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WEDNESDAY'S SCHOOL BANKING

Monday 7th November

Monday 13th November

Monday 13th-17th November

Tuesday 5th – 13th December

Monday 11th December

Tuesday 12th – 14th December

Tuesday 12th December

Monday 18th December

Tuesday 19th December

Tuesday 19th December

Friday 22nd December

WEDNESDAY'S SCHOOL BANKING

F-3 Excursion Traralgon Railway Reservoir

Conservation Reserve

Book Fair week

Somers Camp – selected students

School Council Break-up Dinner

Kurnai Transition Days – Gr6

State Wide Transition Day –All Grades

Kinder Transition 9-11.45am

Grade 6 Graduation Night-Premier

Function Room

Whole School excursion

School End of Year Concert night

Last Day term 4 – Finish @ 1.30pm

ZOOPER DOOPERS FOR SALE FOR 50c

Each Day throughout Term 4

PRINCIPAL COMMENTS: PAUL JORGENSEN

We called a quick school assembly on Wednesday morning to discuss with children the continuing issues we have had with student toilets. Again I have had to get plumbers in (at least 3 times this year alone) to unblock out toilet system due to children putting foreign objects into them. This includes sticks, plastic rubbish, food, sand/dirt and whole rolls of toilet paper. This creates unwanted expenses to the school as well as creating an unsafe environment for children. The most disappointing thing was that within 4 hours of having this talk I had to remove a whole roll of toilet paper from the girls' toilets.

I ask parents to have a talk with your children to discuss the health issues of this, but also to see if we can reach the children who are continually doing this and put a stop to it.

I would much rather be spending the thousands of dollars wasted each year unblocking our toilets on new sports equipment, classroom games, ICT equipment etc. for our children.

There has been a concern raised that some children are accessing Social Media at home, particularly SnapChat in which they are using inappropriate language. While it is our students involved in this, it is something that the school cannot police as it is happening in the home environment.

We ask parents to talk with children about the appropriate use of Social Media and monitor your children in the use of this. I know most of our students are not using social media, but it is a growing trend. If you are allowing your children to access iPods, computers, iPads and other mobile devices then it is important that you are aware of the Apps that are on the devices and talk with children about the use of them.

Update from School Council Meeting – Held 13th November at 7pm.

- Council Approved the 2018 Budget – allowances made for the expected increase in student numbers and planned additional class.
 - Paul provided council review of summarised NAPLAN results and provided updates on Annual Implementation Plan (AIP) and Strategic Plan following work completed on the recent curriculum days.
 - **Outstanding Working Bee Activities** – As stated there were a number of activities that still need to be completed around the school that were not completed during the last working bee. If any parents could assist in completing the below
 - **Put up School Vision signs (Ladder or working at heights qualifications needed)**
 - **Put up School Values Banners (Ladder or working at heights qualifications needed)**
 - **Roof gutters cleaned (Ladder or working at heights qualifications needed)**
 - **Pruning, trimming of trees**
 - **Fixing school wire fence**
- If you can be of assistance and are prepared to offer your skills and time to the school community please speak to Paul Jorgensen via the school or Leigh Markham on 0401741538.

Once again the council would like to thank all the parent helpers and especially the Parents Club with the continual and sustained effort put in for the benefit of the school community.

Leigh Markham (School Council President)

Preview for Foundation and Grade 1 students

This week in Maths, we have continued to learn about place value by reading, writing and representing numbers. We explored graphs and practised collecting and displaying data in pictures, tally marks and bar graphs. Next week, we will explore addition and focus on the various strategies we can use to solve addition problems. These include using materials, using counting patterns and drawing a picture. At home, you could talk to your child about addition, discussing important addition language such as: plus, and, altogether, add, total, both and sum.

Students have engaged in conferences with their teacher to set learning goals. These learning goals focus on our school value of Responsibility. At home, you could talk with your child about their learning goal and how they can be responsible at home and at school.

In Inquiry, we have learnt about our local community and the places we can visit. We have discussed why places are important and how we can care for certain places. To complement our learning of places within our community, we will be visiting the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve on Monday 20th November (next week).

Have a wonderful weekend! 😊

Miss Stockdale and Miss Waite

Grade 2 and Grade 3 families!

Hello parents and families,

Next Monday morning we have our excursion to the Traralgon Railway Reservoir Conservation Reserve. We will explore the special features of this place, both natural and constructed, as well as looking at how this area has changed over time. To follow up in Maths we will be drawing maps of the location. To prepare your child for next week's learning you could explore the features of maps with them – vocabulary we will be using will include bird's eye view, compass points, direction, key, grid references, differences. Look at how geographical features such as streets, houses, trees and mountains can be represented on maps.

In Reading and Writing we will conclude our research into our chosen country, and complete our draft presentations. A useful strategy to assist your child at home is to ask them to read a short selection of a non-fiction text, identify the important words or phrases, then close the book and summarize the key information in their own words.

We are also noticing that many students are not reading regularly at home or filling in their home-reading record sheet. To maintain good fluency and comprehension skills, it is extremely important for all students to read on a daily basis. We would appreciate it if parents could ensure that students are reading at home, and discussing what they read with an adult.

We hope you all have a great weekend,

Kelly Alexander, Mark Atherton and Natalie Jones

Preview 4/5/6 Duncan and Simmons

Beginning in Week 8, students will independently research Natural Disasters. They will have the opportunity to choose a topic of interest within this topic. To prepare please discuss what natural disasters are and look at some specific examples. Students can begin their research at home.

During week 7, in the area of maths, we will focus on financial literacies. Engage in discussions with your child focussing on the vocabulary we will use. Show your child cash amounts and ask them to add up and subtract.

Vocabulary: percentage, cash, interest, income, credit, expenses, change.

Remember to read at least four times per week.

Susan Duncan & Dale Simmons

PARENT CLUB NEWS

TERM 4 FUNDRAISER



5c challenge. Special prize for class that collects the most 5c coins.

Containers are in your class room so bring in those coins from home.

As at 9.15 Wednesday by a simple hand test **Mr Athertons's** grade is leading the collection.

Lunch Friday 10th November

Thank you to all who volunteered their time before the day and on the day.

We cooked 120 Sausages and ordered 70 decorated cookies.

Thanks to Aspoonofcake for these cookies.

Next Special Lunch Friday 1st December

Information out soon.

Please support the below businesses, if you can, and Thank them for helping our little school

Harvey Norman-Morwell, Aunty Di's, Dollar Shop, S & J Cycles, Podicare Shoes, Valley Headway, McRoberts, Tania's Deli, Gents Hairdresser, Viva Shoe, Hair Boutique, Hair Workshop, Flowers in the Valley, Nicks Café, Price Line –Morwell, Mannys Market – Fruit, The Vault, Marino's Deli, Wyncity , Absolute Injury Management, Millers Plumbing, A Spoonful of Cake, The Biscuit Shop, Sianis Hair and Beauty , Top Pub, Morwell Authorised Newsagency and AP Prints

If any queries regarding Parents and Friends Club please do not hesitate to contact me on either 0412855933 or bronwyn@wideband.net.au or leave a message at school.

The Book Fair is here!

Our Book Fair opens in the Hall next Monday morning. There is a great selection of books including titles of popular series, as well as small and large posters, and some quirky pens, pencils, and rubbers.



The Book Fair will be **open every day**, before school **8.30am till 9.00am**, lunch times **1.40pm-2.00pm** and after school **3.15pm-4.00pm**.

Our Book Fair assistants Kayla, Topaal, Malachi, Isabelle, and Jazmine have organised competitions around our Book Fair theme of **Reading Rainforest**.

Competition entry forms are available at the Library and Book Fair.

The competitions are:

- Foundation students – Colour the rainforest picture.
- Grade 1 students – Rainforest wordfind puzzle.
- Grade 2-6 students – Design a book cover with a rainforest or rainforest animal theme.

All entries can be handed in at the Library or Book Fair by Friday 24th November.

Prize winners will be announced at the conclusion of the Book Fair with students winning vouchers to choose items from the Fair. Students do not have to make a purchase from the Fair to enter the competitions.

Just a reminder that we can **only accept cash or cheques** in payment for the books, and please write the cheques out to Hazelwood North Primary School.

Younger students can bring their money/cheque to school in a labelled envelope, and change will be returned in the same way.

All sales at the Book Fair benefit the school with the choice of books for our library.

Don't hesitate to contact me if you have any queries, or need to visit the Book fair outside the times listed.

Kaye Stockdale

COMPETITION TIME

Design a “rainforest theme” book cover and win prizes from the Book Fair.



- Your book cover design can be for a picture book or a non-fiction book.
- The design must have a rainforest or rainforest animal theme.
- This competition is for students in grades 2 to 6.
- The design can be in grey lead, pencils, textas, crayons, or pastels.
- Paper is available in the library.

All entries submitted by Friday 24th November.