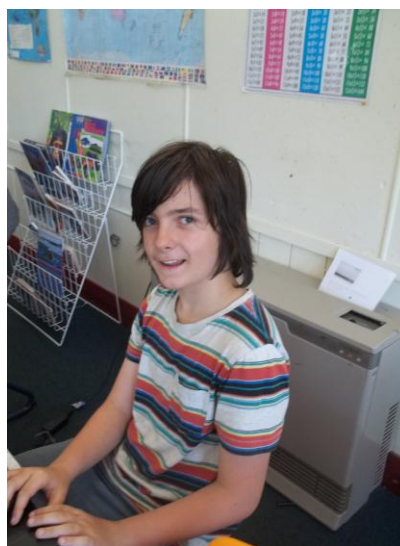
Oct 30-31st \$85

Grade 3-4: Lady Northcote 27-29th Aug
\$190

Grade 5-6: Melbourne 8-10th Oct \$220

Possible 3-6 Overnight bike camp:

Early November. \$100.



Otis is in grade 6.

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