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**Whole School B-B-Q**

**Monday, 24th February, 2014**

**at 5.00 to 7.30 p.m.**

Sausages, bread, sauce, coleslaw, cordial, tea and coffee are provided.

B.Y.O. chair.

The evening is informal and it is a chance to meet the teachers and parents new to the school and to look through your child’s classroom.

Don’t forget to tell Brenda in the office if you’re coming.

**PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS………Paul Jorgensen (Principal)**

The last school council meeting before the new elections take place was held this week. For most part it was business as usual with the passing of accounts and budgets and the usual school council business. A few items were raised which I will address in this newsletter.

The Canteen and provision of lunch orders for the school has been an issue and a difficult one to solve. Both School Council and Parents Club have looked at the issue and are continuing to seek ideas and solutions regarding this. This is continuing to be looked into and gathering of possible solutions continues and hopefully will be looked at and decisions made at the next School Council meeting.
The bus run and times was also raised and I am currently in contact with the Latrobe Valley Bus Lines regarding this matter. I will advise school community of the outcome of this and hopefully have confirmed times as soon as possible.

Over a number of years the issue of having ‘Out of hours care’ has been raised as it does in many schools. The process for this to happen is a very complex one, and in general is something that we cannot offer at this school. There may be other options that may open up within this area as Morwell and Churchill schools may be catered for through a private business that offers this to schools with particular numbers. Our numbers at this school do not meet the numbers required for a direct service here but may be able to support the existence of a program at another school.

We have recently put in four new air conditioners in Rooms 1 to 4 and are currently in the process of getting our shade sail structures and sails repaired. We have made provision in our budgets to allow this to happen this year.

Parents’ Club are also currently looking at supporting many projects at school with the money they raise through fundraising efforts and we thank all the work put in and the support from families with regards to this. This year some of the money will go towards setting up our Performing Arts program, upgrading our Mathematics resources and Physical Education resources. Parents’ Club also support the purchase of new technologies that are used to enhance our school programs and this will continue this year.

Other areas currently being looked at for funding this year by Parents’ Club include basketball uniforms for the children and Sports Training tops for use when students represent the school at sporting activities; outdoor seating, landscaping and gardens. The terrific work that goes in to raising funds for all of these things is an important aspect of our school community.

Unfortunately we are also impacted from time to time from the smoke from the Open Cut mines. This varies from day to day and from different times of the day. We are continually monitoring what is happening and keep children inside when needed, including lunch and recess when required. There is also a modified Phys Ed program running and children are restricted to certain activities when outside. We have plans in place for these types of situations and all precautions are taken during these times. We are in contact with DEECD and monitor the EPA website and other warning systems.

SCHOOL BUSES & TRAVELLERS
Just a reminder to all bus travellers on the Firmins Lane - Thomson Road and Jeeralang North Road route. For the buses to continue to take your children to school, students must use this service at least 50% of the time. If we don’t use it, we might lose it.

SELLING ICY POLES
Junior School Council (JSC) will be selling icypoles every day until the end of term.

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

Calendar of Events
- Tuesday, 25th February - Cadbury chocolates given out
- Wednesday, 5th March - Parents’ and Friends’ AGM
- Friday, 7th March - Cadbury chocolate money due
- March, 2014 - Hot Cross information soon

Student Banking
Student banking has already commenced for the year. Don’t forget commission from your deposits through school come back to the school.

The teachers have a bag in the class room and they will show the children where it is for them to put it in on Tuesday.

Student banking is organised on a voluntary basis at the school by one of the parents.
All new accounts must be opened at your local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

**Cadbury Chocolates**
At this stage, chocolates will be ready for collection on Monday night at the Welcome BBQ. If you are not attending, they will be sent home with the eldest child on Tuesday.

The funds we raise go toward extra things at school that our fees do not cover.

**Fundraising**
Throughout the year, we have different fundraising events. You will be notified about these through the newsletter. Some of which are Cadbury Chocolates, Pie Drive and Fruit Tree drive.

We also receive support from Ritchies IGA, Churchill through their Community Benefits and Bakers Delight Midvalley, through their Dough Raiser Cards. These two businesses give back to the school a % of sales. It is an easier way to raise funds if you already shop there. If you do not have either of these cards or have lost them, please ask Brenda, myself or any of the other members from Parent Club and we can organise other cards for you.

Student banking, through your children’s Dollarmite accounts, give a commission back to the school on banking done through the school. School banking starts on Wednesday, 12th February.

**Garden Club**
If you would be interested in helping out with a Garden Club at school either during school hours or when it suits you, please let Parents’ Club know.

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

**Next Meeting**
Our next meeting is the AGM with the General Meeting to follow on Wednesday, 5th March commencing at 9.30 am at the school. All positions on committee will become vacant at this meeting; if you are interested in being on the committee or just want to be involved, come along for a cuppa and a chat. Toddlers are most welcome. If you can’t make it but are still interested in attending, please do not hesitate to contact me on above number.

**CHURCHILL JUNIOR BASKETBALL - SEASON 2 REGISTRATIONS**
Calling for Team Registrations and/or Individual Players looking for a team to play junior basketball. Don’t miss out, submit your team now. Season 2 will start after the term break in April, 2014. Registration is $50 (each season) and Insurance $30 (covers 2 seasons) due by the 3rd round of the season.

- U12 - 2004 & 2003
- U14 - 2002 & 2001

Seeking umpires, coaches and parents eager to help. If you love basketball and want to have a go, please call Jason Sutherland on 0481 358 158 or come down to basketball on a Friday or Monday night to discuss with a committee member.

**CHURCHILL JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB SIGN UP DAY**
Churchill Junior Football Club is having a sign up day for the 2014 season.

- **When:** Thursday, 27th February
- **Where:** Churchill Junior Club Rooms Gaskin Park Churchill
- **Time:** 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm
All interested players new/old are most welcome. So come along and have a sausage sizzle and a kick of the footy with the 2014 Committee.

If you have any queries, please call or email: David Fyfe (President) 5122 2645 david.fyfe1@bigpond.com or Rob Turpin (Vice President) 0407 873 844

The Latrobe and Francis Orchestras have begun rehearsals for the year and are looking for new players.

The Francis Orchestra is for developing players and the Latrobe Orchestra is for more established musicians.

We perform in several concerts throughout the year and also have a scholarship program to assist with tuition which we hope to release further details for the 14/15 financial year in the next few months.

If you play an orchestral instrument and would be interested in joining, please come along to our rehearsals.

We rehearse Thursday evenings during school terms with the Francis starting at 7.00 pm and the Latrobe at 8.15 pm at the Kath Teychenne Centre on Breed Street in Traralgon.

Entry to the band room is via Albert Street.

Anyone wanting any information on either orchestra can contact Jen on 0437 003 153
Or Ron on 5134 4260, or contact us through our Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/LatrobeandFrancisOrchestras).
The Jade Emperor wanted to name each year with the name of an animal, so that it would be easy for people to remember time. To pick up animals he organized a swimming race on his birthday. When the day came, all the animals stood at the riverbank. The rat and cat are good friends, but they can't swim, so they asked the ox to carry them across the river. Halfway across the river, the rat pushed the cat into the river, leaving him to struggle in the water, and just as the ox would be the first to reach the bank, the rat jumped off the ox's back and won the first, with the poor ox only the second place. Shortly after, the tiger arrived and won the third place. The rabbit was the next to arrive, he can't swim either, but he hopped on stepping stones and took a floating log to cross the river. Jade emperor declared the fourth year after the rabbit. The dragon could have flown across the river and won the first place, but on his way he heard some thirsty people calling for rain and he created rain. Also he blew a puff of wind to help the rabbit on the log to get to the river bank, so he was only listed fifth. Next came the horse, but just as the horse was about to arrive, a sneaky snake wriggled out from one of his hooves and the horse was frightened to move back giving the snake the chance to win the sixth place and the horse had to be satisfied with the seventh place. Soon afterwards a raft came carrying the goat, monkey and the rooster and they got the eighth, ninth and tenth place. The dog splashed around in the refreshing river so his reward was the eleventh place. The pig stopped to eat and slept on the way, so the emperor named the twelfth year after the pig. As for the cat, he finally crawled out of the water, but he was too late to have a year named after him. The cat felt very cross with the rat, so since then cats and rats have been enemies.

From then on the Chinese zodiac has followed the cycle of twelve years named after these twelve animals. Enjoy the following video from YouTube:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p2G8fxAGhxs
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jxh347n7DvQ
Under new direction, the Latrobe City Brass Band is seeking individuals wanting to make music.

Rehearsals are in the Morwell Town Common - Corner Elgin and Chapel Streets, Morwell, every Tuesday from 7.30 pm until 9.00 pm.

**Beginner Brass Band**
Open to all ages who would like to learn to play a brass and percussion instrument.

There are no excuses.
Your opportunity is NOW.

Commencing Tuesday, 4\textsuperscript{th} March from 7.00 pm until 7.30 pm.

For further information, contact Beth Turner on Telephone 5134 1873.