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Parents’ Club Special Lunch Day

Wednesday, 24th June
School Nursing Program for Preps – questionnaire to be returned to school

Wednesday, 24th June
Pie Orders delivered to school-volunteers required

Thursday, 25th June
Parent Meeting for help with the production of Jungle Book at 3.30 pm in the staffroom

Thursday, 25th June
Last day of Term 2 for students

Friday, 26th June
Curriculum Day for teachers

Monday, 13th July
First day of Term 3

Tuesday, 14th July
Subway Lunch Orders due back to school

Friday, 17th July
Subway Lunch Day

Monday, 20th July
School Council Meeting at 7.00 pm

Tuesday, 21st July
Subway Lunch Orders due back to school

Friday, 24th July
Subway Lunch Day

Tuesday, 28th July
Subway Lunch Orders due back to school

Friday, 31st July
Subway Lunch Day

Friday, 14th August
Y & D Athletic Championships Day at Newborough

Friday, 26th June
The Jungle Book at the Auditorium – Lowanna

Maths Night with Rob Vingerhoets
Thursday, 25th June
for parents and students
6.30 to 8.00 pm

Pies available for pick up after school
on Wednesday, 24th June, 2015.

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS ……..Adam Downes (Acting Principal)
It’s hard to believe to that we are only one week away from the end of Term Two! Unfortunately that also means I only have one more week here at this wonderful school. The year so far seems to have been a blur (or maybe it’s just my age!) and I’m guessing next week will be no different.

I thought I would share with you where we are up to with our playground re-development. We have been liaising closely with several companies and are very close to making a final decision. Small groups of students from across year levels have been continually consulted and shown the designs to get us down to a shortlist. The Department of Education have some very clear
guidelines of what is allowed in school playgrounds, and the students were very disappointed to know we could not have swings, spinners or wire flying foxes. Other considerations we’ve had to make, apart from budget, are the area we have to work with and the height of the shade sails. Attached to the newsletter is an example of the shortlisted equipment. We would be looking for further feedback from students before we made the final decision. It’s a process that has taken longer than we would have liked but with the investment the school is making, we need to ensure we are adding to our facilities in the best possible way. Before this process, I never knew how many different types of playgrounds and playground equipment there actually was. Thankfully though, they no longer make the long steel slides that would get 400°C in the sun and leave half of your backside melted off!

Next week your child will bring home their half yearly report. We encourage parents to read these carefully as there is a lot of information in them and we endeavour to give you a snapshot of where your child is performing. The reports take countless hours to get to final stages and having read each and every report, you should be very proud of what your child has achieved. If you have any concerns about your child’s report or progress, please make sure you make an appointment to see your child’s teacher. Please be aware though due to the short week, the meeting may not happen until Term Three.

Some exciting news on the extra-curricular front. On Thursday we had 2 students go to Warragul to represent the school and the Latrobe Valley at the regional Cross Country. Tahlia and Dylan both raced amazingly and we are proud of what they achieved! On Tuesday our girls’ soccer team travelled to Traralgon with Mr. Twomey to compete in the next round of the Primary School Soccer competition. They qualified for the next round and are off to Sale on the 22nd of July.

If you have rung or popped into school this following week you may have seen a new face in the office. Mrs. Francesca Tucker-King has been in learning the ropes as she will take over from Brenda, who is taking some extended leave in the second half of the year. While they are some pretty big shoes to fill, we know you all make her welcome. I know Francesca will do wonderfully; she barracks for the Pies!

Enjoy your weekend!

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

**Lunch Order**
- Special Lunch Order Pie Day – thanks to the students for the many pie orders. It looks like we will be heating up 76 pies. Yummo!!!!
- First 3 weeks of lunch orders will be Subway lunches with forms already having been sent home.

**Pie Drive – volunteers needed.**
Delivery is Wednesday, 24th June, the last week of term. We will need some help from 1.00 pm onwards on the Wednesday to sort out the pie orders. If anyone is available, even for half an hour, your help would be most appreciated. Pies will be ready for collection after school on Wednesday, 24th June, 2015, the last week of term. If you are unable to collect your pies, please let Brenda or I know and we can make other arrangements. We only have limited freezing capacity at the school.

**Lost Property**
We can return items to students if they are labelled. Presently, there are many items of lost property on the rack.

**Second-hand Uniforms**
For just $2.00 you can purchase just about any item of the school uniform from our second-hand uniform rack which is located just outside the staff room. Please come in and have a browse. If your family have grown out of any items, we would appreciate any donations for this rack.
Don’t forget to support:
Bakers Delight – Traralgon are now supporting us through their Doughraiser fundraising. Just mention Hazelwood North Primary School with any purchase and you are helping our school. A percentage of any purchase comes back to the school; too easy.

- Student Banking through Dollarmites
- Bakers Delight Doughraiser – Midvalley
- Bakers Delight - Traralgon
- Ritchies – IGA of Churchill

Thank you and congratulations to Mrs. McGowan for her 20 years’ service to our school for the work she does behind the scenes for Parents’ and Friends’ Club and the school community in general, we are forever grateful.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising, please do not hesitate to contact me on 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au or just want to ask a question, no question is a funny question.

AROUND THE ROOMS

Prep/W – The Preps have been learning about lots of things this semester! We have been looking at Families and completing our family stories booklets. We have focussed on challenging ourselves and setting learning goals.

1/2A – Grade 1/2A have been thinking about the attitudes, skills and knowledge we use in different areas of our learning. We are excited about publishing our fairy-tale stories. Maths has included a focus on multiplication, area, perimeter and problem solving.

2/3G – This term, Grade 2/3G have been learning about what shapes our identity through such things as roles, responsibilities, signs, symbols and history. Students are nearing the completion of their information reports on continuity and change and are developing rules for their towns. In Maths, we have learnt about shape, multiplication and problem solving. Students have worked on inferring and summarising in reading.

3/4B – This term, 3/4B have been developing multiplication skills and looking at different strategies. We have also been looking at 3D shapes and have made fantastic pop-up villages. We are looking at Australian history during Inquiry, particularly the gold rush. 3/4B has been continuing to work on the 5 school values and setting goals to develop in these areas.
4/5/6D & 5/6L – This term 4/6D and 5/6L has been learning about Australian history and government in our Inquiry. We have learnt about different political systems and then narrowed our focus on democracy and voting. The year 5/6 attended a Melbourne-Ballarat camp which was loads of fun. In Maths, we have been honing our multiplication skills as well as making Minecraft characters or furniture.

Art – Ms. Rule – This term students have continued to work on the Art element line. Activities have included line which creates the illusion of movement and 3D images. Partner symmetry drawings were a fun activity for the Preps, where they swapped and finished off another student’s half drawn picture with some interesting results.

Library – Kaye – The Preps started the term by making their own ANZAC day poster of the symbols and events we used to commemorate the day. Currently they are finishing their family stories journals, excitedly sharing stories about themselves and their family with the rest of the class.

Our Prep students have shown great interest in borrowing non-fiction books this term with dinosaurs, sharks, snakes and volcanos the most popular subjects.

For our older students, Library borrowing has been all about series fiction books with the Weirdo, Storey Treehouse, Tom Gates, Dork Diaries and Just books most read. Popular non-fiction subjects include books about the star wars films, cooking

MATHS IN 4/5/6 DUNCAN
Our Mathematics this week has had a focus on multiplication. We have learnt a couple of new strategies that parents may not be familiar with. To learn more about these strategies, you could view an explanation on these uTube links:

- Lattice Multiplication
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l06371BASsY

- An alternative method
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJf8XAhC550

- A great strategy for quickly working out timetables facts
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=70UVUlobZyM

SCHOOL PRODUCTION
Following on from the success of our School Production of ‘Aladdin’ last year, we have decided to purchase another musical in 2015. The show we are producing this year is Disney’s The Jungle Book, based on the book by Rudyard Kipling.
Whereas last year’s production only involved senior grades, this year all grade levels will be involved in the musical. The lead roles will be filled by senior students. Auditions have been held and there was strong interest from the students. After much deliberation, the following students were selected as main characters:

- Mowgli    Boyd Makepeace
- Bagheera  Amy Kuijpers
- Baloo     Sophie Bellingham
- Shere Khan Sophie Brown
- Kaa       Kelly Nickson
- Colonel Hathi Joss Ward
- King Louie Lara Norman
- Shanti    Emma Van Den Brand

Congratulations to these students and commiserations to those who missed out this time. We are blessed with talent in our school and several worthy actors have missed out due to the limited number of roles available.

All classes have begun learning the songs and in the next few weeks, we will have more information about what part each grade will play. Rehearsals for the main characters have already begun at lunchtimes.

The venue for the production will be the Auditorium at Lowanna College and the date for the production is Tuesday, 8th September.

A meeting will be held next Thursday, 25th June at 3.30 pm in the staffroom for parents who are interested in helping with any aspect of the production.

Any enquiries about the play can be directed to Mr. Twomey.

**HOUSE DRAUGHTS COMPETITION**

On Monday at Assembly the House Draughts competition awards were announced. Well done to all of the students who received these awards. The overall winner was red house. In 2nd place yellow house, 3rd place was green house and 4th place went to blue house. Well done to Corey Thorburn who was the overall winner of the competition with Lachlan O’Connor as the runner up.

Next term a domino competition will be on in the Library with a Board Game Day on Thursday. More information will be available next term.