



Chewton
Primary School 1054



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Hello all,

One thing I can be confident is saying is that there is never dull moment at our school. Today is our annual book celebration, normally held in term 3 however with the performance this year we decided to move things forward. I know how hard it is to come up with costume ideas but the children really do have a great time.

We also have a group of children attending the district Cross Country. I hope they had a great day and that parents were able to find the start line.

On Thursday Daydd and I met with staff from Timor PS and Chris from the Department who led us through the correct process for spending the 'School Pride' funds that have been allocated to our school. There has been lots of discussions around the best way to spend \$90,000 and the staff are really keen to build a sun deck off the staff room however, we do have to stick to the guidelines and true intentions of the funding. Grounds and Buildings will present a priority list to School Council at next month's meeting.

The official presentation of funds will be next Wednesday. Please come to hear the announcement.

Our curriculum day is fast approaching. Make sure you have this date in your diary. Staff will be using this time to work with a highly regarded writing coach to refine our skills and develop a consistent approach to teaching writing across the school.

With the wet weather this week we had some children arrive in gumboot. We don't mind gum boots for the yard but they are not suitable foot wear for indoors. Please make sure you send along a change of shoes or slippers.

Yesterday marked the end of NAPLAN testing for our grade 3 and 5 students. We try to make this a low key event for our students. NAPLAN results are just one of many assessments that the school uses to understand the teaching and learning at our school.

Julie

Calendar

May:

Mon: 16th: Flag Launch at 9:00

Wed 18th: Grounds and Buildings 8:30am.

Deputy Premier Visit 2:00-2:45

Thursday 19th: School Council 6:00pm

Friday 20th: Clubs. Open day from 10am. Walk to school

Thurs 26th May: Some children at Chess competition.

Friday 27th: **Curriculum day.**

No students

June:

Wed 1st: : Some children at soccer regional event

Friday 3rd: Earth Ed Excursion p-3 Lunch Day

Friday 10th: Reports home: Clubs

Mon 13th : Queens Birthday Holiday

Friday 17th: Lunch Day: Clubs

Frid 24th: **Last day of term: Cook out 2:30 dismissal**

Mon 20th-23rd: Parent interview week

TERM 3:

School Production. **Keep this date free. 13th September. Rehearsals and Show**



Students of the week:

This term we are celebrating: Great team work. Teachers will work with children as to what this looks like in class. Areas for discussion will include, listening to others, supporting ideas and encouraging all efforts.

This week **Team Player** students are:

Ceridwen. Grd 1: Includes other at all times

Alex: Grd 3: Always uses positive language when talking to other

Rain: Grd 5: He always makes sure others get a go when playing sports

Thanks to

Daydd: For the extra work load he has needed to take on this year as our School Council President. There have been a more than expected number of engagement that he has willingly attended

Rob: Our official photographer on the Sports Day

Other parents: Who supported parents and staff on sports day

Grace: Who has been collecting our much appreciated free fruit from Growing with Abundance and **Mary** who prepared some of the older apples ready for this week's lunch program

Racheal: For transporting Monte and Samuel to the soccer selection trials. Unfortunately they were not successful however it is great to see students strive to do their best

Jen and Jess: We now have council approved plans and are ready to build the rebound wall

Breakfast Program

We are ready to go week 1 term 3.

Lunch orders from Growing with Abundance

We are ready to start and I am just waiting now for the organisers to provide instructions on how to order

Sporting Schools

Every Wednesday till the end of term. See Patsy for details

Walk to School Day

If you would like to be part of our group stroll to school, please meet me at Memorial Park at 8:30am. Dogs, pushers and grannies all welcome to join us. You may prefer to start your walk from home and that is

great as well.



Wanted: House to rent

One of our families is looking for a house to rent in Castlemaine or the wider area. Send me an email if you know of something and I will forward the information on. They have dogs and children, hence the difficulty in finding something.

Clubs starts next week:

We are a little late starting our clubs program this year. For new families, clubs is an opportunity for children to pick an interest for the last hour and a bit on a Friday. (We shorten lunch break to give more time for the activities). Past clubs have included, writing, paper craft, mosaics, cooking, bush walking, sport, drama, drumming and science experiments. We are always open to new ideas. Please let me know if you have a skill you could share with a small group of children. Some of the activities are multi age and others are p-2 or 3-6.

Grade 6 Photo's - \$18.00

If you would like to order a Grade 6 Photo, please complete an order form and place the form and money in the security box. We have until Friday 6th May to order these. Forms are available on the table in the hallway.

Sustainability news.

Last week I had the luxury of a day to work on our Resource Smart Program. When our Strategic Plan was written over 3 years ago, we set a goal to be a 5 star energy efficient school by the end of 2017. We have made amazing progress however we may have to settle for 4 star accreditation. Last week our Water Team were working on some reminders for turning off taps, especially in the staff room where we tend to rinse dishes and leave the tap on rather than fill the sink.

With colder weather approaching, the energy team will be making sure we have turned off heaters over the lunch break with outside and classroom doors closed.

Weather report

Since Friday of last week have recorded 33ml of rain.

Thanks Scout for making this on the chart

*****Bus Traveller Reminder and important information *****

Only students on our bus roll can travel on the school buses. We already have tight rules on this but the drivers have their own tighter rules. I meeting with one of the drivers tomorrow to discuss a bus pass option for our school but for now it is what was stated at the beginning of the year re no children on play dates and no children, even with a note, to get on or off at their incorrect stop. I feel your frustration.



Flag Raising:

Rob and Sam have done a great job of installing our new flag poles. The grade 2-6 children have been learning the meaning of the colours and the reason why we will now fly all three of the official Australian Flags.

We have Julie McHale (Castlemaine Citizen of the Year) and Christine Henderson (Our Mayor) come for the launch of the flags. This is a big week for official proceedings.

Traffic Management

Grounds and Buildings have been reviewing our parking and drop off areas. Thanks to families who submitted their ideas. You may have noticed the bins have been moved to the east carpark to open up the space in the west area. Points to remember:

- If you plan to be longer than just drop off and pick up please park in the east carpark. All staff, including visiting staff are using this area as well.
- Longer term parking is in the east carpark. There will be some signs to keep the emergency access track clear but in the meantime, please just be aware of this.
- Do not park in the centre of the car park.
- We prefer you to walk younger children to the gate
- Park so that you do not need to reverse at any time in the west carpark.
- This is a work in progress but if we can keep to these simple steps, things should move more smoothly

2016 camps and excursions: Approximate Costs Only.

Grade 2: Boomerang Holiday Ranch. Daylesford: Oct 27-28th. Horse riding and outdoor fun. \$90

Grade 3-4: Lady Northcote: Bachas marsh: Aug 1-3. Adventure: \$240

Grade 5-6: Melb: Date 9-11th Nov \$260

Bike camp: 3-6.13-14th Oct (Interested children only. Families invited) Heathcote to Bendigo: \$60

Chewton Sewing Group "Have you got creative hands and mind and like to sew or always wanted to sew?"

We are starting a CPS sewing group.

Sewing machines available in art room on Thurs 9.30am -12.30pm or you can bring your own.

Come along, bring a project and share your fantastic creative ideas with us.

Everyone welcome.



Levi was very busy solving maths problems with other schools last week

Deputy Premier Visit: 2:15-3:00: Please note the change of time.

- **Deputy Premier and State Education Minister Visit:** Hon James Merlino will be making a visit to our school on Wed 18th May from 2:15-3:00. He will be announcing our **\$90,000 of school pride funding + another \$36,000 that I found out about today**. This will at 2:15pm followed by a tour of our gardens and school. The school community is welcome to attend this 2:15pm public address.
- **As regard to the funding, there are very tight rules on how we can use this money.** Daydd and Sally sat with me for 2 hours today as we were given a presentation. The timeline is tight and there is minimal flexibility on what we can do.



Picture perfect weather for sports day



. SUNDAY 5TH JUNE - 11 am to 1 pm

THE CASTLEMAINE RAILWAY GOODS SHED

Kennedy St. Castlemaine

Castlemaine State Festival invites all school communities – children, teachers and their families to hear our ideas for the next Festival, to be held 17-26 March 2017.

Entertainment, information and a free sausage sizzle for all.

SEE YOU THERE!



