Friday, 17th October, 2014.
Term 4 – Newsletter 32

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**Friday, 17th October**
- Kurnai College Band – 10.15 to 11.00 am

**Monday, 20th October**
- School Council Meeting at 7.00 pm in staff room
- Grades 3 – 6 Camp to Rumbug

**Wednesday, 22nd October to**
- Grades 3 – 6 Camp to Rumbug

**Monday, 3rd November**
- NO SCHOOL - Curriculum Day for Teachers

**Tuesday, 4th November**
- NO SCHOOL – Melbourne Cup Holiday
- 2nd Prep Orientation – 11.00 am to 2.30 pm
- Civics & Citizenship Awards Ceremony – 11.00 am
- Gippsland Toy Run – 12.30 pm (change of date)
- Grade 2 Sleepover
- State Election – families can vote at the school
- End of Year break-up
- 3rd Prep Orientation – 9.00 to 11.30 am
- Grade 6 Orientation Day
- Parent Helpers’ Morning Tea
- Grade 6 Graduation – 6.30 pm start at Italian Club
- Last day of Term 4 – 1.30 pm finish
- School commences for teachers
- School commences for students
- School Photos – 9.00 am

**Wednesday, 28th January, 2015**
- Sun hats available at the office
- Legionnaires - $6.00
- Wide Brimmed - $9.00

**Tuesday, 3rd March, 2015**
- Reminder
- Year 7 Enrolment Forms
- Kurnai College – Churchill Campus
- Parents are to complete their child’s enrolment forms and hand in at the Churchill Campus as soon as possible.

**Grades 3-6 Camp Rumbug**

...6 sleeps to go...

Grade 3-6 students are beginning to get very excited about the Rumbug Camp and teachers are communicating with students some of the things they might expect to further this excitement!

Please remember to pack your child with a cut lunch for the first day of camp and arrive at school by 8.45 am in readiness for departure at 9.15 am on Wednesday, 22nd of October.

**Other known dates for the year are on the School Website Calendar.**
SPORTS CAMP REMINDER
Just a reminder that the polo shirt order forms are due in by this Friday, 17th October. No late orders will be accepted due to printers’ constraints.

In addition, all payments for polo’s and camp are due the following Friday, 24th October.

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS ………..Paul Jorgensen (Principal)
Following our survey around homework, School Council will develop a new Homework policy that takes into consideration the results of the survey as well as DEECD guidelines and other research. With this in mind, it was interesting to read the following news article from the Herald Sun:

Herald Sun news article

HOMEWORK has almost no academic benefits for primary school students, a parliamentary inquiry has found.

And while it can benefit older kids, the time could have equal or greater long-term benefits if used for other activities and interests.

The Victorian Parliament’s Education and Training Committee, in a report released today, has recommended a review of homework guidelines in the wake of the findings.

Schools would also receive guidance to review their homework policies with up-to-date information.

The committee found “strong evidence” and general agreement among experts that homework at the primary-level had little impact on academic performance, finding only that it could play an important role in preparing students for secondary school and beyond.

There were some academic benefits for high school students however and it assisted in developing life skills.

State Liberal MP Jan Kronberg, who led the inquiry, said it was hoped the findings would make a significant contribution to the long-standing and heated debate about homework’s value.

“We believe that these recommendations will further enhance Victorian schools’ capacity to provide their students with a world class education and enriching the lives of students at all levels,” she said.

Among other recommendations teachers would get training to explain current research in homework to help them when setting it for students and the long-term viability of homework clubs would be reviewed.

Models of learning using new technology would be further developed and the regulatory and accreditation arrangements for private tutors examined to see if they are justified.

The committee received 32 submissions and conducted 16 public hearings as part of its eight-month investigation.

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The report referred to needs also to be taken into account when preparing a policy to suit our school community and certainly there were similar views expressed in the survey results.

Whatever policy School Council decide on, it will not suit everyone but we will endeavour to get a balanced policy that reflects the views of school community and based on current research information and DEECD guidelines.
Congratulations to Lily-Rose Williamson and Jack Daddo on their efforts at the Region Athletics Carnival. Jack finished equal 7th in his High Jump event with a jump of 1.10m while Lily-Rose finished 11th in her High Jump event, jumping 1.00m and won her Discus event with a throw of 18.37m, so she is now eligible to compete in the State Championships in Melbourne in about 2 weeks’ time. This is a great effort by Lily-Rose as she has already competed at State Championships in Soccer and now a chance in Discus.

A reminder also to all those that use the school car park and other areas when dropping off and picking up children. It is important to always drive slowly and be aware of your surroundings. Children are hard to see, particularly when reversing vehicles. Many modern cars are equipped with reversing sensors and/or reversing cameras which can aid in this but we still need to be continually looking around when driving in and around school areas.

GIPPSLAND TOY RUN

...28 snoozes to go...

The Gippsland Motorcyclists will ride into the school on Thursday, 13th November, 2014 at 12.30 pm to collect the donations for distribution to needy families at Christmas.

The Junior School Council is looking for donations of toys or non-perishable food from our school families to give to this very worthy cause.

A drop-off box is located in the front foyer for collection between now and Thursday, 13th November, 2014.

If every family could donate one item, we would have lots to give to the bikers.

Thank you very much...........Junior School Councillors

NEWS FROM PARENTS’ & FRIENDS’ CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Calendar of Events
Saturday, 18th October - Kids Boxshotz Photo Day
Monday, 20th October - Week 3 – The Lunch Order Ladies due
Thursday, 24th October - Lunch Day
Monday, 27th October - Week 4 – The Lunch Order Ladies due
Thursday, 30th October - Lunch Day
Monday, 3rd November - Week 5 – NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK
Thursday, 6th November - NO LUNCH ORDERS THIS WEEK
Friday, 7th November - Volunteers needed for catering at clearing sale – ALL DAY EVENT
Saturday, 29th November - ELECTION DAY

DONT forget to go and have a look at www.haznthps for up-coming events at school.
Call 1300 162 856 and make your appointment for a sitting at the school on Saturday, 18th October. Funds raised from this event will go towards our new playground equipment.

Volunteers Needed
Friday, 7th November, 2014, Parents’ Club will be catering for a Clearing Sale at the Hall across the road. We will be looking for helpers to serve tea/coffee, soup and cook sausages on the BBQ.

The clearing sale is from 11.00 am (setup prior) and will run for a few hours at least. Any time you can spare to assist this day, would be greatly appreciated.

Cadbury Chocolates
Are you or your work place needing a chocolate fix? Please see Brenda or any of the Parents Club; we have some available for you right now.

This ongoing fundraiser has helped us put over $13,000.00 back into the school this year, including new Sports Jackets and Socks, Basketball Uniforms, our Ride-on-Mower and many more. Fundraising at the moment is for NEW PLAYGROUND equipment.

School Banking
Don’t forget to get those Bank Books in and claim the prizes for Term 4 after you hit 10. A commission from all deposits come back to school.

Lunch Orders
If you have any queries regarding lunch orders, please phone Corinne on 0408 319 113 or on Facebook - The Lunch Order Ladies.

Cook Book
Yes, it’s official; we will be producing a Hazelwood North Cook Book. This will be ready for sale around Election Day, 29th November. So if you haven’t already submitted a recipe or two, just write it out or print it out and send to the office or email direct to me on address below.

Plant Sale
We will also sell plants on Election Day which means we are after donations of:

- Any potted leftover seedlings
- Extra plants
- Cuttings already potted
- Thinning of bulbs, etc.

If you think you can help but have no pots of soil, please let me know. Thanking you in advance.

Lost Property
Don’t forget to come and have a look or get your child to have a look on the LOST PROPERTY RACK located outside the office. There are still many fleece jackets with no home.

Next Meeting
Next meeting is on Wednesday, 5th November 9.30 in the Art room. Everyone is most welcome. We will be organising all the Election Day activities.
If you have any questions on the above or any ideas for fundraising, you can contact me on either 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au.

LATROBE CITY

Children’s Expo
Thursday, 23rd October, 2014
10.00 am to 3.00 pm
Kernot Hall
Cnr. Princes Drive and Monash Way, Morwell
Bring a picnic or buy lunch.
Face painting, Give-aways, Roaming Entertainment, Petting Zoo, Jumping Castle,
Product Displays & Sales, Story Time,
Information for families living in Latrobe and much more!!
Come along on the day – no tickets required.

LANTERN PARADE

(A bushfire recovery event)
You are invited to bring your parents, family and friends to join in the Lantern Parade to be held on
Friday, 17th October at Kernot Hall/Lake, Morwell from 6.00 - 9.30 pm.

...LANTERNS WILL BE PARADED AT 8.00 pm...

There will be lots of fun singing, dancing and eating.
Food will be provided at stallholder prices.

Anyone from Hazelwood North Primary School who wants to join in the parade,
can meet Caryn Rule at the front door of Kernot Hall at 7.30 pm.
Look out for the Hazelwood North Primary School sign made by our Grade 6 girls.

Please enter from McDonalds roundabout entrance where you will be directed to parking.

“We have completed 43 cane and tissue lanterns over four schools and approximately 50 paper lanterns over two other schools.
Three other schools have made lanterns independently.
In addition to the schools, we have 12 huge cane and tissue lanterns measuring metres in size made by 14 community organisations.
Together we will make a visual feast accompanied by the local musicians.
A most suitable acknowledgement and offering of hope to those who suffered due to recent fires.”

Mary McNamara
DATES FOR 2015 KINDER TO PREP TRANSITION

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<td>Friday, 7th November, 2014</td>
<td>11.00 am – 2.30 pm</td>
<td>Story, play lunch, play in yard, art/library activity. PLEASE PROVIDE A SNACK FOR YOUR CHILD. A LUNCH ORDER WILL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH NEW PREP. A form has already been provided to the Prep Parent. Please forward to the school as soon as possible.</td>
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<td>Tuesday, 9th December, 2014 (coincides with secondary school transition)</td>
<td>9.00 am – 11.30 am</td>
<td>Students – classroom work. Parents – Meet: • School Council President • Parents’ Club President • Uniform Co-ordinator • Lunch Co-ordinator • Early Years Co-ordinator and • Principal</td>
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WALKERS FOR RELAY FOR LIFE TEAM FLANNELETTE ROSES

The Latrobe Valley Relay for Life is being held at Gaskin Park, Churchill starting at 4.00 pm Saturday, 18th October and finishing at 10.00 am Sunday morning the 19th October.

All money raised goes towards Cancer Research and support.

This will be the 4th year that the team Flannelette Roses has been participating in the Relay.

The team is short on walkers this year so if you are interested in coming along and walking for an hour or two or camping there for the night, please contact Monica Chisholm on 0418 179 730.

The relay is a lot of fun and is for a great cause.