2017 Student Enrolments Are Now being taken.

If you have a child/children enrolling in 2017 or you know of family or friends who are planning on enrolling their child/children. Please come in and see Francesca in our office.

REMINDER – ALL SCHOOL FEES SHOULD NOW BE FINALISED.

2017 SCHOOL CAMPS: Year 5/6 Melbourne/Ballarat Camp
                     18th to 21st April – depending on numbers
                     Approximately $290

                      Years 3/4 Phillip Island Camp
                      Wednesday 11th October to 13th October
                      Possible cost between $200 -$ 250
PRINCIPAL COMMENTS – Paul Jorgensen

With just over two weeks to go time seems to be moving quickly to the end of the Term. We still have many things that are happening in this time.

We will have our school orientation day on Tuesday 6th December. Students will spend the first two hours of the day in their grades for 2017 and the new Foundation (Prep) children will be here as well. The Year 6 children attending Kurnai college next year will be at Kurnai for three days (Tues/Wed/Thurs) beginning 6th December.

Teachers have nearly completed writing the end of year reports. These will come to me for a final reading before going out to parents, hopefully on Friday 16th December. If parents would like to catch up with teachers before the end of the year in regards to student progress please contact the teachers to arrange a time that suits.

On Friday 9th December students from the year 3-6 will be going on a shopping trip to purchase what they need for their “Businesses”. I have been lucky enough to be part of the business presentations to the “Shark Tank’ as the students put forward their ideas for their businesses and ask for start-up money to start their business. This has been a big learning area for the students as they get their head around how to make a profit from their business.

On the 13th December we have our school helpers’ morning tea. We invite all school community members who have supported our school to take the time to enjoy a morning tea put on by our staff. This includes all those that have supported school programs such as reading, helping with lunches or other classroom activities, excursions and camps to name a few things that our school helpers do. This is just a small way we can say thanks for all the support we get at school.

Our school ‘End of Year’ picnic/evening will take place on Wednesday 14th December. There will be some performances from children, Parents Club will be selling drinks and staff will be cooking a BBQ if you would like to purchase these items. This is usually a relaxed entertaining event for school community, but hopefully this year the storms will stay away.

On the 19th December we will be having our final assembly at school which also incorporates our awards presentation to the Year 6 students. There will be some guest presenters to give awards to deserving children in a variety of areas. We hope that many school community members are able to come and recognise the great work the year 6 children have done throughout their time at our school.

The evening of the 19th will also be the Grade 6 Graduation tea. Notices have gone out to parents and we look forward to having and enjoyable send off for our Year 6 children.

This will obviously all conclude on Tuesday 20th December as this will be the last day of the year and we will finish at 1.30pm.
F/1 Preview

We have been completing a lot of testing in class this week. The students have shown resilience and persistence in challenging themselves to complete spelling tests, reading and maths assessments.

Next week we will be looking at the following topics;

**Maths** – money and subtraction problems. At home you may get your child to identify and count various coins or practise subtraction sums.

**Reading** – we will be looking at the reading strategies of using mental images and applying different reading rates to match texts.

**Spelling** – the Foundation and Grade One students will be revising the letters and spelling rules and patterns they have learnt over the semester.

**Writing;** we will be finishing our letters to Santa and our articles for The Voice magazine.

If your child has any Library books or stray readers at home, please ensure these are returned to school in the next week or so. This helps Kaye to ensure we can sort the books we have before next year.

Our end of year excursion note was handed out this week. Please sign and return with money to school as soon as possible so that we can finalise our cinema booking.

Next week we will be hopefully having a visit from the CFA to talk about how they can help us in the community.

Hope you enjoy the nice weather,

*Amy and Kelly*

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1/2S Preview

**Writing**

This week in writing, students have continued to refer to their Writing Checklists to set writing goals. It has been fantastic to see students working hard to achieve these goals. Students have engaged in activities where they have provided one another with feedback in the form of ‘Two Stars and a Wish’ – two things they have done well and one thing they could improve on for next time. All students have
responded well to this feedback and have been keen to use this to help them improve their writing.

We have looked further into the features of persuasive texts and have worked to identify modal verbs and rhetorical questions. Next week, we will explore various ways in which we can use these features in our persuasive letters to our parents.

**Mathematics**

This week in Maths, we consolidated our learning of fractions of shapes and groups. Students were keen to challenge themselves and, through their exploration, some students discovered links between fractions and times tables. We also worked on describing Australian coins and notes according to their features, and engaged in word problems requiring us to count collections of coins and notes. Next week, we will continue exploring money and ways in which we see or use money in real-life.

**Inquiry**

This week in Inquiry, students created their own ‘mini people’. These people are mini versions of themselves (in their occupations) and will be used when we explore our classroom town next week. Students’ goods and services are very close to completion. A carnival, gym, school and vet clinic are amongst the places we will be able to visit within our town.

On Wednesday the 14th of December, as our end of year activity, Foundation-Year 2 students will be going to the cinema to watch ‘Trolls’. Keep an eye out for a permission note that will come home with your child.

*Our Show and Share topic for this week is: Summer.*

Miss Stockdale ☺

**Grade 3/4A, 4/5/6S and 4/5/6D**

Next week students will continue their Business Inquiry Unit. Business is a complex topic that requires skills to be developed across all areas of the curriculum.

In the coming week, students will continue to draft and refine their advertising for their market stalls. This requires literacy skills of persuasion as well as the basics of writing. Ask your child about their Writing Checklist goals and how they are
being independent learners to be successful in their writing. The Business unit is requiring students to use a range of problem solving skills in the area of mathematics. An area of challenge that is being targeted for nearly all students is how to calculate profits and losses. Ask your child how many individual units of their product they will be able to sell, on the budgets of $10, $15 and $20. They will need to accurately add their ingredients/materials costs as well as use division to find out how much they will sell each item for, to make a profit.

Just a reminder that students should be reading at least 4 times per week for a minimum of 20 minutes. If your child is currently developing their comprehension, ask them to summarise the key parts of the text and provide evidence to support their summary.

Have a great weekend!

**Mr Atherton, Mrs Duncan and Mr Simmons.**

**Looking for Books!**

All library books and readers need to be returned to School by the end of Term so now is a good time for students to start gathering together any books that they have at home, other than their current reader or take home book. During these last few weeks of school I will be handing out reminder notices for library books as they become overdue. Please encourage/assist your child to look for any books they may have out – under the bed, on their bookcase, under the car seats, at Nanna’s, are great hiding places for books!

Students can return their books to the blue tub inside the Library door on any day. Students may continue to borrow library books during December as long as they have no overdue books. Borrowing for the Christmas holidays can be arranged. Students can see Kaye if you would like to discuss borrowing for the holidays. Also contact Kaye if you have any queries or concerns regarding overdue notices or missing books.

**Kaye Stockdale**

**Library Technician**

**Book Donations - Thank you!**

During the year we have had some donations of second-hand books to our School Library. The books have been in near new condition by a selection of popular authors, together with interesting non-fiction titles. Thank you very much to the students and their families for thinking of our School, and taking the time to sort through their own books. We very much appreciate your donation!
Book Fair

**Thank-you** to our School Community for your support during our recent Book Fair which raised more than $500 in free books for our Library.

Our Book Fair Assistants Bridie, Niki, Lily-Rose, Georgia, Cheyenne and Maddi did a fantastic job promoting their dot painting colouring competition, helping customers every day and keeping the book shelves and stationary items orderly.

Congratulations to our four competition winners who each received a $15 voucher to spend in the Book Fair. All other competition entrants received a free poster of their choice.

Students enjoying Santa at our school when the Toy Run was here.
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**Parents and Friends**

**End of Year Event & Raffle**

Teachers will be cooking our BBQ for us for tea if you wish.

We will also have some limited amounts of mixed drinks, popcorn and chocolates available for purchase on the night.

We have also been lucky enough to have donated a few extra prizes for our Raffle. Along with our Christmas Hampers we have had a weekend away at Guattas Cottage, Walhalla given to us so don’t forget to bring those few extra dollars on the night.

Tickets $2.00