FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Tomorrow is the last day of term 3 and we will have an early finish at 2.30pm. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday break and is enthused and ready for school on October 5th. Term 4 will be a busy one with House Athletics, Interschool Athletics, Concert, Family Fun Night, Transition, Graduation and much more!

STAFFING

Tomorrow is Mrs Ellen Grieve’s final day before she commences her family leave. Ellen will be greatly missed and I would like to wish her the very best over the coming weeks and look forward to catching up with her and her new baby in the near future.

As advised previously, Mr Grant Hicks will be replacing Mrs Grieve for term 4.

EDUCATION STATE

On Monday 14 September, the Victorian Government announced a series of landmark reforms to build and define Victoria as the Education State. The announcements included a focus on strong school leadership, better teaching, more collaboration between teachers and schools and resources targeted at student need.

Next year all government schools, including ours, will receive extra needs-based funding to better respond to every student’s needs.

We have been advised that our funding will be $240,000.

Our teachers will receive training to implement the new Victorian Curriculum, which will include new subjects like digital coding and respectful relationships.

The government also set new state-wide education targets - goals for our students in areas like maths, reading, science, the arts, resilience and critical and creative thinking.

This is an exciting time for Victorian schools, and these new initiatives will inform our planning for 2016. I encourage you to visit the Department’s website to find out more about the Education State initiatives: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/educationstate.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY

Tomorrow the students are able to wear their team colours for our annual Footy Colours Day. We ask that each student brings a gold coin donation which will go towards the Social Enterprises Australia Project. Students will still need to wear sun smart clothing (no singlet tops ) and closed in shoes (no thongs or sandals). The parade will take place at 9.00am in the undercover area.

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

Interschool Athletics will be held in the first week of term 4 for our Year 3-6 students. The events will be held at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton and will run from Tuesday October 6th to Friday October 9th.

The following dates are specific for each year level:
Tuesday 6th October - Year 6
Wednesday 7th October - Year 5
Thursday 8th October - Year 4
Friday 9th October - Year 3

Under the circumstances of wet weather each year level will be pushed back a day and unfortunately that will result in the Year 3’s missing the day. Permission notes were sent home last week. Please ensure that your child’s permission note is returned tomorrow.

WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN

A very big thank you to the families who supported this program; we received over 16000 points which will be exchanged for school resources next term.
SCHOOL WIDE POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR
Congratulations to the students who this week exchanged their “Bee” tokens for lunch or morning tea with Mr Rogers and Mrs Goodwin. Throughout this term it has been really pleasing to see how many students have received Bee tokens. Well done.

HATS
A reminder that next term will see the return of compulsory wearing of hats outside. The school’s Sun Smart Policy requires hats to be worn during terms 1 & 4. Please ensure your child has a clearly named, navy, wide brimmed hat ready for the first day of term. Students without a hat will need to stay in the undercover area during lunch and recess.

TERM 3 REFLECTION
- Hot Dog Day
- Book Fair
- Naidoc Week
- River Connect
- Foundation Team Games Day
- Father’s Day Stall
- Father’s Day BBQ
- The NED Show
- Book Week
- Sporting Schools Program
- Winter Sports
- GVGS Production
- MSC Cabaret Night

Steve Rogers

MSC CABARET NIGHT
Last Thursday night our band students took part in the MSC Cabaret night. We received some wonderful feedback from the evening; our students should be very proud of their achievements.
THIS WEEK AT ASSEMBLY
What a terrific way to start our week! The Year 1 and Year 2 students did a tremendous job performing at assembly on Monday morning. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who came along to watch.

CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST WEEK’S BEE AWARDS WINNERS:

Year 5/6
- Kyle Mildren for his fabulous effort and enthusiasm towards his project.
- Briannon Moon for her fabulous effort and enthusiasm with her project.
- Ashlee Kirkpatrick for her effort both at home and school towards her project.

Year 4
- Ashley Del Rosario for effectively paraphrasing her information text.
- Lauren Turnbull for effectively paraphrasing her information text.

Year 3
- Nehemiah Clark for showing enthusiasm and including excellent “Wow Words” in his writing.
- Taleisha Aleki for showing enthusiasm towards all classroom activities.

Year 2
- Amelia Trewin for her fantastic effort at her reading and for always trying her best at all that we do.

Year 1
- Logan Falla for being a motivated, persistent and successful learner.
- Lilla Turvey for being a motivated, persistent and successful learner.

Foundation
- Emmason Mitchell for taking risks when writing in her journal.
- Ziva Lowden for working hard & staying focussed at all times.

Art
- Foundation D for completing all work.

Music
- Year 1 for setting a great example when rehearsing for assembly.

Congratulations to Sera Bostancioglu and Billy Del Rosario who Goulburn Valley Water announced as our Water Watch competition winners.
ASHLETICS

Last Tuesday Indigenous students from all Year levels attended the annual ASHEfest at the Rumbalara Football ground. The students had a terrific day joining in with students from other schools:

I really enjoyed ASHEfest for the dancing — Jada Yr 4

I liked the showbags and the spiritual dancers Opal — Year 5

I really enjoyed the games and being there — Mackenzie Year 4

I got to play with my friends — Lincoln Year 1

I got to do activities — Mya Year 2

We got to do heaps of games — Aaliyah Year 1

Life Church School Holiday Fun
Games, Snacks, DVD’s, Stories, Prizes and more.....

Where: Life Church, 4 Treacy Street, Mooroopna

When: Monday September 21, 2015
      Tuesday September 22, 2015
      Wednesday September 23, 2015
      Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm

School Holiday Fun program is available to all primary school age children.

For further details please contact
Mr Poole on: 0427 283 224

The world renowned author and illustrator of classics such as Animalia, Uno’s Garden and The Waterhole will be in our store to launch his stunning new book, Eye to Eye.

Join us instore Tuesday, October 6th from 2pm!
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