Principal's Message
A huge thank you to everyone involved in last week’s concert – as a ‘first timer’ I was impressed by the quality of the student performances and the professionalism and commitment which went into producing this event. The students were proud of what they achieved and there was certainly evidence of some budding ‘actors’ in the making! A great day and night for our wider school community to come together to support the students and celebrate their achievements.

Over the past two weeks we have welcomed two new students, Taylor in grade 1 and his parents Noel and Ann-Marie, and Daniel in grade 1, along with his parents Leanne and Daniel. We look forward to their involvement in our school community.

Thanks to parents who have acknowledged and put into practice the guidelines for dropping off and picking up students in Andrews St. As you would be aware, the safety of students is the core focus of these guidelines, however, the need for an orderly and convenient system for parents has also been considered. Like a taxi rank, we are now reminding the students to remain at the beginning of the line until their car is at the front – please assist this by not parking further back and beckoning your child to come to you. There are two parking rank areas – most parents are using the first rank outside the prep classrooms, however, we ask that you consider using the one down the basketball courts end also. If you let your child know which end you will be using - they will know which end to line up.

BOOK DAY - FRIDAY 28th AUGUST
DRESS UP AS YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTER
Have you got your costumes ready? Book Day is now only two weeks away!

The day will start off with a parade of book characters showing off the wonderfully creative outfits thrown together by our talented students (with the help of parents!) and teachers. The parade, led by Mrs Riley, will begin at 9.05 in the shade cloth area (in the shed if inclement weather) and we would love to see lots of parents and friends come along. Throughout the day the grade prep to two unit, and the three to six unit will be taking part in mixed age group literacy activities that are based on the shortlisted books.

Yesterday we had twenty-three grade 5/6 students representing the school in Aussie Footy at Pedrina Park and today, twenty-two students are honing their golfing skills at Parklands Golf Course in a modified 9 hole tournament with students from district schools. Thanks to Leanne Willder for her coordination and commitment to providing the opportunity for our students to participate in a wide range of sporting activities.

This week’s feature page comes from 3/4M, sharing their learning about Life on the Goldfields – enjoy!

Regards Heather
SCHOOL PERFORMANCE - “Grandma’s Treasure”

Congratulations to everyone for all of their team support and hard work in producing two top notch performances! No doubt we are still recovering from the effort, with many people contributing much welcome feedback.

Every concert year we work hard to create something different and entertaining for all, and Grandma's Treasure certainly covered the genres! I would like to extend special thank-yous to the staff, students, parents and other members of our school community for their support, to Michelle Thompson for her organisation/reminder skills (I need them when my brain is busy!), and the students who happily stepped in for extra duties on the night, both on and off stage.

I encourage everyone in the school community to share any feedback with the school that can help us plan and prepare for the next big shindig, as all perspectives help a lot! I'm already looking for ideas for 2017 (even though it feels like it's 50 years away), with many students sharing some interesting ideas.

Thank-you again, Kim Pitman

The Parents’ Club would like to thank Robyn Agnew and Palace Martial Arts for donating gift vouchers as prizes in their raffle. The winners were:

1st Jo Crawford - Food & Wine Hamper donated by HNPS Parents’ Club
2nd Torie Coomber - Family photography session donated by @Random Photography
3rd C. Hillman - Kickboxing classes donated by Palace Martial Arts

Munchkin Rehearsal at the PAC

This Monday August 17th & Tuesday August 18th our Grade 3 & 4 Munchkins will be attending rehearsals at the PAC in preparation for the main event.

The Baimbridge College bus will pick up the students from Hamilton North at 10am and will be accompanied by Mrs Atchison.

The students will stay at the PAC for one hour each day and be bussied back to school.

Students are expected to arrive back at school at 11.45am, so will need to take a packed recess and drink bottle with them. Jane Langley

Educational Experience Fundraising

Looking for presents for birthdays or Christmas? Fundraising catalogues for Educational Experience Resources are available in the foyer. The school will receive 20% of sales in learning resources vouchers.

Lost Rugby – Check your rugby

We are missing a number of NAMED rugby jumpers. Please check that your child is wearing the correct jumper.

Maddison Kele Grade 1/2A is missing her rugby jumper. It has KELE embroidered on the back of the collar.

Earn & Learn – 660 points

Earn and Learn is back and we have commenced our sticker count. We have received 660 stickers so far.

This community program enables schools to earn educational resources when our school community shops at Woolworths. This program will run until Tuesday, September 8th. Shoppers receive a sticker for every $10 they spend. Once you complete a sticker card, please place them in the collection boxes either in the school foyer or at Woolies.
Friday Treats
The Parents’ Club will be selling the following treats after the second lunch bell on Fridays from the PE shed:

- Smith’s salt & vinegar and barbeque chips (27gms) $1.00
- Red Rock Deli sea salt chips (28gms) $1.00
- Grain Waves sour cream & chives chips (28gms) $1.00
- Butter flavoured popcorn (30gms) $1.00
- Furry Friends 50 cents
- Bag of sun fruits (glucose sweets) 50 cents
- Cookies 50 cents

Students are strictly limited to one item each

Garden Duty
Duty this week: CUSH Family
If you have any queries regarding the Garden Roster please speak with Julie in the office.

Runners Club has been developed as a general fitness program to help keep our school community fit. It is held on Monday and Wednesday mornings between 8.40am and 8.55am. Children can join in at any time. Parents who would like to help mark the runners passports would be most welcome. Just turn up on the day. Leanne Willder

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Life on the goldfields was tough, it was hard to find gold and it was dangerous - Andrew

It made me realise that it was hard to keep track of where your gold licence was - Akela

It was unfair for diggers to have to look after a gold licence. If we didn’t have it we lost 5 minutes of democracy time. - Harley

“After having to carry a ‘gold licence’ with you at all times this week, what did you learn about life on the goldfields in the 1850’s?”

Life was very strict in the 1850’s, at the school the kids would get the strap. - Cameron

Life would have been very hard because the troopers were mean. - Hannah

I think that life in the 1850’s was terrible because people didn’t have rights. - Ella

It was very horrible then because they were very strict. - Angus

Life on the goldfields was scary in the 1850’s, when the troopers came it was terrifying. People were dying every day. - Isabelle

Life on the goldfields would have been horrible - Liam

I learnt that it was very hard living on the goldfields. - Bradley

It would have been bad to have gold licences because you may have been tied to a tree - Jordan

I wasn’t fair that you had to have a gold licence. - Josie
With the gold licence, it was like we were in the 1850's because we were the diggers and the teachers were the troopers. - Roxy

It would have been very hard on the goldfields because of the troopers and the laws. - Kane

Since we’ve started learning about gold, I’ve learnt that back then you needed a licence or they’d probably hunt you down. - Natalie

I think it was not very fair for the diggers on the goldfields. - Lilly

It was bad to live on the goldfields because you always need to have a gold licence. - Noah

When the miners were digging the troopers would come and check for licences so the miners would yell “Joes Joes”. If they didn’t have a gold licence they would sometimes be chained to a tree. - Izack

t was hard in the old days because you needed a licence and if you didn’t you could go to jail. - Stormy

It was not very fair because some people found gold and some of them didn’t. - Will

I learnt that back in the 1850’s it would have been very hard not to lose your gold licence. - Mitch

I realised that back in the 1850's the troopers were mean to the diggers. - Rylan

I discovered that the government was cruel to the diggers just to get gold for money. - Declan

I have learnt that you can get rich with hard work. - Sam

I think that it would have been very hard and I wouldn’t have liked it. - Chloe