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.

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

Please remember our School Concert evening on Wednesday 14th December. Students will be performing some songs on our school oval...weather permitting (or inside if weather is not so good). Parents Club will have drinks for sale and staff will be cooking a BBQ. This event is a picnic event and parents are welcome to bring along their own food and drinks.

For catering purpose, if you intend purchasing a sausage from the BBQ, please complete the form attached to the email and return to school or send a note to school indicating how many sausages you intend to buy on the night. Payment will
be taken on the night and there may be a few extra available. We know the smell of a BBQ makes you hungry.

We hope to begin selling the food from 5.30pm with the concert items to begin at 6.30pm. See you there.

Thank-you to the parents who have come in and spoken to me about their suggestions for placing students for 2017. While we endeavour to achieve all requests it is difficult to do so at times especially as we are a small school and flexibility can be difficult. There may still be some minor changes to grades early next year.

One thing that is important to remember is that one of our school values is RESILIENCE. Therefore sometimes when a child is a little unhappy about not being with their close friend or with the teacher they want, parents may need to talk about being resilient, that in life we don’t always get what we want. The best thing to talk to these students about is to give it a go next year, try it out and see how it goes for the first month or so and then to have further talks to ensure that everything is alright. If it isn’t please contact me and we can discuss our options.

**F1 Preview**

The last full week of school for 2016 is upon us!

It’s time to look in all those nooks and crannies around the house to find any lost library books and readers. You never know what you might find between the couch cushions, or under the bed.

We will be collecting up the students’ reader covers for safe-keeping over the holidays. They will be redistributed by your child’s class teacher next year.

There will be lots of special activities taking place next week including:

* Registering all junior students on the digital portfolio system **“SeeSaw”**, with the assistance of the senior students.

* **The Special Helpers Morning Tea** on Tuesday at 11am. We hope all our helpers can attend!

* **The 3/4/5/6 Market Day** on Tuesday after recess. Students may bring some money to buy from the stall if parents wish.

* Our **excursion to the cinema** to see “Trolls”, followed by a picnic lunch at the Morwell Town Common on Wednesday. Parents are welcome to join us at the park from around 1:15pm.

* Our **End of Year Picnic and Concert** on the oval on Wednesday night.

* **Christmas cooking** on Friday morning.

* Christmas activities incorporated into our learning throughout the week.
This Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have a visit from Henry, Ray and Peter from The Hazelwood North CFA. They spoke about their roles within the organisation and the kinds of jobs they do, as well as talking to us about fire safety. Students learnt about the importance of cleaning up around properties, having a fire plan, and knowing how to call 000. With the bushfire season upon us, you may wish to follow up on these discussions with your child. Judging by the feedback from students and their enthusiasm on the fire hoses, I think we may have inspired some volunteer firefighters of the future!

Hope to see you all at one (or more) of our events next week.

Kelly & Amy.

1/2S Preview

It is hard to believe school is almost finished for the year! This term has just flown by.

Reading and Writing

This week, students have enjoyed reading a range of Christmas books and discussing events that happen during Christmas time. Next week in reading, we will be reading ‘How the Grinch Stole Christmas’. We will be analysing the characters and sequencing the events of the story using a storyboard.

Mathematics

This week in Maths, we have further developed our skills in counting collections of Australian coins and notes. We have explored worded problems involving real-life scenarios where we had to calculate the total cost of items from the supermarket. Next week, we will be making a Christmas list, calculating the total cost of our items and showing the coins and/or notes that could be used to pay for these.

Eliza, Allira, Elsa and Tasman catalogue-shopping!
Inquiry

This week we explored our classroom town. Students were very excited to visit their peers’ services and displayed fantastic collaboration. We were also visited by members of the local CFA. We learnt some important information about fire safety and even got to use the hose on the fire truck. This was quite exciting!

Zac and Max behind the fire hose

Don’t forget: On Wednesday 14th December, we have our excursion to Village Mid Valley Cinemas to see ‘Trolls’.

I would like to sincerely thank all the parents and family members who have given their time to help us throughout the year. Your time and effort is very much appreciated by all of us in 1/2S!

Our Show and Share topic for this week is: Christmas.

Miss Stockdale 😊

Grade 3/4/5/6 - Market Day Stall

A Market Day Stall will be held on Tuesday 13th December at 11.45am after our Parent Helper’s Morning Tea. Students from Grade 3/6 have developed business concepts and are now putting their ideas to the test. This has formed a major part of our Term 4 Inquiry Unit. All parents and students will have the opportunity to purchase some goodies. Money raised will pay for the buses for F/6 Movie Excursion. The stall will run approximately to 1.30pm or later if needed. If parents would like students to purchase Market Day Stall goodies make sure your child brings in money on the day.

Prices range from approximately $1 to $3. The products that we will be selling will be generally food items. Such as milkshakes, spiders, cakes and pancakes. There is also a nail polish business and other interesting items will be for sale.