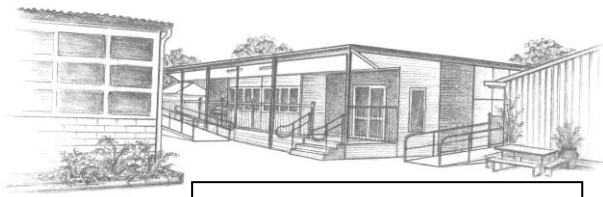


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**SCHOOL VALUES - RESPECT, HONESTY & INCLUSION**

## News from the Principal's Desk

Hi everyone,

The newsletter went home today because Karen was away yesterday. Sorry for any inconvenience in regard to this. Last week we had another enjoyable visit to the local kindergarten to see potentially new students coming to our school for 2014. This again was very enjoyable and a lot of fun for all involved. Some pictures are in this edition of the newsletter.

Yesterday we had some fun activities in and out of the school grounds. We had our Free Footsteps Dance lesson in the afternoon and it was great to see the kids get into the spirit with this and join in. After school we travelled in to the Shepparton BMX track for the first of the two AASC sessions which will be held at this venue. This opportunity is really worthwhile for our kids and we hope to be able to provide this again in the future.

A big thank you to our parents for ensuring that all students were at school early for the Dookie Cluster Day today. This was a worthwhile experience and gave many of our students an opportunity to renew acquaintances with many friends from other small schools. Some photos will be included in next week's newsletter.

The Grade 5/6 students leave for the Melbourne Camp tomorrow and I know everyone, including myself, is looking forward to this adventure. Lots of planning has taken place and we hope the weather is kind for us over the next 3 days. We leave at 6.31am and return at 3.23pm on Friday. I can be contacted on my mobile if needed.

Karen will be in the office until Thursday this week, if any matters need addressing. I'll catch up with everyone again next week.

David Brodie (Teaching Principal)

**CURRICULUM DAY – Frid 14<sup>th</sup> June**  
**STUDENT LED CONFERENCE DAY – Wed 26<sup>th</sup> June**

## Student Reports

Staff have recently started to work on Student Reports and these will be distributed to families via sealed envelopes on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Attached to this newsletter are the VELS vs AusVELS progression points. This will assist with families in understanding the reports. One other major difference is the language which is used with classes as well. The traditional Prep class is now called Foundation so from now on we will refer to the junior class as the F/1 grade not the P/1 class. This may take some getting used to obviously. This semester, staff are reporting on the AusVELS with English, Mathematics, Science and History. Other normal learning areas will focus on VELS, as they have in past years.

You will notice some other differences with the structure of English and Mathematics when reports are distributed. A summary is below:

### English

- Reading & Viewing
- Writing
- Speaking & Listening

### Maths

- Number & Algebra
- Measurement & Geometry
- Statistics & Probability



**URBAN CAMP (Grade 5/6) – Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June.**  
**All students must be at the Shepparton Train Station no later than 6.20am. The train will depart at 6.31am sharp. SET THE ALARMS!!!!!!!**

SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK – Jake Buckland

School Facebook Likes – 44 and growing

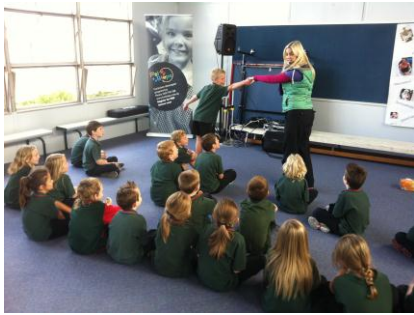


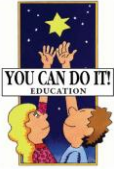
## Photos for the Week – Kindergarten Visit





## FOOTSTEPS – FREE DANCE LESSONS / BMX – AASC PROGRAM





## **STUDENTS OF THE WEEK – Term 2 / Week 7**



All students received a certificate and also a free icy pole voucher to use this term.

### **Prep / Grade 1 Terrific Turtle's**

#### **Tom**



For the persistence he showed in all his work. Tom listened and stayed on task.  
Well done Tom.

### **Grade 2/3/4 Freaky Frogs**

#### **Brooke**



For the fantastic way she always persists in her schoolwork and tries her hardest in class. Great effort love.

### **Grade 5/6 Mad Monkeys**

#### **Abby**



For her conscientious attitude in class and for the way that she always extends herself in the classroom

**Values Vault was awarded to – Liv (Week 7)**

**Very soon we are hoping to introduce weekly values awards which focus on  
Respect, Inclusion and Honesty**



### 1. Grade 5/6 Camp

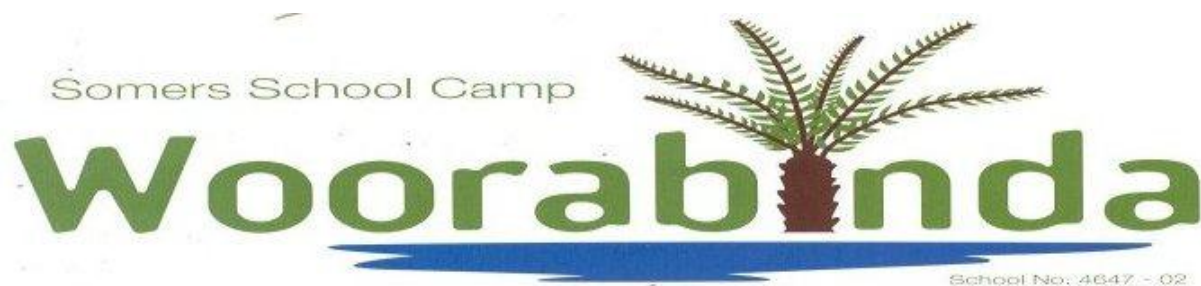
The cost for this camp has been set at \$200. This is only an increase of \$10 from 2 years ago. **The payment for the Urban Camp is now due.** All relevant information – medical, permission forms have been returned. Thank you to our wonderful parents for being so prompt with this. The Melbourne Camp begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June and concludes on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Mr Brodie will be attending the camp.

**WE WILL DEPART FOR THIS CAMP FROM THE SHEPPARTON TRAIN STATION TOMORROW AT 6.31AM. ALL STUDENTS WILL NEED TO BE AT THE TRAIN STATION NO LATER THAN 6.20AM.**

### 2. Woorabinda Camp

Congratulations to Preston, Kelsie, Mikayla, Bailey and Brittany who have been selected to attend the Woorabinda Camp. This is to be held from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July until Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. All of these students received a number of forms last week and it would be appreciated if these could be returned before the school holidays to aid with planning.

There was an error last week listing Stephanie instead of Brittany last week. Apologies for this.



### 3. Curriculum Day

A reminder to all families that all staff will be attending a Curriculum Day on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June at Mooroopna PS. Therefore, **no students will be required at school this day so alternative arrangements will need to be made.** The focus for this day is on AusVELS and Numeracy.

### 4. Student Led Conference Day

Reports are scheduled to go home to families on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June. To follow these up a Student Led Conference Day will be held on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June which will give all students an opportunity to discuss their progress so far at school with staff and families. Therefore, students will be required at school for the duration of their interview. This day links to our Kidsmatter Theme and allows us to continue to build on the relationship which is necessary for both staff and parents. We hope to see all children attend this day. If this day does not suit, an alternative arrangement may be made.

### 5. Interschool Sport

Our school will be participating in Interschool Sport in Shepparton and Mooroopna on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July. We anticipate sending teams for Football and Netball. In the past, we have combined with Congupna PS to form a football team, but we should be able to field our own netball team. At this stage, Mrs Haberfield will probably coach the netball team and we hope that Mr Pettigrew from Congupna PS will be able to coach the football team. This will allow for Mr Brodie to float between the two venues. If any parents can assist in any way it would be greatly appreciated. More details will be available early next term, but there is a strong possibility that some Grade 3 or 4 children may be able to participate as well to help with fielding teams – random draws.



## **6. Expression of Interest – Grade 3/4 Camp**

The Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek is currently being organised by Congupna PS. This camp takes place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September and we now need expression of interest to aid planning. **The form attached below is now due – contact will be made to inform Congupna PS of numbers by Thursday.** All Grade 3/4 students are invited to this camp (this includes students selected for the Woorabinda Camp as well). The anticipated cost for this camp is \$150 – subject to change.

About the Camp:

15 Mile Creek Campus is set in a picturesque natural bush setting in North East Victoria.

Students are immersed in a rich and unique learning environment that allows them to explore, discover, be challenged and enjoy their learning.

15 Mile Creek specialises in educational programs for predominately primary school students as well as VCE students undertaking Units 1-4 Outdoor & Environmental Studies. Some secondary school programs are also undertaken each year in negotiation with interested schools.

A broad range of programs are offered to our students under the guidance of our teaching staff, and specific programs are designed by us for each group that visits our school. A wide range of learning activities forms the basis of the programs at 15 Mile Creek. These may include adventure, challenge, nature and interpretive based activities.

Website - <http://www.boec.vic.edu.au/our-school/#15-mile-creek-campus>

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## **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – 15 MILE CREEK (Grade 3/4)**

My child/ren.....would like to attend the Grade 3/4 Camp to 15 Mile Creek. This camp will take place from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September until Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September (last week of Term 3). I understand that the cost for the camp is estimated to be \$150 – subject to change.

Signed.....

## **7. School Reports**

The introduction of the A-E scale means all government schools (with the exception of some specialist schools) will be using the same approach to reporting progress against the same standards. The A-E ratings will have the same meaning no matter which government school your child attends or where you are located in Victoria.

### **What exactly do the A-E ratings mean?**

**A** indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting (12 months or more ahead of the standard expected at the time of reporting)

**B** indicates achievement that is **above the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child understands more complex ideas and has a broader range of skills than would normally be expected.

**C** indicates achievement that is **at the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that your child's learning is on track and that they understand and can apply the range of skills and knowledge expected for their year level at the time of reporting.

**D** indicates achievement that is **below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means that there are some skills and knowledge that your child has yet to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

**E** indicates achievement that is **well below the standard expected** for your child's year level at the time of reporting. It means there are significant areas of knowledge and skills your child needs to acquire before they can be said to be achieving at the expected standard.

### Isn't a 'C' a disappointing result?

No it is not at all. It is important to remember that if your child receives a 'C' on the report card it indicates that their *learning is on track* and they are achieving the statewide standard that *is expected of them* at the time of reporting.

In the past, a 'C' in some schools might have meant that the child was performing below the expected standard. This is no longer the case.

### 8. New Enrolments - 2014

We are now looking at planning enrolments for new students for next year. Enrolment Packages can be collected from the school office and an informal tour of the school can be requested if needed. Feel free to contact Mr Brodie any time.

### 9. AASC Program

The program for term 2 began a few weeks ago with BMX. Netball is held on Tuesday's. **Both sessions start at 3.35pm and finish at 4.35pm.** Participating students are given fruit for afternoon tea prior to the start of each session. Gillian O'Brien is our supervisor on a Monday and Andrea Walker has this role on a Tuesday. A free icy pole voucher will be awarded each week out of a lucky draw. Last week's winner was – Mitchell (week 7)

**The Final Shepparton BMX session will be held on the Monday 17<sup>th</sup> June. A bus will pick the kids up at school and return them to school at about 5.30pm. BMX will not be held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Queen's Birthday Holiday.**

## Parents' Club

### Pie Drive

**A reminder that pie orders are due back to school next Tuesday the 11<sup>th</sup> of June.**

### Munch & Crunch Lunch

**Parents' Club will hold a Munch & Crunch lunch on Thursday, 20<sup>th</sup> June. The menu consists of 2 x Dim sims, Fried Rice, Packet Chips & a Prima The cost will be \$5.00. Orders need to be in by Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> June**

✂.....

**Munch & Crunch – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

**Family Name:.....**

**No. of Lunches:.....**

**Total Cost:.....**



# Grandparents and Special Friend's Day.



On Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, we had our Grandparents and Special friend's come and visit us. We read books to them and they read books to us. We went over to the Multi and we danced for them. We all had the Biggest Morning Tea. We raised \$249 for Cancer Research. It was a lovely day.







## Our kids matter.

KidsMatter helps our school nurture happy, balanced kids.



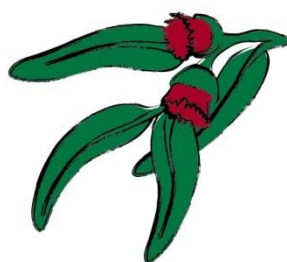
### Northerners Soccer Report

**Under 10** – Northerners 0 were defeated by St Mels 2. On a cold and wet day the kids did their best in the slippery conditions. Although they were unable to score a goal they played a great game and as usual it was a good team effort. Awards went to Kyle, Kelsie and Bailey.

**A REMINDER TO BOTH TEAMS THAT THERE IS NO GAME THIS WEEK.**



**NORTHERNERS FOOTY – SATURDAY MORNING'S**



# **Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre Inc**

*What is on at Mooroopna Education & Activity Centre for June 2013.*

## ***June***

**4<sup>th</sup> June-25<sup>th</sup> June**-Introduction to Microsoft Word \$90

**21<sup>st</sup> June** - Blue Light Disco

**Art Classes**-Every Tuesday Morning 10am to 12 noon

**Exercises Classes** - Daily \$6

**Tai Chi** - Wednesday afternoon 1.30pm \$6

**Yoga** - Tuesday evenings 7pm \$7

**Meditation** - Monday Evening's 7.30pm Gold coin donation

**Morrell Street Occasional Childcare** - Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon

Bookings Essential 58254128

**MEAC Art Gallery**-Hear my Heart by Liz Arcus & Dianne Watson.

**MEAC are agents for V/Line tickets.**

**For these and any other enquires please contact MEAC on 58251774.**

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## **Student Led Conference Interviews**

Parent/Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June starting at 9am and concluding at 5pm. Please indicate on the form below what time suits you. Times will be allocated on a first in first preference basis. If the day / times do not suit you, please contact the school to make an alternate arrangement.

✂.....

NAME:.....

Yes I/we would like to attend the parent/teacher/student interview session with you on Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> June.

My preferred time is .....am/pm.



# Quick Vic Reporting

## VELS vs AusVELS progression points

The table below lists the VELS progression points and their equivalent AusVELS progression points. It also indicates the expected level of achievement for a student to receive a high C in each report, ie at the middle or end of the year.

Year Level Expectation	Middle or End of Year	VELS Scores	AusVELS Score
Beyond Year 10		6.75	11.50
		6.50	11.00
		6.25	10.50
Year 10	End	6.00	10.00
	Middle	5.75	9.50
Year 9	End	5.50	9.00
	Middle	5.25	8.50
Year 8	End	5.00	8.00
	Middle	4.75	7.50
Year 7	End	4.50	7.00
	Middle	4.25	6.50
Year 6	End	4.00	6.00
	Middle	3.75	5.50
Year 5	End	3.50	5.00
	Middle	3.20	4.50
Year 4	End	3.00	4.00
	Middle	2.75	3.50
Year 3	End	2.50	3.00
	Middle	2.25	2.50
Year 2	End	2.00	2.00
	Middle	1.75	1.50
Year 1	End	1.50	1.00
	Middle	1.25	F.5
Prep	End	1.00	F
		0.50	0.50
		0.00	0.00

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## PEER PRESSURE

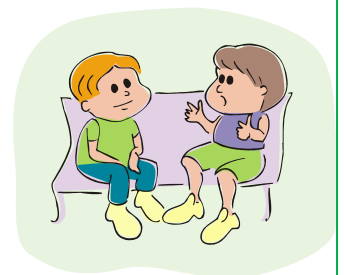
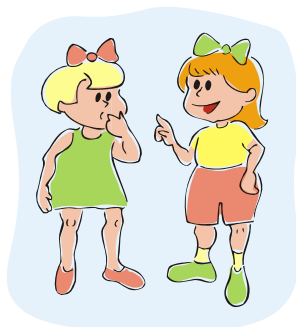
Having a group of friends is one of the most important aspects of being a child and a teenager. A 'Peer Group' is a group of friends about the same age. 'Peer Pressure' refers to the effect that this group of friends can exert on an individual. Peer groups can be a very positive influence on a young person's life, but they can also cause them great stress, including their parents!

Peer groups help a young person to have a sense of belonging and a sense of being valued. It provides them with a sense of security and of being understood by others who are going through the same experiences. The peer group can provide a safe environment for young people to test values and ideas, develop friendship skills and provide positive reinforcement and encouragement for the young person to develop their personality and identity.

Peer pressure often creates extra stress for young people as they want to 'keep in' with friends, and do things that help them belong to the group. There is nothing worse for most young people than to be shown up or embarrassed in front of their peer group. Not all young people respond in the same way to peer pressure. Some are simply more independent than others and can withstand or resist the pressure better. Research indicates that young people who do not receive support at home are more likely to be influenced by their peer group.

The two best supports for young people who feel they are under pressure from their peer group are family and friends. It is very important for parents to keep the channels of communication open. As parents, you can provide the support to help your child resist pressure from friends or the wider peer group. Being able to talk things through with your child can enable them to see how they are being pressured unfairly or unnecessarily. Having a good friend (or two) can be critical in helping your child put things into perspective. Two people can resist pressure better than one and provide an alternative view point that can then influence peer group views and actions.

Peer groups are part of growing up and they will cause a great deal of pleasure and at times, some grief. By being aware of, and connected with your child's friendships, you are in a better place to monitor and support them if 'pressure' arises.





# TALLYGAROPNA PRIMARY SCHOOL – TERM 2/3 CALENDAR

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
3 Footsteps Dance Lesson AASC – BMX Shepparton	4 Performance at Dookie PS AASC - Netball	5	6	Student Teach.7 Finishes
URBAN CAMP				
10 Queen's Bday Holiday	11 AASC - Netball  Orders Due for Pie Drive	12	13	14 Curriculum Day Pupil Free
17 AASC – BMX Shepparton	18	19 Region Cross Country	20 Pies Delivered Munch / Crunch	21
24 Reports Go Home	25	26 Student Led Conferences	27 Dance Festival	28 Last Day of T2 Dismissal - 2.25
July 1	2	3	4	5
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				

JUNE

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
8	9	10	11	12
SCHOOL HOLIDAYS				
15	16	17	18 Library State CCountry	19
22	23	24 School Council & Finance 5	25	26 Art Footy / Netball
29 AASC – TBC	30 AASC – TBC	31 PLAY - WANGANUI	1 Library	2
WOORABINDA CAMP – 5 STUDENTS (G.4/5)				
August 5 AASC – TBC	6 AASC – TBC	7	8	9 Art

JULY