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Chewton Primary School Newsletter

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<u>MAY</u>		<u>JUNE</u>	
Sat 2nd	Fundraising BBQ. Castlemaine. Starts 7am	Thur 4th	Pupil Free. Staff at Positive Schools Conference
Friday 8th	Clubs	Frid 5th	Pupil Free. Reporting Day
Mon 11th	Grade 2-3 visit Alba at her other school	Mon 8th	Queens Birthday Holiday
Friday 22nd	Athletic Sports. Redsdale/ Mia-Mia	Frid 12th	Clubs
Mon 25th	Whole School Excursion: Vic Art Gallery. All cost covered.	Friday 19th	Reports go home
Fri 29th	Clubs	Tue-Wed 23rd-24th	Interviews
		Frid 26th	Last day of an 11week term. Cook out at 12:30.

Hello all,

There are many times when I am extremely proud of our students with the Chewton ANZAC service being clearly one of these times. Our school was very well represented with Luke, Kate, Esther, Erlin and Tenzin reading their moving poems to the eager crowd. Flynn must also be congratulated as he represented the p-1 class giving a commentary on the rosemary wreaths they had made at school. As always the biscuits baked on Friday were well received by all.

On Thursday we were visited by the Bendigo Advertiser as they were keen to learn more about the project that Max Lester has been working on with our students. Max is a well-known Chewton resident who is passionate about mental health and wellbeing. His current project is a commemorative art installation at the Chewton Memorial Park. Please look for further details in the Advertiser. I am not sure at this point when the story will be printed.

Our first clubs session was a great success and it was fantastic to see the students leading some of their own projects. The writing club is being run by our school captain Tenzin. Their commitment on Friday was inspiring. Club activities can change each fortnight and are always in the final hour to minimize disruption to our regular program.

Today our grade 6 students are at Bendigo at the Grip Leadership Conference in Bendigo. This is the 3rd year we have attended this event and has become an annual commitment for all students in grade 6. If you

would like to know more about the program, please follow this link for a short summary.

<http://www.gripleadership.com.au/content/primary/gjfdml>

Developing leadership among our students is a key priority of our school and part of our Annual Implementation Plan. We have two students who are very keen to work on the newsletter. This is not an easy task as it means much collaboration and night time emails. It is fantastic to see their enthusiasm and I thank Jett and Oktavius for their interest. Each week there are some improvements that we work on.

Julie

A note from Nepal re the school we raised money for last year

‘Ram, Maya and Ramesh are fine. I saw Ram and Maya yesterday. The village is OK as well.’

Thanks Scott for following this up for us.

SPORTING SCHOOLS:

STARTS ON WEDNESDAY THE 6th May: 3:30- 4:45. FREE. Football skills

Thanks To:

All of the parents: Who help dig holes for the trees. (The second batch)

Jennifer: For naming trees today

Rob: For taking control of the sound system on ANZAC day

Families for: Donations of plants and jars of goodies for Saturday. Special thanks to all who added their name to tomorrow’s roster.

Students of the week:

3-6: Kirsty: For encouraging a friend and Isaiah for great maths work.

P-2: Daniel: Always willing to help others

School Camp Dates

Camp costs are subsidised by the school. The amounts shown are approximate only. Costs given are estimates however families are able to begin payment plans at any stage.

Grade 2: Boomerang Holiday Ranch:

29-30 OCT: \$80

Grade 3-4: Swan Hill Pioneer Settlement

26th-28th SEPT: \$220

Grade 5-6: Anglesea Oct 21st - 23rd \$220

Grade 5-6: Somers Camp: 11th to 19th Aug

Fundraiser: BBQ and plant sales in Mostyn St Castlemaine. (Next to Target)

Saturday 2nd May

I have given a roster to all families helping on Saturday. Please make sure all raffle books are back on Monday



**Clubs 2:15-3:15 : Friday 8th May, 29th May
12th June.**

We have 3 more clubs sessions for this term.
The children have brainstormed some ideas for activities.
We don't need to do all of them each week.
If there is something on the list you feel you could help out with, please let me know.
(Note this list was compiled by the students)

- Sport. Woodwork. Clay. Drama.
Sky-diving. Knitting. Weaving.
Writing. Cooking. Bush walking. Gold panning.
Maths games. Science. Kite making and flying.**



What can we do to help children attend school more often?

Last week I listed the reasons our grade 4-6 children think that kids miss school
This week I have included some of their solutions to this issue.
The children rated their solutions with 3 stars being fantastic and 1 star not bad. This is a summary.

What are the solutions to poor attendance?

Points for every day you come to school	☆☆☆
Award at the end of the year	☆☆
Incorporate fun activities into learning	☆☆☆
Encourage children to feel good about themselves	☆☆☆
Get the parents to encourage children to make sure they go to school	☆☆☆
Send children to a school where they have friends and nice teachers	☆☆☆
Create a happy environment	☆☆☆
Change your doctor's appointment to after school	☆☆
Tell someone about a bully	☆☆
Talk to your mum and dad	☆☆
Make the mum or dad take you to school if they don't want to	☆☆
Ask for work to do if your family is going away	☆
Remind parents that school attendance is very important via the newsletter	☆☆

Book Club Due Back on Monday

Thanks Belinda for your work on this
The Lone Pine



On Friday we were presented with an 'Lone Pine Tree', a plant grown from a seed of the original tree from the 'Battle of the Lone Pine'. It has taken pride of place in our school ground and should thrive given the preparation of the site by Rob.

Our Student Well -Being Program

Don't forget you can make a time to visit Martyn on a Monday from 8:00am till 12:30. Martyn is happy to come back after school if helps.

Family Day Care

Places are still available on a Tuesday and Friday. Casual use is also an option. Please see Patsy for more details.

We have several families making use of this service and it all seems to be working very well.

Transition Policy

I have attached a copy of our newly endorsed Transition Policy. Earlier this year I asked families and year 7 students to provide feedback on our current program. Many of these ideas have now been included in the policy so I would like to thank all who took the time to make comment.



Nathan is keen to try some ANZAC biscuits that James and Kirra are sharing.



Luke, Erlin, Tenzin, Esther and Kate all had a reading to share.



Thanks to Kate for working with some of our children to make this year's wreath.

