FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK
WELCOME BACK
Welcome back everyone. I hope you all had an enjoyable holiday break and are ready for what will be an extremely busy 11 week term.

BUSH FIRE AT-RISK REGISTER (BARR)
The very hot start to the term is a timely reminder that our school is on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). In the event of a declared Code Red Day for the Northern Country Fire Region our school will be closed. Included in this newsletter is more detailed information regarding the BARR. Please take the time to read this very important information.

NEWSLETTERS
Our School Council have decided that from the beginning of 2016 we will change the way we deliver school newsletters to our families and the wider community. The newsletters will be uploaded to our website each Thursday, they will be accessible through our Tiqbiz App and we will also be able to email them to families. We will no longer be able to post out copies of the newsletter. This means we will no longer have the expense of printing the newsletters each week and we will be able to use the money saved in our educational programs in the classrooms. If you would like your newsletter emailed to you each week please complete the form included in the newsletter and we will be able to begin this immediately. Please contact the school office if you have any queries.

HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
On Wednesday our annual house sports will be held at McEwen Reserve in Shepparton. The sports have a carnival atmosphere and students are encouraged to dress in their house colours; remember that clothing needs to be Sun Smart. It would be wonderful to have family and friends come along and support the children. The students will begin leaving school at 9.00am and the sports will commence at 10.00am. Please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Permission forms need to be returned tomorrow.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS
Our second hand uniform supply is running rather low. We are in need of larger sized short sleeved shirts and also jumpers. If you have any of these at home that no longer fit your students we would be grateful if you would be able to donate them to the school.

HATS
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. Students without a hat will need to stay in the undercover area during lunch and recess.

FOOTY COLOURS DAY
The Footy Colours Day on the last day of term 3 was great success. It was terrific to see so many children dressed in their team colours along with some parents and younger siblings. The money raised from the event went towards the Social Enterprises Australia Project.

DAY FOR DANIEL
The school will be taking part in the Nationwide Day for Daniel on October 30th to promote “Keeping Kids Safe”. Students will be encouraged to wear an article of red clothing on the day. More information in the next newsletter.

Steve Rogers
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR BEE AWARDS WINNERS:

Year 5/6
Shanae Miller for showing resilience.
Preston Kennedy for an awesome job on his Vanuatu project.
Tegan Nicholson for a fabulous job on her Peru project.

Year 4
Thanwa Mingmuang for being enthusiastic and creative during science.
LA Caliniao for effectively researching and paraphrasing information to create an informative presentation.

Year 3
Charlie Nicholson for working hard on her reading.
Xavier Chandler for reading his take home books with more confidence and trying hard to read with prosody.

Year 2
Shakira Duncanson for her fantastic contributions during our classroom discussions.

Year 1
Noah Wapau for great improvement in his maths this term.
Shyannah Lammon for excellent work and some wonderful ideas in her writing.

Foundation
Jayde Wyhooon for her positive attitude and willingness to assist her peers and teachers.
Cooper Giles for persisting with all his tasks

Art
Year 2 for trying something new and being successful.

Music
Year 5/6 Blue for being respectful of others.

BEE FOCUS : Our Bee Focus for the next fortnight is “Being Sun Smart” - being Sun Smart means wearing a hat in Terms 1 & 4.

Cuppa & Chat

Wednesdays & Thursdays
3pm in the Hub (Room A4)
Wellbeing News from Ros

Welcome back to school for the final term of 2015; how quickly time flies! The weather during the holidays was superb and I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break.

Commencing on Wednesday, parents and friends will be welcome to drop into Room 4 each Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3pm for a cuppa and chat. This is a great way for parents to meet other parents before they pick up their students or just to drop in and relax before the end of the day rush; I hope to see you there.

See you around, Ros.

LIBRARY NEWS

A big thank you to parents, children and staff who bought books and articles at this year’s Book Fair. With the money that was raised from this event I have started to buy books for the Library shelves, in particular, some more Andy Griffiths tree-house books that are very popular with the senior students.

Thank you to the Parent’s and Friend’s Club for organising the event with Collins On Maude St Booksellers. The running of this event helps with creating more interest in our children’s reading as well as helping the Library buy more books to keep up the children’s interests in Literature. Thank you again,
Robyn Grieve. Library

Footy Colours Day

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I wish to have the school Newsletter emailed each week:

FAMILY NAME: ________________________________

EMAIL ADDRESS: ______________________________

ADDITIONAL EMAIL ADDRESS: ______________________________
Bushfire At-Risk Register - Schools

School procedures for the bushfire season

Fire danger ratings and warnings are used in Victoria to provide clear direction on the safest options for preserving life.

Schools and children’s services listed on the DEECD Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR) will be closed when a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined in their Bureau of Meteorology district. Our school has been identified as being one of those at high bushfire risk and is listed on the BARR.

Where possible, we will provide parents with up to four days notice of a potential Code Red day closure by letter and TIQBiz notification. A Code Red day will be determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner no later than 1.00 pm the day before the potential closure. Once we are advised of the confirmation of the Code Red day we will provide you with advice before the end of the school day.

Once confirmed, the decision to close will not change, regardless of improvements in the weather forecast. This is to avoid confusion and help your family plan alternative care arrangements for your child. It is also important to note that:

- No staff will be on site on days where the school is closed due to a forecast Code Red day.
- Out-of-school-hours care will also be cancelled on these days
- School camps will be cancelled if a Code Red fire danger rating day is determined for the Bureau of Meteorology district in which the camp is located.

On these Code Red days families are encouraged to enact their Bushfire Survival Plan – on such days children should never be left at home or in the care of older children.

For those of us living in a bushfire prone area, the CFA advise that when Code Red days are forecast, the safest option is to leave the night before or early on the morning of the Code Red day.

As part of preparing our school for potential hazards such as fire, we have updated and completed our Emergency Management Plan.

What can parents do?

- Make sure your family’s bushfire survival plan is up-to-date and includes alternative care arrangements in the event that our school is closed.
- Ensure we have your current contact details, including your mobile phone numbers. Keep in touch with us by reading our newsletters, by using TIQBiz and by talking to your child’s teacher or any other member of the teaching staff about our emergency management plan.
- Most importantly at this time of year, if you’re planning a holiday or short stay in the bush or in a coastal area, you should check warnings in advance of travel and remain vigilant during your stay.
- If your child is old enough, talk to them about bushfires and your family’s bushfire survival plan.

For up-to-date information on this year’s fire season, visit the CFA website at www.cfa.vic.gov.au or call the 24-hour Victorian Bushfires Information Line on 1800 240 867.