



Chewton
Primary School 1054



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

Newsletter Friday 10th 2017

Hello everyone!

The term is now in full swing. Most programs are operating at full strength however Music, Chinese and Personal Development classes will not start till after swimming.

Thanks to the many parents who have picked up children at the pool each day. It does make the walk back much easier, especially with tired legs.

Many families are experiencing problems with Tiqbiz. You need to log in each year and tick all the boxes that are for your family. Remember Tiqbiz is one of our 3 emergency contact methods but it is also used for general information and reminders.

As mentioned in our evacuation plan, we will also communicate an emergency using the Department communication system. This will only work if we are at school and it does take much longer to send a message. Each time your mobile number changes, you must let Sally know as this is generated via the system and can only work with the data we have on file.

Family interviews are in week 4 of term. You need to come into the school or email your class teacher to make a time. Many families have already met with teachers and may not need another interview time. These chats are aimed at helping your child settle into the school year so please make the most of this valuable time.

We also have our family picnic coming up so mark this date on the calendar as well.

I apologise for no photos this newsletter. I have taken some but I just cant find the camera.

Hope to see you all at our swimming carnival.

Julie

Calendar

Mon 13th: School captains receive their badges

Mon 13th: Mindfulness for parents

Thurs 16th: School council

Frida 17th: Last day of swimming+ carnival 2:15-3:15

Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st: Interviews: Please sign up.

Tues 28th: Welcome family picnic 5:00-7:00

March:Wed 1st: Parent Chats: Reading p-1

Preps are here full time

Friday 3rd: Clean up Aust Day

Wed 8th: Parent Chat Maths 2-3

Mon 13th Public Holiday

Tues 14th: Photos

Wed 15th: Parent Chat ICT 4-6
Cross Country 3-6

Frid: 17th: Parent Chat ICT 4-6

Mon 20th: Festival Week

Mon 27th: Open classes

Wed 29th: Community Walk

Friday 31st: Final day. 2:30 finish



Kindness award:

This term we have a focus on being the kindest person that you can be. There have been so many excellent examples of this.

p-1: Xanthe: For taking extra care of new learners

1-2-3: Levi: Offering to help others in a range of situations

3-4: Alex who always makes room for others making sure we all have a turn

4-5-6: Max who noticed someone was being excluded and quickly jumped in to change things

Thanks to:

Bronwyn: For adding all of your numbers to the school mobile so we can send a group text should we need to evacuate. (and she will do it again when we buy a new phone)

Belinda: Who is back volunteering in our library already.

Website www.chewtonps.vic.edu.au/

Here you will find many of the dates for 2017 including transition, camps and sporting events. Please remember to double check dates with the newsletter. Dates change and despite my good intentions, I do not always remember to change the calendar on this site.

You will also find many policies that will help you with your school day. I have included the healthy eating, drinking water and uniform policy with this newsletter but they are also on the website

*Swimming (must read)

At the time of writing this, I am unsure how many days we will miss due to fire danger ratings or cold weather. Rather than going into week 4, we have decided that we will keep make **up days for December**. This will be dependent on the number of days missed. We are aiming for a min of 8 days 1-6 and 6 days for the preps.

Our final swimming session for this term will hopefully be our carnival next Friday. The whole school will be at the pool from 2:15-3:15. Parents are welcome and encouraged to attend. There will be relays and other fun activities run by staff members. We will depart school at 2:00pm and the school will be closed. We encourage parents to pick up from the pool however, we will be back in time for the bus. Families are welcome to watch all of our lessons.

Mindfulness:

All classes have a mindfulness time during the day. If you would like to know more about these sessions, Martyn will be running a parent session after assembly on Monday 13th of Feb

Parent payments:

These are now due. Please pick up a parent payment form and policy from the front desk. Please see Sally or I if you have any concerns re payments or would like to seek assistance with uniform items.

Breakfast Club:

Breakfast club has started. Please help us out on Monday and Thursdays. Martyn is able to help on some Mondays but he cannot always be there. We will have student helpers but we do need parents as well. It is not hard. The kids know how it works. In short:

You need to be there by 8:25 to set up tables, heat baked beans. At the end, there are dishes to wash. 8-10 children came last year but everyone is welcome and you do not have to book.

Daydd is the only one who turned up this week. Please see me if you can help. We have our student helpers up and running.

Helpers wanted: Our newsletter would not be complete without me making some requests for help©

- There is a child roster for our 2 ducks however their care require regular adult checks
- A sewing job for the library cushions
- Our biodiversity student leadership team has put the vegetable garden on their list of possible jobs. They need someone to help supervise their activities.
- Think about joining 'Grounds and Buildings' or perhaps establishing an 'Arts or Sustainability' group? (Affrica has started on an idea. Thanks)
- Breakfast Club (More info above)
- Helpers in the classroom

Working with Children's Checks

Please go online and fill out an application form. Checks are free when you volunteer at our school and are required for camps, excursions and many other programs

KEYBOARDS WANTED (the piano kind, not the computer kind)

Chewton Primary School is working on improving its music curriculum and as such we are upgrading our fleet of instruments. On our 2017 wish list for gifting, loan or purchase is 61 key keyboards. If you have one you aren't using, if you know someone trying to get rid of one or if you've seen one going cheap on gumtree, please think of the school and contact Nicole or Julie Holden on 5472 2557.

Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund

- The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund is available to every child whose parent/guardian holds an eligible Health Care Card.
- \$125.00 per child will be credited to the school account to be used for Camps, Sporting Activities and Excursions.
- These funds cannot be used for school fees or uniform.
- Application forms are located on the table in the hallway, or please see Sally.
- Please return completed forms and a copy of your health care card - we can take a copy of the concession card for you – as soon as possible.

Traffic management

With so many cars in the car park can you please park facing down the hill in the west car park. There is very little room for a circuit exit and we wish to avoid the need to reverse, especially at the end of the day. The reserved car park on the east side is not for me. It is for easy access with Alba and her wheel chair when she is here on a Friday. We can't have a disabled car park due to this not officially being our land. Take care where you park at the front of the school to keep well clear of the bus zone. I expect this zone to change in the next few weeks. We have 15 children using the bus and they are walked onto the road. Please drive with this in mind. We also have many families cycling which is fantastic. We do ask that children do not cycle across the road but walk their bikes down the hill first.

Student Leaders

This year teams are: Sporting. Sustainability. Biodiversity and Welfare. All teams will have a project to complete by the end of the term.

Sports Team: Have organised the swimming carnival.

Biodiversity Team: Have some plans and a material list for the wicking gardens.

Sustainability: Have prepared re – education program for classes.

Welfare are designing Grade 6 Polo shirts, international sleep day activities and lunch time games.

Class News:

News from the Art Room Students have started the year in Art class by designing and creating their own sketch book covers. Students have each been given a book which they will use all through the year in the Art room. Sketch books are an important artists tool, used for planning, developing ideas, practicing skills and as one grade two student told me on Wednesday "Sketch books are for making mistakes" So true, when it is often by making mistakes, that we become creative and learn something new!

Students personalised sketch books are kept in the art room cupboards, just inside the door. Feel free to visit the art room to have a look at your child's sketch book!

😊 Kate

Gold in the upper grades:

During this unit **students 4,5,6** will investigate the history of the discovery of gold and the subsequent gold rush in Victoria in the 1850's. They will investigate aspects of life on the goldfields including food, shelter, the role of women, the impact of the Chinese miners; the effect of the miners' licence and the enforcement of the law by the commissioner. Impacts of the discovery of gold on the development of Victoria socially, politically and economically is researched, discussed and studied. Gold as a metal and its uses will also be investigated. Students will use ICT such as Digital Learning Objects, Kahootz, Animation using iStopMotion and iMovie, Inspiration and PowerPoint extensively to investigate and present their learning.

Scott

Grade 3 & 4 are looking at the Australian gold rush in our inquiry unit. This unit of work aims to inform students about how the Australian gold rush shaped and contributed to the Australia that we know today. Students will investigate aspects of life on the goldfields including food, shelter, the role of women, the impact and experience of the Chinese miners; the experience of and impact upon Indigenous Australians; the effect of the miners' licence and events surrounding the Eureka Stockade as well as journey's to the gold fields. Gold as a metal and its uses will also be investigated. This week in Maths we have been working on our mapping skills: using scale, directions, a key (or legend) and grid coordinates. The children then applied this knowledge to create their own 'hidden treasure' maps leading readers to gold stolen and hidden during the gold rush by bush rangers, such as Frank Gardiner, who stole approximately \$750,000 worth of gold, half of which has never been recovered!

Renee

News from other classes next week.

Calling interested parents! "Friends of the Arts" Group

We hope to organise a group of parents/school community members into a "Friends of the Arts" group at Chewton Primary. The general idea is that this group would meet once a month or so and decide on, then get on with, some projects that would support the wonderful work our teachers do in music, art, theatre.

If you are interested, please bring yourselves and your great ideas along to an initial meeting, Tuesday 14th Feb straight after school at 3:30. We will meet in the "former library" (now Julie's office/3-4classroom). The arts teachers will be there and we can put our heads together to fine-tune our mission and meeting times that would suit.

There are already many parents helping with the arts program in so many different ways. This would just be one other way, in addition, and not intended to replace or take over any of the great things already happening.

If you can't make it along next Tuesday but are interested in being involved please email me at affmc0404@gmail.com or let Nicole or Kate know. I am sure there is a creative solution to be found!

Thanks, Affrica (mum of Max and Zach)

School Council Elections 2017

- We have 3 parent vacancies available for membership of School Council in 2016:
- Retiring Members are John Thomas, Daydd Kelly and Marco Amati .
- Nicole will continue as our Department Rep and I am a given
- These members **may wish to renominate** for their current positions.
- Members to serve one more term are Africa McCarthy and Lorenzo Veracini
- Following the declaration of the poll and before office bearers are elected the School Council may co-opt a community member. This is currently a vacant position. We will discuss this option at meeting next week.

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 DET
- 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:

School Council currently meets on a Thursday at 6:00pm and we will try to continue with this time as it suits the current roll over members.

Nomination forms are available on the desk outside the library/ office space. You are able to self-nominate

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| Notice of election and call for nominations | Frid 10 th Feb |
| Closing date for nominations | Frid 24 th Feb |
| List of candidates and nominators will be posted | Mon 27 th Feb |
| Ballot papers will be prepared and distributed (If required) | Tues 28 th Feb |
| Close of ballot (If required) | Tues 7 th March |
| Vote Count | Wed 9 th March |
| Declaration of poll | Thurs 10 th March |
| First council meeting to elect office bearers (the principal will preside) | Thurs 16 th March |

For all you keen bike riders

Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing on behalf of the Bendigo Mountain Bike Club to request your assistance in promoting a major event for our region. We believe our 'Golden Triangle Epic' event has much to offer our school community.

Our Golden Triangle Epic (GTE) is one of Australia's 'stand out' off road cycling events having gained national level status in 2016. It is the 2nd round in the 2017 XCM National Mountain Bike Championships. We are partnering with local and state organisations including the City of Greater Bendigo, Coliban Water and Parks Victoria to manage the event and we are generously supported by local sponsors. All profits generated from the event are returned directly to developing riding infrastructure for the broader community. Bendigo MTB Club, together with the City of Greater Bendigo, will deliver the Spring Gully Trail Head and Skills Park in 2017 based on monies raised from earlier events.

While the GTE is a magnet for elite level riders across the country, the club is equally committed to putting on an event that will cater to riders of all ages and abilities. We feel our aims and objectives for this event and as a club have many synergies with the DET Health and Physical Education objectives as outlined in the new Victorian Curriculum. To pinch a quote from the Foundation-10 curriculum, we believe participation in mountain biking with the support of a local club is one way of providing "a foundation for lifelong physical activity participation" and to "develop an appreciation of the significance of physical activity, outdoor recreation and sport both in Australian society and globally" (Health and Physical Education -Rationale and Aims – Victorian Curriculum Pg1)

There are a range of strategies the club has pursued to make the GTE a welcoming event with broad appeal across the community and to the school community in particular:

- A specific entry code for Schools offering a \$10 discount on entry.
- A prize to go to the school with the most participants (*details below)
- A wide range of race distances (15km, 30km, 50km, 100km, 100miles)
- More than 50 event entry classes including:
 - Junior classes/Novice Classes
 - Mother/Child & Father/Child classes
 - Age groupings all the way up to 70+yrs (Ultra Masters)
- The club is one of only a handful of clubs across Australia to run the accredited junior development program - The '2 Wheel Academy'- and dedicated women's events.

*The club would offer a 3hr skills coaching session to the winning school run by our accredited coaches who also have current working with children checks.

To conclude we would be very keen to explore ways of reaching the school community via the NWVR Schools Newsletter where we could hyperlink to GTE Information.

Yours sincerely

Rimmon Martin: MTB Bendigo Club President: rim@mtbbendigo.com

And for those who would like a more relaxed way to start the day

For those interested there is yoga and a swim at the Chewton Pool on Thursdays until the pool closes at the end of March from 9:15-10:30am. Classes are \$20 and booking is essential, phone or txt Julieta to say you're coming or for more information - 0455 481 705. It's a beautiful way to start the day!

Toy Worlds

Clay art workshops for children and parents
Castlemaine Art Museum



1.00 to 3.00pm
Sunday 12 and 19 February

- Bring along your favourite toy or bear to model in clay
- Learn clay techniques, such as slabs and coils
- Get inspired by artist Michael Doolan's exhibition *World without World* exploring toys and childhood
- Workshop facilitator artist and educator Margot Feast

Cost: \$30 per child - includes all materials and clay firing

For more information call Margot - 0432 580 764

To book please call the Gallery - 03 5472 2292

*Children six to nine years must be accompanied by a parent

Michael Doolan
Bambi, Thumper, Flower 2015
ceramic, steel, auto enamel & wood
42.0 x 35.0 x 26.0 cm
Courtesy of the artist and Michael Reid Sydney + Berlin.

Welcome Family Tea

5:00- 7:00pm. Tuesday 28th Feb

Please join us for this family friendly event

- Meet new families
- Mix with old friend
- Talk to staff members

This is a BYO food and drink event

- The pizza oven will be fired up and families are very welcome to bring any food item they would like to cook in the oven.
- There is also a BBQ option or you might just bring a picnic.
- Please bring food down from the BBQ area to eat as a whole group around the pizza oven. No alcohol. Children are the responsibility of parents.

