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## NEWSLETTER

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**Only 3 Sleeps until our excursion to the Melbourne Zoo. Students will be required to wear school uniform on the day.**

**Christmas Concert is scheduled for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December  
Santa will be coming on the night.  
6.30pm Start  
BYO Food & Drink**

**First Day for Students in 2011 is Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February**

**Last Day of School is Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December.  
Dismissal is at 2.30pm**

Dear Parents,

In this edition of the newsletter, there are some important issues in relation to staffing and school fees. Making decisions in relation to these matters are difficult for everyone involved and at times not a pleasant experience, but they are made for the benefit of the children of the school. This year has been a challenging year for me as a Principal, but I believe this experience will hold me in good stead as we progress into the future.

Our Melbourne Trip is on Thursday. **Obviously, I remind everyone to be punctual at the Shepparton Train Station so that we can leave on time at 6.57am. We arrive back in Shepparton at 8.54pm.** If I can assist in anyway please let me know, but the day promises to be an enjoyable one provided the RAIN STAYS AWAY!!!! Our final Orientation Day is on tomorrow and new families will be invited to our end of year Xmas Concert along with a morning tea on the first day of school next year. Feel free to remind new families of this if you wish over the holiday break.

There are only 2 weeks to go before the end of the year and I will probably contact some families over the holiday period in regard to a working bee. This will enable us to organise some equipment and furniture for classrooms but all of this will depend on how our building is progressing. Stay tuned.

I am teaching until Wednesday this week. Karen and I will both be out of the school on Wednesday morning as we have training and information sessions to attend. Karen will still be at school on the day of our Melbourne Trip and I will be in the office on Friday to attend to any matters that arise. Have a great week everyone.

David Brodie – Principal

*“Children are educated by what the grown-up is and not by his talk.”*

## 1. Staffing for 2011

It greatly disappoints me to announce to everyone that Mrs Sidebottom will not be staying on as a permanent member of staff next year. Wendy has been a pleasure to share a grade with this year and her willingness to take on any role has been greatly appreciated. In my role as Principal, Wendy has been extremely flexible and there have been many times when she has been able to assist when things have not eventuated as planned. The Grade 3/4 Curumbene Camp was a perfect example and Wendy has been able to step up to the plate many times throughout the year. The children of the school have benefited from many extra curricula activities thanks to Mrs Sidey and we have been able to run a successful Bike Education program this year as a result. Wendy has donated her time for many years assisting with our Swimming Program as an instructor also. Wendy will be teaching at our school in some capacity next year and we look forward to her coordinating the Bike Education Program again in 2011.

Ella Bicknell has been appointed as a Graduate Teacher for the first term for next year. Ella is a very enthusiastic young teacher and I am positive that she will be a great edition to our staff. She will be teaching the Grade 5/6 class four days a week from Tuesday to Friday. I will share the grade with Ella as I will be teaching on a Monday and will then provide specialist sessions with Physical Education and Computers, alternating each week.

### Staff for 2011

Prep / Grade 1 – Mrs Wallace

Grade 2/3/4 – Mrs Haberfield

Grade 5/6 – Miss Bicknell (.8) / Mr Brodie (.2)

School Business Manager – Mrs Armstrong

## 2. School Fees

At School Council on Wednesday night, we were able to approve our new school fees for 2011. There are obviously some changes that have occurred but we have made these still affordable and in line with other schools in the local area. Keep in mind that this year's fees for one student were \$150 - which included \$90 for Excursions and \$60 for fundraising. We have also been able to rely on our Bingo account and Drought Relief Funding to support excursions and programs in the past, both of these will not be available next year.

### **2011 School Fees Structure per student:**

**Subject Levy \$140**

**Excursion Levy \$45**

**Total of \$185 (increase of \$35)**

The subject levy includes many programs which are implemented at school including MACC Van, MARC Van, Mathletics, etc.

The Excursion Levy includes the following (whole school activities):

Life Ed. Van

Cluster Days

\* Term 1 – Aquamoves

\* Term 2/3/4 – Cluster Days at other small schools

\* Performance at Wanganui Park SC

\* Athletics Sports

Please note that these fees are both compulsory fees. We have decided to not put Swimming under the umbrella of the Excursion Levy because of the cost associated with this program. Next year, this program will again be held at Aquamoves for 1 week in Term 3. The cost for this program is \$42 per student and families will have a choice in regard to whether their children participate in this program. Other excursions that happen throughout the year will not be whole school activities, so there will be a pay as you go policy implemented as well. Examples of these that have been implemented are Sailing, Kanga 8s and the Richmond Footy Clinic.

Parents are able to pay school fees in one payment or organise a plan which would involve partial payments throughout the school year. If you have any queries in regard to this please feel free to contact David or Karen at the office.

### 3. Strategic Plan

The schools new Strategic Plan was endorsed for the next four years at School Council also. Parents will be able to get a copy of this document if they wish from the office. The Strategic Plan basically identifies our values and goals and targets for the next 4 years. A summary of this is below:

**School Values:** These values are used to support our students, teachers and parents in becoming positive citizens within their community.

**Inclusion:** including others and to not leave anyone out. It is important to let people join in if they are not playing with anyone and to involve others in decision making so that everyone gets a say.

**Respect:** being nice to others and to treat others how you would like to be treated. If you show respect you look after property that belongs to individuals and consider other peoples thoughts and opinions. Respect also involves being considerate of differences and personal space.

**Honesty:** tell the truth and own up to things in a mature manner. Individuals who are honest don't lie and always strive for their best without settling for second best.

#### **Strategic Intent:**

**Student Learning:** Maximise student achievement in Literacy and Numeracy against the VELs standards.

**Student Engagement & Wellbeing:** Each student is highly engaged with his/her learning, self-motivated, socially responsible and can demonstrate strong connectedness to teachers, peers and the School in a safe, supportive, productive learning environment.

**Student Pathways & Transitions:** Each student to experience smooth transition into, through primary school and on to secondary schooling

### 4. Building Project



Unfortunately, our building project has hit a standstill because of the huge amount of rain that we have had over the last few days. When I last spoke to our Project Manager it was anticipated that the building would arrive at school on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December. This date now seems highly unlikely, because we need the site to dry up before Grove can begin preparing the site. Our school is getting what is called a 2B building which is the first of its kind in the state. I will now try and get down to Melbourne on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December to have a look at the building and see if there is a possibility of it actually arriving at our school before the Xmas break.

### 5. Orientation Day – whole day

Tomorrow is the State Wide Orientation Day. We wish our Grade 6 students an enjoyable day at their new Secondary schools and look forward to having our new 2011 Preps for the whole day at our school. For the day, all students will be moved around into their new classes for next year and the day will focus on topics and activities which will be implemented in the future. Miss Bicknell will be coming into the senior grade at 3pm to meet her new students and get a chance to discuss plans for next year also.

## 6. Grade 5/6 Projects

Students in the senior grades started presenting their Own Choice Projects on Friday. Our main project presentation day will be this Friday because students will need to use the interactive whiteboard to present their project to their peers. As a result, we will have to utilise the facilities in the other two grades while they have Art. Projects should be ready on this day.

## 7. Computer Program

Our 10 new laptops arrived last week along with a laptop trolley. Unfortunately, these computer look like being unavailable for student use this year because of the time it takes for them to be set up. At our school, we have the support and expertise of an I.T. technician who assists us with technology at school. At present, our technician only visits our school once every fortnight for a few hours, so this makes large jobs a problem. Next year, our I.T. technician will visit once a week so this will assist us greatly moving into the future.

## 8. Mathletics – Student Ability

Throughout this year, our school has again successfully implemented the Mathletics Program to support students with numeracy. This is a terrific resource and we will again purchase a licence for this program for 2011. We can offer support for children and families at any time with this program. *Throughout the year, students are working through a set curriculum based on their year level at school. However, at times we can adjust this to extend students or support students by moving them up or down a grade level. Parents might like to consider this with the holidays approaching, because it would be a*

*good opportunity for children to start to build some knowledge and experience of specific areas of numeracy which they may face next year. Already throughout the year, teachers have adapted this program so that students are working at their own ability. **If any parents would like to see their children alter their course in relation to their actual grade level, could you please contact your child's teacher.** It only takes a click of a button and it would be very worthwhile in preparation for the new school year.*

Rank	Name	School	Score
1	Alan C	Uckley Park State School, QLD, Australia	17,424
2	Leah S	Dean Hooper R. School, United States	15,235
3	Wesley M	Dean Hooper R. School, United States	14,797
4	Laura L	Patric Lyons Elementary School, Pennsylvania, United States	14,698
5	Carly C	Clayton State Academy, Pennsylvania, United States	13,934
6	Rachel S	Patric Lyons Elementary School, Pennsylvania, United States	13,442
7	James J	WV T227 T. Middle School, Ohio, United States	13,400
8	Christopher W	Clayton State Academy, Pennsylvania, United States	13,197
9	Janet K	Patric Lyons Elementary School, Pennsylvania, United States	12,828
10	Wesley M	Patric Lyons Elementary School, Pennsylvania, United States	12,828

## 9. School Security

Our school security was not installed last week but we anticipate it being still set up before the Xmas holidays. This system will be at no cost to the school and will be funded by the Education Department. The alarms will be set up in the existing buildings and once the new building is constructed and handed over to the school the alarm system will be installed there as well. Our school is going to have some fantastic ICT resources over the next few years and we are determined to keep these safe and secure at all times.

## 10. Xmas Concert

We have scheduled this night for Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.30pm. This will be a very informal night with some Xmas Carols and presentations to some students leaving our school. After discussing the night at the Parents Club Meeting last week, we decided that there will be no BBQ on the night but families can bring their own drinks if they wish. Santa will be arriving on the night and we are hoping to invite new children and families who will be at our school next year. **Hopefully families all received a small note last week about the night.**

## 11. Active After School Communities Program

Touch Footy / Multi Sports will continue tomorrow and will conclude next Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.

My participation bag is empty and all students who have participated in this program should have received a small prize.

In 2011 we are planning to run the following sessions at Tallygaroopna Primary School

Term 1 – Tennis – Monday, Lawn Bowls – Tuesday      Term 2 – Multi Skills – Monday, Dance - Tuesday

12. The Ultranet

**If any parents need assistance logging onto the Ultranet, please contact the office and we will guide you through the process.** I am planning to hold a Parent Information night early next year, once we begin implementing this tool into our everyday teaching.

\* A reminder that welcome letters are only valid for a 30 day period. The letters that went home a while ago should expire in the next couple of days. These can be reset and sent out again though if needed.

13. Melbourne Excursion – Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December

Only a few days until our end of year trip to the Melbourne Zoo. Thank you to the Parents who have paid for this excursion or finalised payments for the excursion levy. This makes organisation for this day a lot easier. I have now purchased tickets for this day and these will be given to parents on the morning of the trip.

**\* All students will be required to wear school uniform on the day so that we can easily identify our school.**

**\* Families are able to take food and drink into the Melbourne Zoo if they wish.**

**\* All parents will receive maps of the Zoo on the train and Mr Brodie will hand out his mobile phone number so that communication can still be maintained with all families on the day.**

Everyone attending the day will need to bring some money obviously for the trip. Any other personal items that are brought along are solely the responsibility of individuals who own these. Teachers will collect student hats on the Wednesday and bring them along on the day.

It is great to see so many parents willing to come along and make this trip such a special one. Many thanks to the families who have offered to look after a couple of students on the day as well. The teachers may actually have a quiet and relaxing day !!!! **A permission note went home with students today. Please return it to school by Wednesday.**

14. Dates for 2011

Over the next few weeks, I will continue to update this section. Confirmed dates for next year are:

February 4<sup>th</sup> - Students first day  
February 21<sup>st</sup> - School Photos  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – Labour Day Holiday  
April 26<sup>th</sup> – Anzac Day Holiday  
May 10<sup>th</sup> > May 12<sup>th</sup> - NAPLAN  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – Queens B'day Holiday  
June 30<sup>th</sup> – Dance Festival (G. 5/6)  
July 29<sup>th</sup> – Zone Footy & Netball

February 14<sup>th</sup> – AASC Program Begins  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> – R.E. Begins  
April 4<sup>th</sup> – Athletic Sports  
May 4<sup>th</sup> – Interschool Cross Country  
June 6<sup>th</sup> > June 8<sup>th</sup> - Urban Camp for Grade 5/6  
June 28 – Dance Festival (G. 3/4)  
July 25<sup>th</sup> > 27<sup>th</sup> – 15 Mile Creek Camp for Grade 3/4  
October 17<sup>th</sup> – Zone Athletics

15. “You Can Do It” Awards

Congratulations to the following students –

**P/1 Kyle Montgomery and Jordan O'Brien** for using their 'getting along' skills in the playground. Well done Jordan and Kyle.

**2/3/4 Brenton O'Brien** for the fantastic effort he always puts into his schoolwork.

**5/6 Soraya Cannon** for her organisation and persistence she shows in class and at home with her work. These work habits will stand you in good stead for secondary school. Well done Soraya.



## **Prep Orientation Program – new students for 2011**

We currently have 9 Prep students enrolled to start next year. The last scheduled day for this program is on December 7<sup>th</sup> (Statewide). New Preps for next year will be required at school all day.

## **Funding for Parents – Aust Swim Course**

In the past the school has funded any parents who are interested in completing an Aust Swim Course which would assist our school to run the Swimming Program. This would obviously reduce costs over the long haul. I have had a couple of parents express some interest in regard to this so if any parents are interested in completing such a course could they see either Karen or David at the office. I have contacted Kate Nichols and courses which she is offering for 2011 are listed below. Dates for Aust Swim 2011

- \* Benalla – January 15<sup>th</sup> & 16
- \* Shepparton – March 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>

## **E.M.A. – Processing Arrangements for 2011**

For 2011, the annual consumer price index (CPI) increase will take the Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) paid to parents/guardians of primary students from \$225 to \$230 and for parents/guardians of secondary students from \$450 to \$460.

- Parents will continue to have the option to receive the parent portion of the EMA paid by either direct deposit (EFT) into their nominated bank account or by cheque.
- The EMA web system for 2011 goes live on 1 February 2011. EMA administrators are able to start entering EMA applications for 2011 from this date onwards.

## **Critical Dates**

- 1 February 2011 – eligibility date for the first instalment EMA payment
- 28 February 2011 – parent EMA application submissions close.
- 11 March 2011 – school submissions close. Schools have until this date to enter EMA applications into the EMA system.
- 15 March 2011 – first scheduled EMA payment run date (first instalment)
- Mid March 2011 – approximate date that parents choosing the EFT payment option will receive the first instalment EMA payment into their bank account
- Late March 2011 – first instalment EMA cheques expected to arrive at schools.

## **Keyboard & Guitar Lessons for 2011**

Cliff Doorncamp would like to again visit our school next year on Mondays to teach interested students keyboard and guitar. Lessons will cost \$15 for a 20 minute private lesson. A student would need to own their own guitar to participate in guitar lessons (tuition guitars cost \$80 to \$90). Any interested families need to contact the Office as soon as possible so that we know there is enough interest.



**Organ - Anyone Interested ??** The school has an old Viscount Fair Lady Delux Organ to give away if anyone is interested. It has been at the school, unused for many years, so it is time to hand it on to someone who may find more use of it.

**Student VSN Number – Grade 6 students leaving**

At the end of the year, we say goodbye to our wonderful Grade 6 kids. These students will need their Victorian Student Number when they enroll at their new school. As a result, parents will need to contact the office so that they can get their VSN and then pass this onto relevant Secondary Colleges. Please do this before the end of the year.

**Possible Bus Travelers for 2011**

I am currently in the process of organizing the new bus route for 2011. This takes some time to organize and I will be contacting families over the holiday period to inform them of specific times and drop off and pick up points. Currently, I have the following students probably using the bus for 2011.

Ebony Mills	Kyle Montgomery	Shae Montgomery
Kylie Moorfoot	Renae Moorfoot	Aimee Moorfoot
Shannon Keenes	Mollie Karl	Chrissie Karl
Campbell Steigenberger	Harri Ring	Abby Klein
Bill Klein	Harvey Walker	Eloise Walker <b><u>New Prep</u></b>
Liv Burgess <b><u>New Prep</u></b>	Daniel Collins <b><u>New Prep</u></b>	Leah Collins <b><u>New Prep</u></b>
Beau Ramadan <b><u>New Prep</u></b>	Daniel Ramadan <b><u>New Prep</u></b>	

If any of this information is incorrect, could you contact me ASAP so that the bus run can be finalized and organized without any problems.

Mr Brodie

**Northerners Cricket**

27/11/10 – We started our first day of another 2 day game against Tatura and won the toss and chose to bat. We were all out for 81. We have Tatura 3 for 31. We need to follow up with some great bowling this week to try and come away with a win.

4/12/10 - Due to more rain at the weekend no cricket could be played so our game against Tatura ended up in a draw.

**Parents' Club**

Come, relax, enjoy a fun night out on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at Firenzes at 7pm for the Parents and Friends Christmas Break up.

The Parents' Club will be offering a Munch and Crunch lunch on the last day of term (Friday 17<sup>th</sup> of December). The lunch will consist of 2 slices of pizza, an icy pole and a prima. Pizza choices will be Meat Lovers (M), Hawaiiin (H) or BBQ Chicken (C). Cost will be \$4.00 and additional slices can be ordered for \$1.00 per slice. Orders and payment need to be at school by no later than Monday, 13<sup>th</sup> December.

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**Pizza Munch and Crunch Lunch – 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Name:.....	Type: .....	No. of Additional Pizza Slices:.....	Cost:.....
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Next camp runs from 5th to 7th of January.

Arrive at 9.00am on Wednesday Depart 4.30pm on Friday

Activities may include:



**Low Ropes Course:** Work in teams to negotiate this challenging course

**Orienteering:** Learn compass skills & put them to the test on our courses

**Bush First Aid:** CPR, snake bite, spiders, we explore the basics together

**Water Safety:** What to do in an emergency & basic water skills

**Commando Course:** Work hard & help your team achieve the fastest time

**Mini Master Chef Cooking Classes:** You saw the show now let's have a go...

**Bush Cooking Class:** Campfire cooking at its best

**Campfire Evening:** Build a safe fire & have a relaxing evening

**Roping Lesson:** Ever fancy yourself as a cowboy or girl?

**Beach Volleyball:** Kick off your shoes & give it all for your team

**Mini Golf:** a great challenge on those hot days

**Whip Cracking:** Put on your hat & glasses & try a few different cracks

**Bouldering Wall:** 30 metres long, 3 different levels. How will you go?

**Archery:** Test your skills & hand eye co-ordination on our indoor or outdoor ranges

**Pedal Boats:** Race around the islands or kick back & have a leisurely pedal

**Initiative Games:** Use your head to figure out ways your team can be victorious.

**Bush Craft:** Collect items & put them together to create something all your own

**Scavenger Hunt:** How observant are you? Will you collect all you need?

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