



Chewton
Primary School 1054



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Newsletter No 14 27th May 2016

Hello all,

It has certainly been a busy few weeks with next week being our final big week for the term. The grade p-1 are very excited about their excursion on Friday as this is just their second outing for the year.

Staff are currently busy writing reports. Our school has moved to the Victorian Curriculum for our planning and reporting this year. All schools will need to make the switch by 2017. This has meant some minor changes to the checklists and report set out.

Following our school survey of parents about the report, we have implemented as many of the ideas and comments as practical. One request was for personal comments on all specialist areas however with our class teachers also specialists, this would be make an already big job unmanageable. Please remember that reports are written by teachers in the evenings and on weekends.

We have had many positive comments on our three flags. Please read this month's issue of the Chewton Chat as Dash and Nathan have written and excellent summary of the flags meaning.

The spending of our grant has been a top topic at both School Council and Grounds and Buildings. We have created a subcommittee to priorities spending with our first meeting next week. You are welcome to talk to me about your thoughts but remember, we have to stay within the guidelines.

The bus pick up after school is creating a whole new set of problems re safety for staff, students and other users of the road. I have been in contact with Public Transport Victoria and the school liaison representative is looking into this problem.

Wednesday is our big day for reconciliation activities with all classes covering some content during the week. This year's theme is

'Our History our Story our Future'
I will be absent from school on Monday, Thursday and Friday of next week. Please send me an email or speak to another staff member if you have any concerns.

Julie

Calendar

May:

**Friday 27th: Curriculum day.
No students**

Tues 31st: Capital works planning meeting 2:00-4:00

June:

Wed 1st: 2-3 at Reconciliation Day activities in the afternoon. Grade 4-6 all day. Please check notes.

Friday 3rd: Earth Ed Excursion p-3
Some children at soccer regional event

Mon 6th: World Environment Day

Tuesday 7th: After school violin recital 3:35 on

Friday 10th: Reports home: Clubs

Mon 13th : Queens Birthday

Holiday

Tues 14th : Capital works planning meeting 2:00-4:00

Wed 15th: Grounds and buildings 8:30am

Thursday 16th: School Council. 6:30. Please note later start time

Friday 17th: Lunch Day: Clubs

Mon 20th-23rd: Parent interview week

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

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:

Nathan (grade 4): Leading some great team writing tasks

Alex (grade 3): Making sure everyone has a job to do

Kirra (Grade 1): For looking out for others in her group

Thanks to

Rob: For helping making our school looked amazing last week.

Mary, Rachael and Kate B: For our 2nd amazing lunch

Garry, Jason and Kate B: For helping with our first of 6 club sessions. (3 this term and 3 the next)

Parents: Who supported last week's walk to school day

Grace: For continuing to pick up fruit

Tamzin: For sorting the second hand uniforms. Please see Sally for these items

Breakfast Program

We are ready to go week 1 term 3.

Lunch orders from Growing with Abundance

Please read the information below with care. This lunch order program operates outside the school. You need to contact the lunch organizers if you have any questions.

Sporting Schools

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

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.

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.

School Council Report

- We passed our new Water Management Policy and reviewed the Uniform policy to include a sunsmart shirt from Oct 1st to April 30th. Please check the school website to view both policies.
- Discussion was held re grant money and a subcommittee was formed comprising school council and grounds and buildings reps
- A design for improvements to car parking was presented and approved. Funding for this may come from the grant.
- A progress report was given on the rebound wall. Yes, it will happen soon
- A risk management plan for the school bike ride was presented and discussed with the bike camp approved by School Council

Weather report

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

Make sure you have contacted me for a bus pass before 9am on the day of intended changes to travel so I can issue a bus pass.

Traffic Management

Well done all. You are doing a great job. The car parks are running for more smoothly

Library:

Belinda and Kate B do a great job in our library helping children select books, keeping shelves tidy and keeping track of our many books. They have changed borrowing day from **FRIDAY to WEDNESDAY**.

2016 camps and excursions: Approximate Costs Only.

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

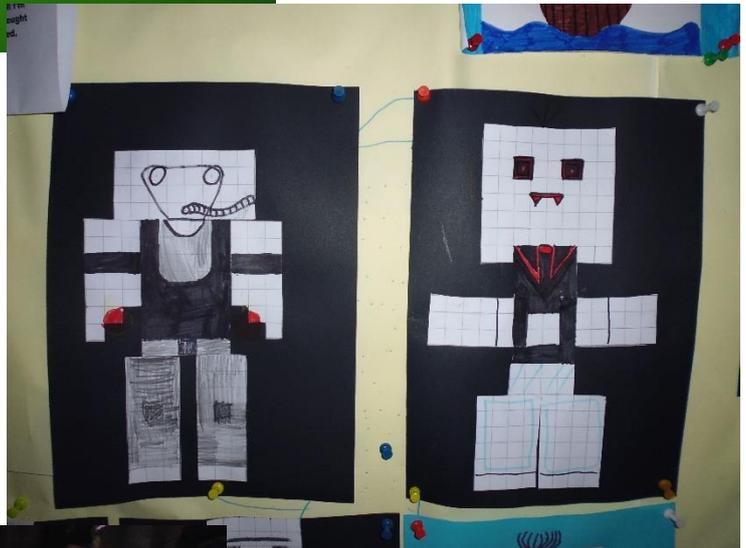
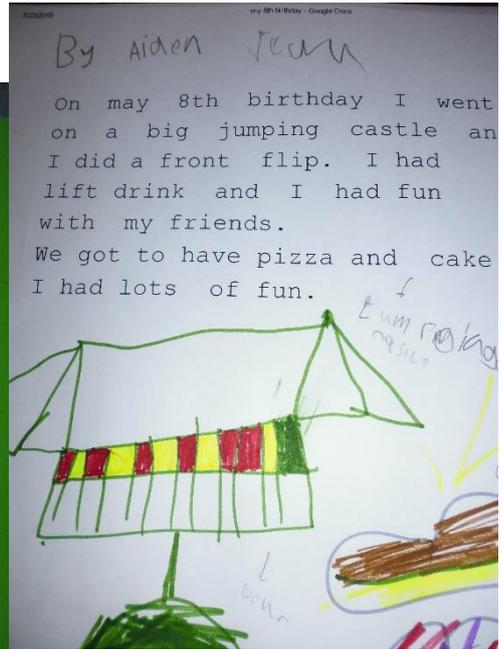
Grade 3-4: Lady Northcote: Bachas marsh: Aug 1-3. Adventure: \$240

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

Student Absences:

This is a grumpy message that many of you will dismiss however, it still needs to be said. We have a huge (Over 30%) of our families holidaying outside school holiday times and we have not even reached the midpoint of the school year. This makes sense if you are travelling for longer than the 2 week break and you have added time to the school holidays. This is often a one off experience for many families. Taking additional holidays, to our already 10 weeks of leave makes a huge hole in a child's learning. Please make every attempt to have your holiday break in the times given. If you are interested in some statistical data on how absences effect academic, social and emotional learning, I have plenty to share.



Chess was fantastic!!! (Well not so great for observers). Our children played very well. I loved listening to the conversations between the children. There was lots of coaching between schools after the game was over.

WELL DONE TEAMS

Coming to your school!

The Growing Abundance Project is pleased to be offering school lunches to Chewton Primary on **Thursdays starting Thursday 16th June!!!**. For those of you who are not familiar with us, we are a local, community based not-for-profit organisation that operates to support our local economy and growers. All our ingredients are sourced ethically and our staff are committed to creating the most nutritious menu's for students.

All our food is made from scratch in our kitchen from locally sourced ingredients. No processed food or preservatives!

If you want any other details just email: eat@growingabundance.org.au

See our sample menu below and get ready to order and pay online at:

growingabundance.yqme.com.au

Homemade Chicken Noodle soup – freshly made soup made with free range chicken served with fresh sprout focaccia bread \$3.50

Spanakopita – A triangle of Filo pastry with spinach and cheese filling

Note this is a large serve (order one to take home for dinner as well!) \$5

Pasta Bolognaise – Spiral pasta served with our bolognaise sauce (local organic ground beef) served with Warrnambool cheese \$4.50

Pasta Napoli – Spiral pasta served with our Napoli sauce and Warrnambool cheese \$4

Cheese and Salad Wrap – Warrnambool cheese and seasonal salad in a soft wrap \$4

Free Range Ham, cheese and seasonal salad in a soft wrap \$4

Yoghurt with poached Fruit – Greek Yoghurt served with poached seasonal fruit \$2.50

Fruit muffin – Tasty muffin, freshly made with seasonal fruit \$2

Vanilla Biscuit – Made fresh from our kitchen – 50c



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