Friday, 27th February, 2015.
Term 1 – Newsletter 5

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Wednesday, 18th February to Thursday, 19th February
Thursday, 18th February
Thursday, 26th February
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Friday, 27th February
Monday, 2nd March
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Tuesday, 3rd March
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Friday, 6th March
Monday, 9th March
Tuesday, 10th March
Thursday, 12th March
Friday, 13th March
Friday, 13th March
Tuesday, 17th March
Tuesday, 17th March
Wednesday, 18th March
Thursday, 19th March
Friday, 20th March
Friday, 20th March
Wednesday, 25th March
Thursday, 26th March

Coastal School Camp at Marlo for Grade 6
Return of envelopes and monies – School Photos
Division Swimming Sports - 9.50 am to 12.30 pm
Chocolates ready for collection after school
Parents & Friends’ AGM – 9.30 in the Art Room
Whole School B-B-Q – 5.00 to 7.30 pm
Expression of Interest-Somers Camp-return of forms
School Photos – 9.00 am
Sausage Sizzle lunch forms due back to school
Sausage Sizzle lunch
Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
Subway Lunch Order forms due back to school
Regional Swimming Sports
House Athletics – WHOLE SCHOOL
Mr. Russell Northe–presentation of badges at 9.00 am
Subway Lunch day
Hot Cross Bun orders and money due back to school
Book Fair commences
Book Fair
Subway Lunch Order forms due back to school
Book Fair
Book Fair concludes
Book Fair concludes
Subway Lunch day
Hot Cross Buns – ready for collection after school
District Athletic Sports at Yinnar – WHOLE SCHOOL
Final day for payment of SCHOOL FEES
Last day of Term 1 – 1.30 pm finish

Tax Invoices for School Fees have now been issued.
This year, as a trial only, we will be accepting BPAY payments for School Fees and both Camps ONLY.
The BPAY Biller Code and Reference No. is located at the bottom of your Tax Invoice.
Parents are still able to pay by cash or cheque.
We would appreciate payment by the End of March, 2015.

As usual, arrangements can be made with the office to pay by instalments.

Preps will be commencing FULL TIME at school next week.
PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS ..........Adam Downes (Acting Principal)

It’s been another tremendous week here at school with lots of learning taking place. It was interesting to sit in on parts of the Polycom session with students in ‘The Grove’ on Wednesday. I’ve never actually seen these sessions take place previously, but I have to tell you it was pretty amazing! Students could interact with the two presenters by asking questions interactively and getting real time responses. This was all on a screen that 60+ students could view at once. The session was on healthy living, something the students have been inquiring and learning about this term. They will now use what they learnt on Wednesday to keep their inquiry going.

In keeping with this theme, at our staff sessions during the week we have been discussing where we are as a school in our improvement agenda as we move through the current strategic plan. One of the important aspects when discussing this is that everybody has the same view and we are travelling on the same boat. I came across this YouTube clip which sums up our 21st Century Learning agenda. I wanted to share this with you all as it discusses some of what the school is aiming to do, alongside teaching the basic skills and competencies of Literacy and Numeracy. One of the important messages is that knowledge is important so we will always continue to improve students’ literacy and numeracy skills through effective teaching. The next part of the puzzle is how we engage the students to use that knowledge to ready them for an ever-changing world once they leave Hazelwood North PS. The clip is only short at under 5 mins and I’d be interested to hear your thoughts. Here is the link: http://youtu.be/f0RyaAsVNGU

I’ve said this before in the newsletter; schools can be vibrant places with so many things happening all at once. Whilst we strive to provide the best learning we can to our wonderful students, we know we can’t be everything to everyone. There will be occasions where you might question a decision or process we make, be rest assured all decisions are never taken lightly and always have the students’ best interests at heart. There are always things we can improve on however, one of those is communication, which we will continue to work on, but please, if you have any concerns please make an appointment to see your child’s teacher or myself. We can’t work through the issue together if we don’t know about it.

Congratulations to all those students who gave their all at the district swimming on Thursday. From all accounts it was a great day with some very tough competition faced. Well done to Calista Lazaris who made it through to Sale as part of the LV team in the 50m Backstroke!!

Some important notes for you;
- Parent-teacher interviews will be held **MONDAY, 16th MARCH from 2pm-7pm.** Notes will go home on Monday.
- The family BBQ and open night is on Monday from 5.00 - 7.30 pm. BBQ and cordial supplied but please bring your own chair. In keeping with DET policy, this is an alcohol free event.
- Somers Camp EOI forms are due back by **3rd March.**
- If anyone would like to go on the mowing roster for the school, please put your name down at the office. It’s not envisaged this would be a major task, just mowing the lawns every now and again. Come and see me if you have any questions.

Looking forward to catching up with everyone that can make it on Monday night.

**HOUSE SPORTS – FRIDAY, 13th MARCH (sounds a little bit scary)**

On Friday, 13th March we will be holding our House Sports. This will involve students competing in athletic events here at school. The format will be similar to the one used at the District Sports (which will be held on Thursday, 26th March at the Yinnar Recreation Reserve.) Students will try to score points for their House group by achieving the best they can against the standards for each event.

Students are encouraged to dress in House Colours for the day. The sports will begin at 9.30 am and should be finished by 1.30 pm. Parents are invited to attend in order to encourage the students. We will also need assistance to run events on the day, if you can help with this please let Mr. Twomey know.
In Prep/W next week, we will be focusing on:

**Reading:** We will be revising reading the words; my, is, am, I, a, the, and knowing the sounds t makes. We will be learning the words, can, see, it, and in. We will be reviewing the sounds m and s make. Continue to read the reader your child brings home every night.

**Maths:** We will be focusing on counting by 10s to 100, counting backwards from 10 and 20. We will be looking at a calendar and reciting the names of the week and months of the year. We will be making patterns using 2D shapes. At home, you can practice counting with your child and looking at events on the calendar or talk about patterns and continue patterns on paper or using other materials.

**Writing:** We will be continuing to practice writing our name and the letters m, s and t in lower and upper case. We will begin looking at the letter “a”. We will also be writing the words; my, is, I, am, a, in. At home you can help your child write the common sight words through getting your child to trace over the words, then getting your child to have a go at writing the words by themselves.

**STUDENT LEADERS 2015**

- School Captain: Amy Kuijpers
- Vice-Captain: Sophie Bellingham

**House Captains**

- Red House Captain: Mitchell Lovison
- Red Vice-Captain: Emma Van Den Brand
- Green House Captain: Jorja Hawkins
- Green Vice-Captain: Calista Lazaris
- Blue House Captain: Lara Norman
- Blue Vice-Captain: Joss Ward
- Yellow House Captain: Kelly Nickson
- Yellow Vice-Captain: Gavin Richards

**YEAR 5 AND 6 CAMP**

This year we have decided to alter the itinerary for our Year 5 and 6 Camp. As in the past, we will spend two nights in Melbourne where we will visit some significant sites such as Parliament House, War Memorial and Old Melbourne Gaol (this may change depending on availability). We will be staying at Melbourne Discovery. We will then continue on to Ballarat where we will explore Sovereign Hill and learn about some of our history. We will be travelling by train, tram and bus (in Ballarat) in an effort to reduce costs and expand on our student’s experience.

Due to the change in itinerary, there will be a significant increase in cost. It is anticipated that the camp costs will be around $400. The dates will be 25th May to 29th May.

The issue surrounding cost has been discussed at School Council. Council felt that the educational benefits and increased duration of stay would be supported by students and families. Please feel free to discuss any issues with Mrs. Duncan, payment plans can be organised at the office.

More information will come out shortly once the itinerary and exact price has been confirmed.

**Thank you.........Mrs. Duncan**
NEWS FROM PARENTS' & FRIENDS' CLUB - Bronwyn Woodward (President)

Lunch Orders
Friday, 6th March will start our Lunch Order days for the year; this will be a sausage sizzle put on by Parents’ and Friends’ Club. Money from this fundraiser will go towards our new playground equipment.

We will do a special lunch day once a month with the other Friday’s lunch being supplied by Subway-Morwell. Notes for these will be out soon.

Cadbury Chocolates
Thank you to all families who returned the Chocolate forms; the chocolates will be ready for collection on Friday, 27th February after school. We will give out to the eldest in the family unless otherwise arranged. Please let us know if you want to make other arrangements.

Hot Cross Buns
This year for a change we are supporting Bushies Bakery in Glengarry; forms will be out next week. These forms are due back on Monday, 16th March with buns delivered to school on Wednesday, 28th March.

Second-hand Uniforms
Don’t forget to check out our supplies of second-hand uniforms with basement prices of $2.00 per item. I know WINTER is a way off and you don’t want to get caught out, so please see Brenda in the office.

Beleza Uniforms
As from Saturday, 28th February, 2015, Beleza Uniforms of Traralgon will not open on Saturday mornings.

Cooking Area
HELP is required to clean ovens, fridge and cupboards. The cupboards need to be organised and labelled. Please contact Bronwyn on 0412 855 933 if you can help out.

Next Meeting
The next meeting will be on Monday, 2nd March commencing at 9.30 am at the school. This will be the AGM followed by the general meeting.

Please do not hesitate to contact me on 0412 855 933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au if you have any questions on any of the above or leave a message with Brenda at the office.

Come along and have a chat and a cuppa.

HOUSE CHESS COMPETITION
Starting on the 3rd of March, there will be a House Chess Competition running at lunchtimes on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday lunchtimes. If you are interested in learning to play chess, please put your name down at the office...........Miss Waite

CHURCHILL COUGARS JUNIOR INDOOR NETBALL
We are looking for any U11 players interested in playing Netball. If you are interested, please call Ronda Bruerton on 0409 191 367.

We are also in need of committee members for the Churchill Indoor Netball Association. Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 4th March at 7.00 pm at the Churchill Pub. Everyone is most welcome to attend.
Congratulations
School Bankers

WOW. It has been great to see so many students remembering to bring their bankbooks to school on Tuesdays. We have had lots of new bankers among our Preps and even some younger brothers and sisters banking with us too; they'll be excellent bankers by the time they start school. And I'm sure we'll have lots of students from our school receiving an entry in to the Commonwealth Bank competition to win a family holiday to Disneyland. It’s not too late to get started; you just need to bank through the school banking program a total of 25 times throughout the year.

I have noticed lots of golden tokens while stamping everyone's bankbooks. Have you had a look at the rewards for this term? 10 silver tokens or 1 golden token can be used to redeem a reward. Term 1 rewards are: ET DVD or Space Handball. Please leave a note in your bankbook if you need a new page for redeeming your rewards.

Things to remember:

• Remember to write your name and student number on your deposit slip
• Please write the amount being banked on the stub and the slip
• Bring your bankbook to school on Tuesday and put it in your classroom banking bag
• The minimum deposit for a token is $0.50