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

Several times each week staff meet after children have gone to evaluate and plan programs. We also use this time for professional learning together.

Over the first two terms this year a great deal of work was put into improving numeracy. As you know this involved working with Rob Vingerhauts a numeracy consultant.

While our work on Maths continues we will also continue our focus around the school values, Responsibility, Resilience, Collaboration, Curiosity and Challenge.

Due to the work on numeracy these values, although being adhered to were not at the forefront of what the school was focusing on.

Over the next two terms we will again use our values as a focus. We will also be revisiting and checking in on our work on ‘Challenging Learning’ that we have focused on over the past few years with our work with James Nottingham.

This work involves planning the teaching of skills, attitudes and knowledge in the classroom. Schools now not only focus on the teaching of knowledge but also understanding the need to focus on developing skills and attitudes towards learning.

**Prep Preview**

We will be looking at the letter Pp.

We will be looking at Mass and 3D shapes in our maths sessions.

We will be continuing to look at simple machines during Investigations and Library.

We will be continuing to look at writing a retell.

We will be doing some cooking that involves maths.

Anyone who would like to help with cooking on Wednesday is most welcome.
It has been great to see all of the students challenging themselves and being responsible with their Magic word reading sheets. A maths skip counting sheet will be in your child's reader folder next week. When your child feels they can successfully count to the required number they need to ask me to test them.

If your child has any overdue Library books please bring them back on Thursday so that more books can be borrowed. If you have any questions please see Miss Waite at school.

**Reminder** - BUS FORMS – Grade 6 -For Kurnai College – Churchill Campus – 2016 – **DUE BACK NOW**

**Lunch Orders**

**SUBWAY FORMS**

Also out soon will be our order forms for our special fundraiser lunch this term.

**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.

**Fundraisers coming up**

Out of Dough Pies at the end of term.

Chalk/ Parent Direct Catologue

Candy Bar at Jungle Book Production 8th September.

Fathers Day - keep an eye out for any things you think dad might like.

**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 than 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.

**Community Activity**

**Circus Oz 2015: But Wait…There’s More**

**Wednesday August 19 at 8.00pm**

John Leslie Theatre, Sale

With an astonishing mix of stunt-jumping acrobatics, cutting-edge juggling, virtuosic unicycling, elegant flying trapeze, cheeky impersonations, ridiculous knockabout and multi-skilled human physical exuberance, all of this is entwined within original music performed by Circus Oz’s live and physically acrobatic band.

Tickets are on sale now, via the website [www.ebbwec.com.au](http://www.ebbwec.com.au) or phone Box Office on 5143 3200 or come and see us at 100 Foster Street, Sale 10.00 am till 5.30pm Monday – Friday.
Our Host Family Experience

Three weeks ago when our child came running up the driveway shouting after school “Please say yes Mum. Please say yes”, I wondered; what excursion might be coming up or was there a special lunch order notice sent home. I was not expecting my child to be this enthusiastic and desperate to host a Chinese student.

Initially I wondered how this would work within our family dynamic, but after only recently hosting 4 Ugandans, knew that it was possible. There was a lot of shifting of furniture and bedroom swapping before collecting our three Chinese friends from Kurnai Senior Campus in Churchill on Sunday 26th July. We hosted one girl and two boys.

All of the host families were stepping into unknown territory as this is the first time our school has had the opportunity to participate in such an amazing program. I personally found my little catch ups through the week, with the other host families valuable, as we shared what had been happening in all of our houses and bounced meal ideas and communication methods off each other. Google Translate became invaluable- THANK YOU GOOGLE!!!!

I was personally very appreciative of how the school included my child in the Chinese students’ activities. It made them feel really special. It was almost like a special reward for all the compromises they had made at home to help accommodate our guests.

This experience provided an opportunity for our children to learn and appreciate another culture and grow their appreciation for their own culture.

Our family didn’t dramatically change the way we function, however we did include a couple of extra activities which wouldn’t normally happen on a school night. Toasting marshmallows over a fire in the paddock was a hit, along with a visit to Sam’s Monster Trucks.

Our Chinese students embraced most aspects of our culture; however I did notice that they didn’t touch the Vegemite toast we served for breakfast one morning! We introduced the Chinese students to warm Milo, roast potatoes and roast lamb.

UNO became a popular game as it was easy to understand with just colours and numbers, and all of the children would sit down and play numerous games of UNO Stacko or UNO Moo before getting on the bus for school in the morning.

We really enjoyed the experience and would definitely offer our house if the opportunity arose again.

I would encourage others to also embrace this opportunity. Although there were challenges along the way, the benefits and learning opportunity to gain were worth it.

Di Sanders on behalf of the Sanders family.

Chen Luoyang, Lou Ziling and Grace