Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

Those of us who were at the PAC last Thursday morning would have felt very proud of our students at the Eisteddfod. Our choir looked and sounded fantastic – they were great representatives for our school. They ended up coming third but could easily have won as the scores were very high and very close. Thanks to Mrs Pitman for all her hard work with the choir and to Michelle for her expert conducting. Choir members have put a lot of hard work in this year as could be seen by the end result. Well done everybody. There will be another chance to hear the choir at tomorrow’s Assembly.

Also on the subject of the Eisteddfod we had a large number of other entries by individuals and duets etc in various sections. Well done to all those students, some of which were award winners. It takes a lot of courage to stand up on that stage and perform in front of everybody but it is an experience they won’t forget and will stand them in good stead for the future.

A short week this week but we have still managed to fit a lot in!! Swimming got under way for the Grades 2/3 on Tuesday and that is all going smoothly. I am sure they will really improve their swimming techniques and water safety over the next week or so.

On Wednesday our Grade 5 students headed off to Baimbridge College and spent the day there as part of the transition program. By all accounts they had a really good day with some great activities.

Tonight we have the Grade 5/6 students showing their parents some of the project work they have been doing and performing Night at the Wax Museum!! Lots of work has gone into this and it promises to be an interesting night!
Tomorrow is action packed of course with our Fake an Injury Day, donations to “Peter’s List”, performance by the choir and hot lunch day. In addition to that Ballarat golf pro, Tony Collier will be here doing some more golf sessions for our older students as part of our Sporting Schools Program.

Many thanks to the Ardgartan Pastoral Company for their kind donation of compost for our oval. Thanks also to Brett and Caroline Kissel for organising this and the spreading of the compost. All much appreciated.

Reports will be going home next Wednesday. Please make sure you receive those. With those reports will be a letter about the Parent Teacher Consultations to be held on the 18th and 19th July. Each family has been given a day and time for a ten minute appointment. We are aiming to have all parents meet with their child’s teacher. If the appointment time is not suitable then please ring the Office and another time can be made if necessary. It is an important part of the communication between home and school.

Finally, a reminder that as per normal on the last day of term we will be finishing at 2.30pm.

Enjoy the weekend.
Regards,
Don

CSEF - Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund – Final Date for 2016 Submissions
Families holding a valid means-tested concession card are eligible to apply for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF). If you claimed CSEF last year, you will need to reapply in 2016. Forms are available at the office and parents and guardians are encouraged to submit their applications by this coming Monday 20th June, as applications cannot be made after this date.

“Fake An Injury” Day & Hot Lunch Day - Tomorrow
Tomorrow will be having a “Fake an Injury” Day. We want to raise awareness that some people need a helping hand this winter. Come along to school with a fake injury eg: arm in a sling, makeup on your face, crutches and bandages just to name a few. We ask that you bring with you an item of non-perishable food – that is food which doesn’t spoil quickly and has a longer use by date. This could be a can of soup, tinned fruit, cereals, weetbix etc. This year the Junior School Council have been contributing to the “Peter’s List” Project and we will be donating the food to Rev Peter Cook, to distribute to families who may need a bit of extra help this winter. Hannah & Portia (Junior School Council)

Year 6 Graduation – Baby Photos – 8 days left
Would all Year 6 students please bring along their baby photo for Glenda to include in the Year 6 DVD.

PLEASE NOTE: Photos will not be accepted after the end of Term 2. All photos will be scanned and returned to your child on the same day.

Lost Rugby Jumpers
We are currently searching for named rugby jumpers belonging to Mikayla Anton P/1F, Archie McKay (size 8) 2/3P, Olivia Elsom-deWitte 2/3P, Logan Sternberg P/1F, Sarah Campe P/1K and Archie Dahl P/1K.
Have you purchased a second hand rugby recently? Please update the name so it can be returned to its correct owner.
School Attendance Update 6

Schools must record student attendance twice per day in primary schools and in every class in secondary schools and record, in writing, the reason given for each absence. This is necessary to:

- Meet legislative requirements
- Discharge schools’ duty of care for all students
- Assist calculation of the schools’ funding
- Enable school councils to report on student attendance annually

Warning Warning

Mrs Crawford tells me that the Property Basket is about to explode! Following the recent warm, cold, wet dry, windy weather we have had, the Property Basket has been stuffed full of clothing. If you child is missing any item, please head into the office and have a look. It’s amazing what you’ll find!

Student Banking

Student banking is processed each Wednesday – please bring your completed deposit book and money to the office before school and it will be returned to you by the end of the day. For every deposit that is made at school, our school will receive a commission. New accounts can be opened at the local branch of the Commonwealth Bank.

Be a Consistent Saver! - Make 4 deposits in Term 2 and go into the draw to win a gift pack from the Commonwealth Bank.

School Community Noticeboard

Have you looked at our Community Noticeboard recently? The noticeboard in the front entrance area is currently full of information about sports, activities and community events happening in the area. Parents and students are invited to visit the foyer regularly to keep up-to-date with these events. Find out about local sport programs like NET SET GO & HAMILTON SWIMMING CLUB. Flyers and information regarding holiday programs such as FUN 4 KIDS, OSH Club Winter Holiday Program & St. V de P Roadshow Activity Day are now available.

Head Lice do not take holidays

Parents are asked to keep a constant check on their children’s hair for signs of head lice. Children with cases of head lice should not return to school until treatment has begun. If you are unsure about identifying lice and eggs, please seek assistance from the staff at school. Please advise the school of any treated cases of head lice before your child returns to school. Copies of the pamphlet “Scratching for answers” are available in the school foyer.
• HELPERS WANTED – Hot Lunch Day
  The Parents’ Club would like some helpers for the Hot Lunch Day. If you are able to assist please head to the staffroom at 1pm tomorrow.

• Parents’ Club Meeting
  The Parents’ Club will be holding their next meeting tomorrow, Friday 17th June 2.30pm in the staff room.

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## SPORTS NEWS

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| Grade 4/5 A | Monday 5th September to Friday 16th September (10 days) | TO BE DETERMINED | $90 without HILAC membership       |
| Grade 4/5 R |                                                        |                | $68 with HILAC membership         |
| Grade 4/5 S |                                                        |                |                                    |
| Grade 5/6 F |                                                        |                |                                    |
| Grade 5/6 M |                                                        |                |                                    |

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**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 8.30am and 8.50am**. 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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Recognise These Sports Tops?
Our Sports Department are still missing a total of 12 sports tops, these include football, cross country, basketball and athletic tops. These tops are jade and black.
If any of these items are at home, please return them to Tracy in Grade 4/5R. Thank you to those students and families who have returned their tops.

Numbers Missing:
- 21, 22, 23
- 16, 17, 18, 19
- 5, 6, 9, 10, 13

Hot Shots Tennis
Our school is an official partner of Tennis Australia’s National School Partnership Program (NSPP) which means students will experience the national kids' starter program ANZ Tennis Hot Shots in their health and physical education curriculum.
Each Grade Prep student who completes the attached Hot Shots Registration Form will receive a free tennis racquet and further support for the school. We ask that the forms be returned to their class teacher by Wednesday 22nd June.

Leanne Willder PE Teacher

Grounds Duty Roster 2016
Thank you to the Walter Family for their efforts last weekend. Greg Fisher
This week’s family: McKay Family
Next week: End of Term
In 4/5R we are studying Information reports in writing. For the two weeks before our VCOP Big Write session we emerged ourselves in Bee talk. We knew this was going to “Bee” fun.

**Bees**

- Pollenating, Hard Working
- Making Honey Comb
- Collecting Nectar For The Hive
- Stingers With A Poison Pump

**By William Mc**

There are 20,000 types of bees. Bees are very protective and extremely hard working.

Bees are vibrating insects that have 6 teeny - weeny jointed legs, an abdomen, a thorax, and more body parts. A bee’s abdomen is outstandingly interesting because it contains a bee’s heart. How weird! Imagine feeling your heart beat towards the hind part of your own body! The bee’s abdomen is made up of most of the bee’s digestive system. Another interesting body part is the stinger (located at the hind end of the bee.) The sharp stinger has a poison sac, which pumps out poison into a larger predator than them (when the bee is affected by predators.)

In each colony, there are 3 different groups of bees. The Queen bee, the worker bees and the drones. The Queen is the largest bee in the whole of the colony. She eventually mates with a drone. The Queen bee lays 1,500 eggs per day. She is the big boss of all the bees in the area. As for the worker bees, they are females who collect pollen, pollenate flowers, make the hive and sting. Lastly, the drones are male bees who mate with the Queen bee and don’t sting at all. Drones are harmless.

Part of the worker bee’s job is to collect pollen from flowers/trees (such as wattles trees.) The powdery pollen falls into the bee’s pollen basket, which is connected to its hind legs. Afterwards, the workers transport the pollen back to the hive. For the 3rd stage, they fill the hexagonal cells, seal a wax lid over it and wait. Eventually, the pollen transforms into sweet, gloppy honey.

I believe that bees are a fantastic help to our echo-system because they produce more plant seeds, and keep our plants healthy. If it weren’t for bees, our lives would never be the same.

**Bees**

- Goal: To use more “wow” words in my writing.

**By Emily**
Do you think bees are cute? That they are not? They Singh it fairly funny.

Bee Poem

Making honeycomb
Drinking out of a honey
Stinging hairy
Bees

By Ella S

There are 20,000 types of bees.

We created mandalas and poetry about bees, as well as building up to the Big Write.
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government’s commitment to breaking the link between a student’s background and their outcomes.

CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:
- $125 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

HOW TO APPLY
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

MORE INFORMATION
For the CSEF application closing dates and more information about the fund visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef