



Chewton
Primary School 1054



Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement

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Hello all,

This week has really highlighted the diverse curriculum offered at our school. This week's art program was extended to include a visit to the gallery. There were some disgruntled children as this meant they missed their regular art session however they were very positive about the experience, it was more they wanted double art for the week. Wednesday catered for the more athletic students as they ran around the Castlemaine Gardens competing against other schools in this annual cross country event. Also on Wed we had Maryanne (Tilly's mum) take four of our children to Philip Island as part of our Leadership Program. They were part of the Coastal Ambassadors program and will be leading other students to complete an environmental project for our local area.

On Thursday the 2-6 students heard stories from Tai's dad and he chatted about his life from Vietnam to Australia. Next week our welfare team will be leading Harmony Day activities with many parents helping out with a range of special events that celebrate our differences as individuals. And as I always say, Maths and English is still part of each day's calendar and remains a whole school priority with other events occurring around key learning areas.

The term has very quickly come to an end but next term will make up for lost time as it is 11 weeks long. As you can see from our calendar we have lots planned. We hope to get our cooking program up and running next term as well as some clubs sessions that are always popular with the children. Nicole is hoping to get a choir started as per her request below. Scott and Racheal will be completing the first draft of our school production next week and we will be calling for some assistance with chorography, costume and musical items so we are in full rehearsal mode for term 3.

Hope to see many of you on Monday for Harmony Day Activities.

Julie

Calendar

March:

Mon 21st: Harmony Day: See note for details

Thur 24th: Last day of term 2:30 finish. Easter Fun Day

April:

Mon 11th: First day of term

Frid 15th: All grade 6 at Grip Leadership in Bendigo

Wed 20th: Grounds and Building 8:30

Wed 20th: Planning Meeting for BBQ. 2:30 MANY HELPERS REQUIRED

Thur 21st: School Council 7pm

Wed 28th: Annual Report to the School Community 4:30

Frid 22nd: Grade 4-6 at Schools Anzac Day Service. Shire Remembrance.

Mon 25th: Anzac Day. Students required for Chewton Service

Sat 30th: School BBQ Fundraiser : Please save the date.

May:

Friday 6th: Cluster Athletic Sports

Friday 13: Book Day Activities

Friday 27th: Curriculum day. No students

June:

Friday 3rd: Earth Ed Excursion p-3

Friday 10th: Reports home

Frid 24th: Last day of term: Cook out



Students of the week:

This term we are celebrating: 'Ready to Learn'. Teachers are encouraging children to be ready when the bells goes. Have books out when asked. Sit on the mat with eyes on the teacher. Make sure you have all the items with you before you start a task.

This week **Ready to Learn** students are:

Jhett: Loves maths and is ready to go with this class

Ava: She also helps others to be ready to learn

Kite: Always ready and with a smile as well

Thanks to:

Tasmin and Rhonda: For helping with head lice checks last week

Maryanne: For transporting our 4 Coastal Ambassadors to Philip Island on Wednesday: 6am till 8pm (Big day)

Daydd: For fixing the handrail on the steps

Rob: For the amazing job of putting in shelves to the sports shed

Tony, Caroline, Rob and Bronwyn: For helping our on Ride to School Day.

Bonnie : For taking home the lost property to be washed. It was wet and smelly due to an empty water bottle

Phi: For sharing his stories of Vietnam

Everyone: Who offered to take the guinea pigs. Amara, Max and Ava have 3 new additions to the family.

Cross Country:

Perfect weather and as always, perfect children. It was fantastic to hear that all children gave it their best. A special mention to Luke, Nathan, Erlin, Leila, Emma and Samuel who ran at times that qualify them for the regional event in May.



News from Chinese Classes:

Welcome to Chinese for 2016! This year of the Monkey is shaping up to be a fun and cheeky year.

With 3 Mandarin classes operating all students have enjoyed celebrating Chinese New Year.

The last few weeks we have been enjoying looking at basic greetings and introductions. Our communicative approach means that students listen to the target language and draw on their first language prior knowledge to interpret what is being said. It's challenging at times but the kids gain a real sense of achievement when they understand!

Writing Chinese characters will be a focus this semester as we have built some solid foundations in vocabulary. **Scott**

Annual Report to the School Community: This has been delayed due to a Departmental error with the data. The annual report will now be delivered on Thursday April the 28th at 4:30.

This report is delivered each year after the AGM of School Council. It takes about 15 min to present followed by question time. This a chance for you to ask some questions about what our school achieved in 2015 and the direction we are headed in for next year. I have chosen this time as many students will then be picked up from 'Sporting Schools'

News from the Art Room

The 4-6 class came back very inspired by their visit to the Australian War Memorial Exhibition on Tuesday. A huge thanks to Kate for organizing this event.



The art class are in need of boxes for an exciting term 2 project, where students will be building sculptural buildings and cities. We are after any cardboard boxes which are the same size or smaller than a shoe box. Really small boxes very welcome. We are also in need of any cardboard rolls, for example the rolls out of tin foil. There will be a large box in the art room, for you to put any donations. (No toilet rolls)

The art class thanks you very much! Kate

Choir

Calling all parents and helpers! Are you or do you know of a person who would like to volunteer their time to direct our school choir? The children have expressed interest in creating a specialist singing group, separate to the instrumentals, the drumming group and the general music classes and we are hoping for someone who could lead the way in this area. This would involve sourcing songs and accompaniments, coordinating and leading practise/rehearsal sessions and performances, and would add up to approximately one hour per week. Please see Nicole or Julie if you think you can help. **Nicole**

Fundraiser. Saturday 30th April

Each year we hold a fundraiser in town with a traditional BBQ. Last year's funds went to supporting the build of our rebound wall. Despite some hold ups, the wall will be built early next term. Please keep the date free. We have a planning meeting early next term. We asked for 1-2 hours of your time and no one is left on their own to do the work. Past helpers always come back with positive stories about the event.

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.

Ride to School Day

We had 14 children ride their bikes to school last Friday. Some rode with our group and others rode with their family. Riding to our school is not easy with limited safe paths so it is fantastic to see families riding

with children on a regular basis.



This is our year for a full bike education program for all students in grade 3-6.

Tom and Grace were just two of the students who rode their bikes to school last Friday