



**Chewton**  
Primary School 1054



**Resilience – Respect – Community – Integrity - Achievement**

Newsletter Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> 2017

Hello all,

With winter just around the corner we are finding more and more children arriving to school out of uniform. We have a very lenient uniform policy as we are aware of the costs involved however, children are expected to be in school colours at all times. This includes tights and leggings that should only be in black. I have asked all children to check that they have the correct jumpers and that names are on all items. Can you please check the names on any jumpers you have at home. If you have been given a jumper by a past student, please change the name tag as this confusion adds to difficulty. We have an large stock of second hand items. Please see Sally if you would like to see what is available.

Hats, beanies and scarfs can be multi coloured but cannot be worn in class.

This week I have been contacted by a number of our Mt Alexander councillors in regard to having a safe walking access along Baker St. This has been an ongoing issue for many years. Last year our students conducted a survey of the street access and identified the building of a footpath along Baker St as being the simplest and most cost effective solution. I just hope common sense prevails and our footpath makes it into next year budget.

There has been a similar issue with the parking of buses. At first it was a matter of moving the signs, but now it appears there is not enough room to park the buses so they continue to park where we have to cross the children onto a narrow siding. Can you hear my frustration? This issue began over 12month ago.

On a more positive note, once again our students were praised for their attitude and behaviour at this year's orienteering. A big thanks to Renee and Emma who were the supervising teachers for the day.

We need the rain but fingers crossed that we have a clear day for the athletics carnival next week.

**Julie**

### Calendar

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>:** School Council

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>:** Athletics Carnival

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> :** Grade 1-2  
reconciliation excursion

### June

**Frid 2<sup>nd</sup> :** P-2 Tabloid

**Frid 9<sup>th</sup>:** Lunch Day: Student lead  
sports of afternoon.

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup>:** Queens Birthday  
Holiday

**Tues 13<sup>th</sup>:** Curriculum Day

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>:** Earth Ed day in  
Ballarat for all grade 4-6 students.  
Scott will get the note out next  
week. **No Cost**

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup>:** Start of our book week:

**Wed 21<sup>st</sup>:** Reading breakfast party  
Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup>: Book sale: Details next  
week

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Reports go home

**Parent teacher interviews in the  
last week of term. More info later**

**Wed 28<sup>th</sup>:** Possible 3-6 bike ride.  
Details to come

**Frid 30<sup>th</sup>:** Last day of term **2:30  
finish :Whole school cook out**



### Creative awards:

This term we have a focus on being the most creative person that you can be.

P-1: Sunny for his great work on cubby building

1-2-3 : Anika for superb poetry writing

3-4: Brianna for a very creative marshmallow construction

4-5-6: Emma and Scout for their creative stage idea that was presented to grounds and buildings this week.

### Thanks to:

**Georgia:** Georgia comes in most Fridays and helps out in the 3-4 room

**Candy:** A new regular in the art room

**Jennifer:** Great to see she is still helping out even with Dash in year 7. She weeded our native garden area on the nature strip last Friday.

**Daydd:** For the many hours that he has put into ensuring our building contracts are signed.

### Daily Lunches:

As cold weather approaches, parents are keen for children to have a hot lunch option however we do not have the facilities or staffing to heat children's lunches for them. This can take up to 30min on some days. We do not allow children to use the microwave unsupervised, as this becomes a safety issue. We do offer a hot breakfast on Monday and Wednesday and have several hot lunch options each term.

### Tiqbiz is now Flexibuzz:

I am unclear how this change will affect the app however, you should at least see a new logo. I have asked for flyers to be sent out in hard copy but have attached the info they sent me this week.

I just received this from the coordinators re the changeover:

*If users have automatic updates, this should have already occurred. Some users may have to reset their phone for the update to take full effect. Users who have manual updates, will need to update the app themselves. They can go to the app store and select update on the FlexiBuzz/Tiqbiz app.*

*Some users found that they needed to re-enter their email and password to log back in after the app was updated. This all depends on the phone model and operating system, it may be differ.*

### School Camp Dates:

**GRADE 3-4: Aug 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>:** Swan Hill. Estimated cost \$220 (I hope to have full details soon)

**GRADE 2: Oct 26<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>:** Boomerang Holiday Range Daylesford \$90

**GRADE 5-6: July 26<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Anglesea \$240**

**Somers Camp:** Will be offered to some grade 5-6 students ( we only get limited numbers)

24<sup>th</sup> Oct to the 1<sup>st</sup> Nov: \$250

**Breakfast Club: Monday and Wed this term as we have choir on Thursday mornings next term**

Thanks to Rachael and Caroline Scott.

Next week: Monday Katherine. Wednesday?

**Nanny Required**

Every second Friday from 3pm until 7pm.

Starting in June, to take care of four primary school aged children.

Please contact Ros on 0430 950 028 for more information.

**Why Have a School Choir?**

**Liz Mellor is a regular at Thursday morning choir and she has written this piece for our newsletter.**

**Thanks Liz**

*Any kind of music making exercises the brain, which obviously is great for our kids. It stimulates parts of the brain that are related to maths, reading and emotional development.*

*It also helps with memory and as children learn new skills they become more confident. In fact many kids who struggle with aspects of classroom learning have a natural musical talent. It's a place where they can shine when they may not feel very shiny anywhere else!*

*Singing in choirs is now becoming so popular that scientists have been studying the effects. On a physical level they have found that singing improves breathing, muscle tension and posture.*

*They have also discovered that singing in a choir not only calms you down but also makes you feel happier at the same time. AND the heart rates of people singing together sync up which makes you feel more connected, helping with loneliness and depression. And you don't even have to be a good singer to benefit from these effects!*

*It's never too early to start taking care of our kids mental and emotional health. You never know when what they learned and enjoyed at primary school comes in handy later in life.*



# Orienteering

Orienteering is all about learning to read a map to find flags spread around the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens. Each flag has a hole puncher attached to it each hole puncher has a different number on it. That number tells you if you should use that flag or not. There are activities A,B,C and D every time you finish an activate you move on to the next activity.

By Max and Aiden.



**Nalderun  
Upper Loddon Events  
Group**

Established February 2014

In 2017 we reflect on three significant anniversaries in Australia's Reconciliation journey – 50 years since the 1967 referendum, 25 years since the historic Mabo decision and 20 years since the *Bringing Them Home* Report. As we commemorate these significant milestones, we ask all Australians to be a part of the next big steps in our nation's reconciliation journey

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**Nalderun Objectives**

- Acknowledge and provide opportunity for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Significant Calender Dates annually in The Mount Alexander Shire
- Raise community awareness and understanding of the history of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people
- Support self-determination by the aboriginal community
  - Promote and hold forums on Reconciliation including the Referendum
- Engage in partnership, community building and consultation approaches to achieve the above objectives
- We do not speak on behalf of the Aboriginal community. We work in partnership with permission and respect made up of local organisations and community members

# SORRY DAY & RECONCILIATION WEEK

May 26 – June 4 2017



**Community Events Free All Week**





## NDIS Information Van – Community Visit

Do you want to know more about the National Disability Insurance Scheme?  
The NDIS Intereach Information Van is travelling around the Loddon area and will be stopping off at Kangaroo Flat to talk to locals about the NDIS.

Intereach can answer your questions, and help you get ready for the NDIS which has now started in the Loddon area.

Staff can answer questions like:

- What is the NDIS and how does it work?
- What kind of support can I access through the NDIS?
- How can I access the NDIS?
- How is the NDIS rolling out in the Loddon area?

**Venue:** Lansell Plaza (inside)

**Date:** Friday 31 May 2017

**Time:** 10.00am – 12.00pm

**Address:** 267 High Street, Kangaroo Flat

**For more information contact:**

Intereach Local Area Coordination (LAC) - Loddon area

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