PRINCIPAL'S COMMENTS.........Paul Jorgensen (Principal)

The Chinese students have been enjoying their time with us and have fitted into our way of school very well. They keep commenting on how much they are enjoying their time and the freedom they have. In China these students spend all week at school and only go home on weekends and holidays. Therefore they are used to starting school early, sometimes 8.00am and not finishing their classes and homework until 9.00 or 10.00pm. We certainly thank the families who have supported them through homestay. The Sanders, Richards, Kuijpers and Chisholm families have taken on the task of supporting these children in their homes and have done a terrific job juggling their own families, the extra members and the changes to the program that seems to happen frequently.

There are many extra-curricular activities that students participate in and already this term students have been involved in Basketball and Soccer competitions, House Dominoes competitions, been exposed to the visiting Chinese students and practice is taking place for the School Production. There is also Choir and guitar lessons happening at lunchtimes and tennis lesson once a week. All this has been happening in only the first two weeks of this term. There are many extra-curricular activities throughout the year that students take part in including our regular camps and excursions. We certainly thank all of the parent support that enables these activities to happen and be so successful.

Preview for Prep W

We will be looking at the letter Nn.

We will be looking at words that end in ‘ap’.

On Monday students will be bringing home a list of the sight words and rhyming words we will be looking at during the week.

We will be writing a retell of a story.

In Maths we will be looking at addition, subtraction and 2D shapes.

House Dominoes Competition

A great first week of our House Domino Competition.

Lots of students have entered themselves in the competition.
If you would still like to participate you can write your name on the sign-up sheet in the office or come to the Library at lunchtime.

**Free activity**

**Mayibuye dance/performance program** This excellent program offers Latrobe Valley youth the opportunity to make friends, have fun, and to develop dance skills, life skills, self-confidence, and creativity. Please feel free to use either of the attachment if appropriate. Thank you for supporting this worthwhile program.

**Mayibuye** (pronounced may-ee-boo-yeah) is a dance, art and life skills program for youth aged 12 – 24 where participants create and perform dance routines at concerts and festivals throughout the year. This is a call-out for young people to join the group, make new friends, learn dance skills, and have a lot of fun. Classes are held at Gippsland Multicultural Services at 100-102 Buckley St Morwell. Close to public transport, on Fridays 4:30-6.30pm. Register at youth.culturalinfusion.org.au

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

**Lunch order**

The subway fundraising lunch day forms need to back to school by Tuesday 4Th August. These forms will be sent home tonight. An ongoing subway lunch form see Francesca in the office.

**Cadbury Chocolates**

Needing chocolates to take away the winter blues please see Francesca or one of our friendly committee members below for a box. We have Variety, Frogs or Mixed boxes available.

**Woolworths Earn & Learn**

Drop in your stickers to boxes in stores or at school, the more we collect the more resources for our school.

Thanks to Woolworths for supporting our school.

We would also like to thank CBA through the Dollar mites program,

Bakers Delight both Morwell and Traralgon through Dough raiser

IGA through Community Benefits for supporting our school.

If you have any new ideas for fundraising please do not hesitate to contact any of our friendly committee Simone Lovison, Nicole McKenzie, Kim Pridgeon, Di Sanders or myself.

Next meeting Wednesday 5Th August, 9.30 in the Art room, all welcome.

**Our visitors.**

On Monday two police officers came to visit our school. I liked it when we coloured-in the pictures. I coloured-in a police car and a badge. I saw their real police badge!

They were very good and played outside with us in the playground. It was fantastic! The police were so cool!

By Mackenzie, Murray, Max and GracieMay
MS Read-a-thon

Registrations are now open for the 2015 MS Read-a-thon which is being held during August. Students can register on-line at msreadthon.org.au at home with approval from their parents, or the Library has paper copies of the registration form which can be taken home, completed and posted.

Registered students raise funds for the MS society by having sponsors for the number of books they read during the month of August. At the end of August all sponsorship money and donations are collected by the student and sent to the Society. Every student who participates receives a Certificate of Appreciation.

Additionally, our School as a whole entity, will support the MS Society with gold coin donations collected on our Book Week Activity Day on the 28th August.

If you would like a Read-a-thon paper registration form or have any queries please see Kaye in the Library.

Congratulations for the great effort from the Girls Soccer team at the Regional competition. They finished a very close third.

Thank-you to all the families who helped with transport and support on the day.
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Yinnar and District Basketball Competition

Students have participated in the Yinnar and District basketball competition today and performed very well but unfortunately came up against some good teams from the other schools. Our boys team won two out of four games and the girls won one game out of four which was a great effort considering only two of the girls play basketball.

Fantastic effort from our students:

Boyd Makepeace, Mitch Lovison, Sam Lissa, Ethan Sultana
Charlotte Di Toro, Nikki Alexander, Lily-Rose Williamson, Emmerson Taylor
Lara Norman, Sophie Bellingham, Hannah Bonnicci, Emma Van der Brand
Ben Woodward, Alex Lovison, Kade Alcock, Dylan Dunstal