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### Principal's Comments – (Paul Jorgensen)

We have recently had an audit of our school for asbestos. This is happening to all schools and organised by the Department of Education. The good news is that of the identified asbestos in previous audits some has been removed and any remaining is in a good state and of no issue to students or school community. As part of the new department guidelines regarding asbestos in buildings signs have been put on many doors in the school indicating to others that the building may contain asbestos. This is there mainly for contractors who may be working on the building to firstly contact the office for induction and identification of where the asbestos may be so that workers can adhere to safe work practices around asbestos. So please don’t be alarmed at the new signs around the school.

At this time of the year many opportunities arise for staff to apply for new and interesting roles in other schools. At this stage we have three teachers leaving our school and two new ones have already been appointed with one more still advertised at present. We are able to announce that Kelly Blucher, Kirsten Greenslade and Tayla Loprese have accepted jobs in other schools and we wish them all the best for their future career in education. We have selected two new teachers to come to our school. Both of these are provisional appointments at this stage as there is a two week period in which appeals can be made. Dale Simmons will join us coming from Willow Grove (Year 4/5/6 teacher) and has had a wealth of experience in education over the past 30 years, he will bring expertise and experience to our school. Mark Atherton will also join us as a Graduate Teacher. Although a graduate he has experience in working in other community service positions over a period of time and with local sporting organisations. We welcome both of these teachers to our school. There are still some staff that are applying for other positions so some changes may still need to be made to our school staff. We have also advertised our Teacher Support (Aide) positions and we are currently going through the process of selecting these for 2016.

Despite our grade structures and staffing not being set as yet I do ask that if any parents have any particular requests for their children in 2016 to please contact me. We are able to take parents’ concerns into consideration whoever we cannot guarantee that all concerns can be met.
School Council at its last meeting set the new School Contribution rates for next year at $185.

The following is a breakdown of what the 2016 contributions will cover per child for materials, booklists, ICT and photocopying consumables etc. These are all areas, under Education Department rules, that the school is able to ask parents to pay for.

Classroom materials (Including Text Books, paper, pens, pencils, rulers, etc) $ 85.00

Arts materials $ 20.00

Inquiry Based Learning materials $20.00

Library Consumables (Library sessions, lunchtime, recess) $ 20.00

Photocopying/printing consumables $ 20.00

ICT (Affiliations/Consumables) $ 20.00

Total costs per child per year for 2016. $185

Next Tuesday Morning 8th December if any parents are available to assist Adam Leslie erect ply sheets for a bounce wall please come to the office.

CONCERT DETAILS:  Sausage Sizzle - 5 pm

Classroom Expo - 5 pm

Playground Opening - 6 pm

Prep Preview

We will be cooking some Christmas treats on Friday. If parents would like to help out please see Miss Waite at school.

In maths we will be covering the topics of place value and division and revising some other topics.

This will be the last week of spelling words to be brought home for practise. Well done to all of the students who have been challenging themselves to learn the words.

The students have worked on finishing their habitats for their chosen Australian Animals. These will be on display on Tuesday night before the concert.

Our annual end of year concert is on Tuesday night – students are encouraged to dress up in a Christmas theme or as a bug or beetle (to go with our song).

Information will be coming out on our end of year activity – a day of fun filled activities!!!

Miss Waite

House ‘Mini Olympic’ Competition

Wednesday the 16th of December.

Come dressed in your house colours on the day.

House Captains and Vice Captains will be running the events on the day.
Time : 9.15-12.45

This competition will finalise the house champions for the year.

Grade 1/2A Preview

Reading: Our comprehension focus is inferring - In reading we are looking at how we can use clues for the pictures, the text and our prior knowledge to help us work out the meaning of unknown words. This is called inferring.

Next week we will look at how we can use inferring to help us understand things which are not directly stated in the text.

Writing: We will be looking at persuasive texts, and how we can try to persuade others to our point of view.

Maths: Topics that will be covered and revised in the final two weeks of school include fractions, 3D shape, multiplication and division, and volume (how much space something takes up).

The students are very excited to be able to share some of their excellent learning with you on Tuesday night before the concert, including their animal projects. Hope to see you in Room 2!

2/3G Preview

Literacy-in writing, students will be finalising their persuasive letters to Santa and learning how to record an address on an envelope before we post them to the North Pole! Reading will involve more work on visualisation, so what the author says that sets a picture in your mind. Students will have personalised spelling words again and this will be our final week of words.

Mathematics-students will be completing a range of different activities as revision including exploring coordinates, the operations, place value and building shapes, some of these will have a distinctive Christmas feel to them

What have we been doing in 34B?

We have had another very busy week in 34B! We have spent lots of time practising our dance for the Christmas Concert and finally have all of the moves!

We set up our class Christmas tree and are slowly starting to do some Christmas related activities, a very exciting time for everyone.

The students have continued to read their novels and record their internal conversations and during Library time we have been reading Narnia, which we are now almost finished with only 3 chapters to go. We have been studying some of the vocabulary that is used in the novel and looking at how it would be worded if the book
were more modern. We are planning on watching the movie in the last week of school, a note has been sent home seeking permission for this.

In maths the students have had a review of all four operations and have been working in their practise zone. We have looked at long addition with carrying, subtracting large numbers that involve carrying, using the lattice method for multiplying large numbers and how division and multiplication are related.

**Preview**

**Maths:** Symmetry and Cartesian Graphing  
**Reading:** Finding the main idea of a text  
**Spelling:** Individual spelling words  
**Writing:** Narrative writing

**4/5/6D - Preview**

**Mathematics** – Students are choosing topics we have covered throughout the year that they would like some revision on.

**Language** – We are continuing to work on our speeches that inform others about a particular energy source.

**Inquiry** - We will continue to work on our Sustainability Inquiry Action Projects. Students are working collaboratively on a “Making a Difference” to show their understandings on our sustainability. Students are completing a range of projects that may include giving speeches, raising money or writing letters.

**Homework** – I understand people are very busy at this time of year. There is no homework, however students should continue to read and explore their own interests.

Congratulations to these students who completed all homework tasks for this week.

Hannah, Sophie Bell, Gavin, Lily-Rose, Sam, Mitch, Ali, Charlotte

**Save the Tigers**

As part of our Inquiry we are doing mini action projects. Our groups cause is to try and save the tigers. We are trying to save them because they are a beautiful part of nature. Soon there will be a part of nature missing, (the tigers). So parents please allow your child to bring a gold coin donation, to dress up in casual clothing or they can dress up as a tiger (black and orange clothing). Also allow them to bring up to $5 so they can buy merchandise.

All the money goes to a save the tiger foundation, we are aware that there are some other stalls up on the same day.

**Our Date:** 11th of December, at lunch.

**The merchandise may include:**

*Pencils:* 50c  
*Pictures:* 50c
Christmas cards: 50c

Stickers: $1

Bookmarks: $1

And Cat booklets: $1

With each purchase you will get a thank you flyer. We might run out though, so come quickly to our stall! We will be set up in the middle area of the grove. Please allow your child, to take money to school for all the lovely stalls!

Please come, thankyou!

Grade 6 Waterfight!

Following on with tradition, the grade 6’s will be taking part in a waterfight on the last day of term. The waterfight will be held straight after recess (11:30 – 12:30pm). Make sure you bring a change of clothes, towel and your water pistols. Note – Water bombs (balloons) not allowed.

Book Search!, Book Search!, Book Search!, Book Search!

Now is the time for all good books (and damaged books, little books, funny books, scary books, thoughtful books, thick books, and readers), in fact all School books to return to the library.

Books can be returned to the blue tub inside the Library door at any time during the day, or handed to Kaye, or your Classroom teacher.

Some Reminder notices for overdue books have been issued and more will follow as books fall due. 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 Grandma’s, are great hiding places for books!

Students may continue to borrow during December as long as they have no overdue books.

Borrowing for the Christmas holidays can be arranged. Please see Kaye if you would like to discuss borrowing for the holidays.

Also, contact me, if you have any queries or concerns regarding missing books.

Kaye Stockdale

Parents and Friend News

LUNCH ORDERS

Friday 11th December - Subway

FUNDRAISERS

Term 4

Tuesday 8th December - Christmas Concert

Once again we will have a raffle to be drawn on the night, tea / coffee, soft drink / water / fruit juice, zooper doopers available on the night. We will also have a sausage sizzle going for tea.

Pre order forms have been sent out so please return to school by Monday to ensure we have enough stock for you.

If anyone is interested in giving us a hand to cook BBQ or sell other items please let us know.
Thank you to YOU the school community for supporting us with our fundraising endeavour’s without you we cannot raise the funds we do.

Look forward to seeing you all there

LOST PROPERTY

Still lots and lots of lost property, come and have a look.

2nd Hand Uniform

Uniforms in good condition would be appreciated.

Preloved uniforms are for sale year round outside office for $2.00.

Thanks to Kim for keeping it looking spiffy.

Don’t forget to support

- Ritchies – IGA Churchill with your community benefits card
- Bakers Delight Morwell and Traralgon, just mention our school.
- School Banking, commission from deposits come back to school.

Bake sale

Friday 11th December 2015

We are raising money for animals without homes and we will be donating the money to Jean-e-us wild life shelter.

We ask that each child brings NO more than $5:00 each to spend.

We will be selling:

Brownies
Pineapple Flowers
Cake Pops
Raspberry Cupcakes
Chocolate and Strawberry Milk shakes