Monday 2nd November   |   Pupil Free Day – Confirmed
Tuesday 3rd November  |   Public Holiday – School Closure
Wednesday 4th November|   Parent Club Order Forms Due
Friday 6th November   |   Parent Club Lunch
Friday, 6th November  |   2nd Kinder to Prep Orientation –11.30 am to 2.15 pm
Wednesday 11th November|   3/4 Camp (Cowes)
Friday 13th November  |   Subway Lunch
Monday 16th November  |   Excursion to Healesville Sanctuary – Confirmed
Tuesday 17th November |   All Prep, One & Two Students – Note to follow
Saturday 28th November|   Toy Run - Collect Donations
Tuesday 1st December  |   DFO Shopping Trip
Tuesday 1st December  |   Parent Helper Morning Tea
Thursday 3/4th December|   Grade 2 Sleepover
Tuesday 8th December  |   School Concert
Tuesday 8th December  |   3rd Kinder to Prep Orientation – 9.00 am – 11.30 am
Monday 14th December  |   Grade 6 Students – Graduation
Thursday 17th December|   Class of Year Activities

PRINCIPAL’S COMMENTS – (Paul Jorgensen)

Thankyou to the Kurnai College Band who came and performed for us on Wednesday this week. As usual the children thoroughly enjoyed the performance and really appreciated the amount of time and effort that the Kurnai students and teachers put in. This enabled the band to be ‘on the road’ and perform at local schools. We were also lucky enough to have our children perform one of the Jungle Book songs for them and the Choir also sang a song.

The Mine Fire survey and study into its effects on children is still open to those who are able to participate. We have had some families complete a survey but we do require a few more Year 3 and 5 children to participate. This only requires parents and children to complete a short survey and will be used to gather important data. If you are able to participate please contact the school so that this can be arranged.

We are organising for our computer system to use SMS for messaging parents. This will mainly be for alerting all parents of emergency or critical incidents, but may also be used regarding individual contact about illness, absences or other alerts. We will need to trial the system at some stage soon to ensure that it works. Please update any phone contact information with the office, to make the system work effectively. In the coming weeks we will send out an SMS to all parents and ask them to respond via SMS to let us know that you have received the text message.

Congratulations to the school choir for their recent performances. Firstly they sang to the Kurnai College Band and secondly they sang with students throughout Australia via live streaming in the Let’s join In program singing “Gold”. Thankyou to the choir and Di Sanders for the organisation of these activities. The children led by Di have been practicing during lunchtimes and recess at school.
A reminder to all parents that if you have issues regarding your child please contact your child’s teacher or myself so that we can investigate your concerns and put things into place to help if needed. It is also best if you contact the office to set up a meeting with a teacher or myself as it is not a good time during teaching times and sometimes after school there are meetings or teachers preparing for classes in the morning. Contacting the office first to set up a meeting time and also a quick idea of what the concerns are means teacher and myself can have the correct information when discussing issues with you.

This week we had 4 of our staff attend a First Aid Course at Boolarra Primary School.

Thank-you to Boolarra Primary School for having us there at their school.

Poppies for Sale in the Office

A variety of Pins and Wrist Bands can be purchased from the office for Remembrance Day

From 50c - $3

Prep Preview

We will be revising the sounds and letters of the alphabet and looking at ch, wh and sh.

We will be continuing to look at Australian animals. We will be focusing on lifecycles and endangered animals.

In maths we will be length and counting patterns.

We will be looking to correctly using a full stop.

Amy Waite

Week 5 Preview 12A

Wow – Isn’t time flying!

Next week’s Maths focus will be subtraction, with emphasis on using strategies to help us solve problems without having to physically make the amount, then take away. We will look at strategies such as counting up to and counting back, using known facts, and taking away the ones then the tens using our place value knowledge. Continued use of the language of subtraction would be helpful at home – take away, subtract, minus, difference. Eg. What is the difference between the two scores in the basketball game?

In Reading and Inquiry, we will continue to work on developing our skills as researchers. We have been exploring “mental files” – how we build on our prior knowledge about a topic. When reading non-fiction texts, children could be encouraged to activate their mental files first, and discuss what they think they already know about the topic before reading. As they read they should reflect on whether their prior knowledge was correct, or whether they had any misconceptions. They should also try to summarize their new learning – What do I know now that I didn’t know before?

In Writing we have been preparing articles about our year for the school magazine, and focussing on using “juicy words” to make our writing sound more interesting. Soon we will begin our information reports on an Australian Native animal. Students could be thinking about which animal they would like to do their report on, and look for any books they may have on their topic.

What have we been doing in class 3/4B?

In Maths this week we have been looking at different graphs, such as bar graphs, pie graphs and pictorial graphs. We completed a reading comprehension test and have been continuing to record our thinking during silent reading. Sustainability has been a bog focus for the week, and we have discussed different ecosystems and lifecycles.
We have also started a science experiment “Grassheads” where we are growing our own grass and making observations – I wonder how long the grass will take to grow? On Wednesday we had the Kurnai College Band come to perform for us. It was absolutely fantastic. Our school choir also sang a song in front of the band and our whole school!

Preview of next week:
Maths: Chance and data
Reading: Prepositional phrases
Writing: Focus on personal goals in writing checklists
Spelling: Individual spelling words, apostrophes

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Next week we will be continuing our focus on Sustainability.

In the area of Maths we will revise our learning of measuring area and perimeter of shapes that have symmetry and don’t have symmetry. We will begin our learning on statistics and probability. Talking to your child about the likelihood of events happening and how to record data using tallies and graphs. Point out various types of graphs that are used. We will have a focus on side by side graphs for those who need extension.

We will be learning about debates and points of view in the area of language. Keep discussing hot topics around the dinner table and make sure your child gives reasons for their opinion and thinks about alternative viewpoints. Our Pit topic is, “Should we be paying for the world natural resources? (Should water be free, should electricity be free, we still have to pay for solar power, etc).”

The vocabulary that we will focus on over this and next week is: renewable, recycle, reduce, reuse, habitat, ecological.

Homework update. Congratulations to all of the students who completed their Frog Posters. We have displayed them in the shared space in the Grove Building. Please pop in to have a look. They will be displayed for the next few weeks. Our homework for this week is Maths Mate, spelling and reading. Continue to practise the times table facts with your child. They should respond within two seconds if this knowledge is automatic.

We will continue to be completing our end of year testing. Please insure your child attends school unless they are unwell.

Susan Duncan

The Gippsland Toy Run

The Gippsland Motorcyclists are organising their annual Toy Run where they distribute toys and food to needy families to brighten their Christmas.

We are looking for donations of new toys or non-perishable food items from our school community to support this worthy cause.

Drop-off boxes for your donations are located in the office foyer.

The Motorcyclists will ride into our school on Tuesday 17th November to collect our donations. If every family could donate one item, we would have lots of things for the Motorcyclists.

Parents and Friend News

LUNCH ORDERS
Wednesday 4th November Parent Club order forms due for Friday 6th November Special Lunch

Friday 13th November Subway

Sausage sizzle order forms have been sent out if you missed one see the office for extras. Due to the long weekend for the students these orders will be required back at school on Wednesday 4th.

We will need some helpers to count orders Wednesday, to purchase goods and to cook and ready lunches on Friday if anyone has some spare time to help that would be appreciated.

Please let me know or leave your name at the office.

**FUNDRAISERS**

**Term 4**

Friday 6th November – Parent Club Lunch

Friday 27th November – Subway Lunch Fundraiser

Saturday 28th November – Shopping trip to DFO Essendon / Tullamarine

Wow 132 shops in 1 place, start saving that money girls and boys and book your seat, call the office or speak to one of our friendly girls below.

$40.00 per seat, Tickets are available now from the office, grab your seat for a great day out.

See attached flyer.

**LOST PROPERTY**

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

**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.

Thank you for your support in our fundraiser. Parents club members Di Sanders, Nicole McKenzie, Simone Lovison, Jane Wilson, Lynda Richards, Kim Pridgeon.

Next meeting Wednesday 4th November 9.30, all welcome.