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Respect - Resilience - Responsibility - Relationships

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From the Principal

Parent Teacher Student Interviews
Thanks to those families who have been able to make appointments to meet with teachers to discuss the progress of their students. The interview booking sheet which indicates your preferred times for interviews is again attached to this newsletter. We are expecting that all families will be able to attend. If you cannot, it is possible for teachers to make phone contact with you on the day of interviews or at another time so please indicate on the return form if you would prefer phone contact so that we can ensure that every option is open to that your children to be well supported with their learning.

Attendance at School
As families would be aware from previous newsletters, DEECD has established new guidelines for managing and supporting student attendance. The guidelines can be viewed online at: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/parents/behaviour/Pages/studentattendance.aspx We have reviewed the data of all students for this term and will be writing to families of students who have attended school at levels that would put them at risk of not achieving to their potential. If you receive such a letter, please take it as encouragement and support to ensure that your children only miss school when it is absolutely necessary.

Every Day Counts
In checking the attendance data for this term, a few interesting facts were discovered, the highlights of which are included below:

- 58 students have been at school every day this year and are still in the running to receive our 100% attendance award at Presentation Assembly.
The Year 6 class has an average attendance rate of 98.2 which is the highest rate for any class in the school.

If your attendance rate is 90% or below at this time of the year, you have missed a day per fortnight and put your learning at risk.

Two out of every three students have missed two days or less this term. This indicates it is normal to miss school once, maybe twice per term.

A number of students have had absences that have been unavoidable but known in advance and have minimised the loss of learning time by pre-warning teachers and completing learning tasks during their absence.

**Academic Competitions**

Students will have the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW academic competitions program this year. This gives the chance to compare knowledge with other students throughout Australia in academic areas of interest. The results also come with extensive diagnostic information that can be used by students, parents and teachers to support future learning. Please refer to the information later in this newsletter. Thanks to Mr Cameron for leading this project.

**Active After School Communities**

Next term we have been able to acquire the services of Madi Jones to run an after school soccer program. This will start in the third week of the term with full details to be provided in the first newsletter of next term.

**Holiday Works**

As much as possible, we try to schedule works to happen over the school holidays so that tradespeople can have safe access to all areas to work uninterrupted. During the upcoming holidays we will have repair works being completed on the playground area, an audit and labelling of walls and roof areas containing asbestos, maintenance work on the heating and air-conditioning as well as some high pressure cleaning of the toilet pipes and urinals.

**Piano Lessons**

There are still some places available for private piano lessons at the College. Students from absolute beginners through to those who already know how to play a bit can benefit from the tutoring of Ms Irina Vorontsova, a renowned teacher of piano to students of all ages. It is possible for short lessons or small group lessons to be conducted to introduce students to the required skills. Please contact Irina at the College on Mondays to negotiate times and fees for lessons.

**End of Term**

Tomorrow is the last day of Term 1. Buses will depart the College at 2:30pm. Pick up times from bus stops will need to be adjusted by 1 hour as a result. Term 2 starts on Tuesday April 22 due to Easter holiday on the Monday. Have a great holiday.

**Assistant Principal's News**

Congratulations to Oscar Hocking who had a day out at the 5/6 interschool aths on Monday. Congratulations also to Mr Kidman and Mr Leed who played the biggest April fools prank for 2014, on the grade 5/6 sport class, after Oscar’s recent success. Apparently rumours were afoot about ‘drug testing’, ‘weetbix overdose’, ‘samples in a cup’ etc. I had girls in my office who couldn’t believe what had happened and there were kids crying because they felt so sorry for him. Needless to say it may have got a little out of hand, but teaching the kids the importance of April fools….I think there is educational logic in there somewhere. For the record, Oscar’s records will hold.

ANZAC badges are currently for sale. These range in price from $1 to $25 with all sorts of different options. Please dig deep for this worthy cause. This funding goes to the Mitiamo-East Loddon RSL who donated $15000 to us last year, to purchase a performing arts stage. We don’t have much time to sell the badges as we are on holidays for the next two weeks. Anyone wishing to sell some badges over the break on behalf of the school should contact me tomorrow. Maybe they could go in the canteen at the footy??
Thanks to all of the staff and parents who joined us for the trivia night last Friday. Once again this was a great night which raised important funds for our gymnasium. We had new compères this year Mr Kidman and Mr Aurisch who dressed in costume for the evening and looked awesome. There questions were difficult and the eventual winners were a group of extremely clever folk from Bendigo and surrounds. Let’s just say they did extremely well at the round called ‘nerd alert’. Wowee, who would have thought Mr Smith would know what a sonic screwdriver was?? I thought it was a drink. Please show your support to all of our trivia night sponsors by frequenting their businesses and saying ‘thanks for your donation to the East Loddon Trivia night’. The sponsors names follow.

Other than that, this term has flown and I hope you all have a great break. Don’t forget ANZAC badge money.

Scott Wilkinson
Assistant Principal

List of Sponsors for Trivia Night
Capital Theatre
Sportspower
Organise My….
Ruffell Jewellers Mr Goodtimes
Rob’s Jeanery - Gift Voucher
Bendigo Eyeworks Group
Mona Lisa
Brazilian Beauty
Mitiamo General Store
Serpentine Hotel
Annie Hammond Podiatry
Raywood Butchers
Raywood Hotel
Foundry Hotel
Dingee General Store
Jo Guthrie Scrapbooking

Senior School News
Year 11 & 12 Parents
Just a reminder to Year 11 & 12 parents that you would have received in the mail a package of information about your students personalised learning goals, study timetable, student and teacher evaluation. If you still have the parent comment slip could you please return this as soon as possible. If you have specific questions for subject teachers please contact them directly.

Year 12 Study Classes over the Break
To date the Year 12 VCE English Tuesday 8th April from 9am. Health & Human Dev alongside the English class, Biology 12 -1 Tuesday 8th of April, Accounting 12 – 3pm Wednesday 9th April all at school and Physics Monday 14th April 10am at the Bendigo library. The Chemistry class has made private arrangements. If you wish to know further information about other subjects please speak to subject teachers directly for this information.

As much as we love chocolate, hot cross buns, family and friends’ time and all the other fun stuff that happens during our non-school hours over Easter. Our Year 12 students especially are already a third of the way through their academic year. We are hoping that students will be able to utilise this time to have a break, but also revise and complete course material.

University of La Trobe Bendigo
A friendly reminder that one of our biggest platforms for your school students in Years 10, 11 & 12 to experience University and get a good look at possible career options is our event “EXPERIENCE LA TROBE.” Experience La Trobe is held in both the April and July school holidays at Bendigo campus this year. Friday 11 April & Thursday July 10. It will also be on offer at our other campuses.

Parents are encouraged to come along and experience from a Parental perspective. They are most welcome, and will enjoy the day gaining an insight. Students have received promotional brochures at school, if you would like one please let Mr Rudkins or Miss Byrne know.
Students can register for Experience La Trobe via our website. 

**World’s Greatest Shave at East Loddon**

Congratulations to all those brave souls that decided to have a significant hair cut and / or colour their hair. We certainly respect your courage. If you wish to donate please see the information below or speak to SRC members directly (Stephen Mathews, Steve Matthews, Maddy Primrose & Cammie Murray). I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mandy Karslake for donating her time for this event. Thank you!

Team Name: East Loddon

Sponsors link

**Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Canoe Camp**

Unfortunately I had to postpone the Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Canoeing Camp to Term 2. I have explained this to all students and contacted parents on Tuesday. A letter was also sent home to parents on the same day. The reasons for the camp being postponed were explained to students, parents and outlined in the letter. I apologise, I realise that students may have already purchased food for the camp. Where possible please store or freeze food that will last until we set off next term. I think I will be eating Spag Bol and hot cross buns for a good week yet. **The new date for the Canoe Camp is Wednesday 30th of April to Friday 2nd of May.**

As a result I will not be able to attend the Student Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 30th of April, however, I am more than happy to contact parents via phone or arrange alternate dates for an interview.

**Bike Camp**

Our Year 9 & 10 Outdoor Ed Bike Camp will also be next term. We will start planning for this camp in Term 2, this will include some practice bike rides to local destinations. Information and permission notes will be distributed closer to the time. **The proposed date for the Bike Camp is Wednesday 4th and Thursday 5th of June.**

**Congratulations: David Leech** (former East Loddon student) who was recently awarded the inaugural Outstanding Achievement in First Year Award at Longernong College, sponsored by the Wheat Research Foundation. David received this for his commitment to his studies, whilst also having time to volunteer on the farm and take part in social activities. Top effort, well done, David!

Thanks for your time, wishing everyone a ‘Safe and Happy Easter’. I hope you enjoy some quality family time.

Sarah Byrne  
Senior Sub-school Cor-ordinator  
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**Vocational Education News**

**Work Experience**

*Work experience.Are you ready to go??*

Many Year 10 and 11 students have been making good progress in identifying and following up work experience contacts. Those students who have not made contact with prospective employers need to do so before the end of term. If you are having difficulty, then come and see Mr Rudkins and I can assist with some contacts. I would hope that by the end of term all students have confirmed a placement and then we can follow up with the paperwork, or if not have seen me about assistance. You should all have meet with Barb Bear by the end of term to document your MIPS plan. You should all have developed or be developing a resume.  
*Get cracking!!!!*

**Experience Latrobe- Bendigo**

Year 10,11 and 12 students and parents interested in La Trobe University should note the following date for Experience La Trobe at Bendigo. The experience involves workshops, lectures and seminars about career options, areas of study, pathways and student life. Programs are available at school. See me or Ms Byrne. You can register on line at [latrobe.edu.au/experience](http://latrobe.edu.au/experience).
**Bendigo 11 April**  
**Turf Management apprenticeship**  
A turf management apprenticeship is available from CVGT-refer to notice in this newsletter.

Shane Rudkins  
Vocational education Co-ordinator

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**THANK YOU..**  
..so much for having the courage to shave your hair off. It is an inspiration to ALL of us.  
**THANK YOU!!**

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**SRC News**  
**World’s Greatest Shave!**  
Wednesday lunchtime was filled with excitement as the World’s Greatest Shave took place outside the multi-purpose room. It was standing room only as seven brave participants lost their hair. Brayden Karslake went the Gary Ablett hairless look (even shaving his legs), Aaron Brohan got a close shave, Jarrod Threfall received a number 2, Mr Phelan lopped his hard earned locks, and Lachlan Twigg got a filthy mohawk. Hairdresser Mandy Karslake was a whizz with the clippers, and even had her own hair shaved at the end by Brayden! But our bravest participant was Mel Cassidy, shaving her long stylish hair back to a number one!!  
By the end there was enough hair on the ground to make several wigs for Hollywood, but the real reason of the event was to raise funds for the bravest of all; those suffering Leukemia and other blood cancers. The seven people mentioned above showed a little bravery to raise money for the Leukemia Foundation. Thankyou very much for the support shown by the school and the community. We have raised worthwhile funds for a great cause, but if you would still like to make a donation, please send it into the school or online at [worldsgreatestshave.com](http://worldsgreatestshave.com)  
Also a huge thankyou to Mandy and Bec who made it all possible by doing the haircuts.  
Pics…
World’s GREATEST shave at East Loddon P-12 College 2014
Middle Years Report
Sub-school Captain Report
This week we officially had no students turn up for our Tuesday Homework Assistance session and although we feel that this assistance is very important it has become obvious to us that the session is not going to work in its current format. This week we surveyed students in years 5-8 to see what they would like us to change with our current lunchtime activities, or what we may offer instead of the current activities. We will go over our data and decide what we will change for Term 2.
Have a great two weeks off!
Ethan Lewis and Jo Cartwright – Middle Years Captains

Good News Story for the week
Positive feedback regarding the Weet-Bix TRY-Athlon in Bendigo
I have been contacted by a community member this week who was present at the Sanitarium Weet-Bix Kids TRYathlon at the beginning of March. Our local community member commented on the fact that there were so many East Loddon P-12 Students present on the day, who all competed to the very best of their ability. There were over 800 competitors on the day which would have been an ‘eye-opener’ for our students in itself. It was really pleasing to hear again of an occasion where our students represent themselves so well! Well done to all of our students who participated in this event. I will not attempt to name all students for fear of omitting several names. I do believe though that many of our students from the Junior and Middle Sub-Schools participated on the day. You are still able to view photos of this event via the Bendigo Advertiser website.

Year 5/6 Athletics Sports Day – Recount
On Monday the 31st of March some Yr 5 and 6 students set off for an athletics sports day. Our school did very well and these are the following places. Although it is good to win, the results don’t really matter, it is just great to see everyone trying their hardest.
Dakota- 1st in high jump, 2nd in triple jump, 3rd in hurdles
Blake- 2nd in discus, 3rd in long jump
Avril- 2nd in discus
Josh, Dakota, Blake and Hugh- 3rd in relay
Connor, Ben, Oscar and Hamish- 3rd in relay
Hamish- 3rd in discus
Oscar- 1st in 100m, 1st in triple jump, 1st in long jump and 2nd in shot put
Ben- 3rd in high jump
Abby- 3rd in high jump
Taylah- 2nd in long jump and 2nd in 100m
Taylah, Jas, Kayla and Emma- 2nd in relay
Nicholas- 3rd in shot-put
Nikkita- 1st in hurdles, 1st in high jump and 3rd in 800m
Bridge- 3rd in hurdles
Jas- 1st shot-put, 3rd in discus and 3rd in high jump
Chloe- 3rd in shot put
Jasmine- 2nd in high jump
Altogether it was a good day. Thank-you to Mr Kidman and Mrs Lister for taking us and to everyone that helped make the day possible. Well done to everyone who participated in the sports!
By Sophie H.

Year 7 Sleepover
This year’s sleepover for year 7 students will take place on the night of Wednesday 23rd April with various activities planned for the afternoon and evening. It is certainly hoped that all students in year 7 are able to attend and we look forward to parents of year 7 students joining us for a BBQ tea on the night. Students who had not returned their forms by yesterday, were given a second form which must be returned by tomorrow to allow for adequate preparation time. A reminder will again be given to students on the first day back from holidays, as this sleepover takes place on the second school day after the upcoming break.
**Year 6 German Excursion**

What a fantastic day I had last Friday! I was able to accompany the year 6 LOTE class on a trip to Melbourne to the Audi Film Festival where the movie on offer was ‘V8- Start your Engines’. There is always a great sense of pride for teachers when we take our East Loddon students on excursions because the students invariably prove time after time with their attitudes and efforts that they are fantastic young people. I managed to have many laughs on the trip also as there are always great little observations to be had when taking a groups of ‘country kids’ to the city. The day was certainly a busy one and I would like to congratulate the students on their behaviour and attitude on the day; as well as thank Frau MacNamara and Frauline Burgstett for their efforts in organising this opportunity for our students.

Below are a couple of short stories (approx. 100 words only) from students involved in the day.

**The trip to Melbourne!**

Vroom!!!!!!!!!!! On the 29th of March we went to Melbourne to watch a movie called ‘V8 - start your engines’ the main characters we Kiki Lilou, David, Robin and Luca. It was in German and it had a few swear words. Then we went on the tram to the center of Melbourne to go to McDonald’s. Jamiee bought and ate a lot of McD. I was surprised that he did not throw up but it was good. Then we went on the tram to go on the community bus and then we went home.

By Dakota B.

**German Excursion**

We had to arrive at school before 8:00am to get the bus. We arrived in Melbourne at Mr Leed’s brother in laws house. We walked to the tram stop then after the tram we got off at the Kino Cinemas. We got inside the cinemas and watched the movie. When the movie was finished we went to have some city sightseeing, we saw the MCG and the Eureka sky deck. Then we went to McDonald’s and had some lunch. Next we got on some more trams and got back off at our bus and car.

By Blake P.

**100 word recount – German Excursion**

Friday the 28th of March was the date. We set off at approximately 5 to 8. The kids were absolutely happy, and the teachers, thankfully weren’t snappy, which lead to an incredible day. We got on the tram and the day started off like a slam. We got to our stop, we hopped off at the shop. We got to the movie and the day was starting to get groovy. The movie was good, watch it again, we should. Our last stop was Macca’s and everyone was quacka’s. We arrived at school and believe me that day was cool!

By Sophie H.

**On Demand Testing and Practice NAPLAN Tests**

Students in the Middle Years have recently being completing On Demand testing in the areas of reading an numeracy with these tests providing teachers with another form of assessment within the topics tested. Students in the Middle Years have all experienced this form of testing in the past and the process of sitting a test takes approx. 1 lesson to complete. Teachers are able to access the results of this testing quite quickly and the results assist us in gauging the students’ understanding of various aspects of literacy and numeracy.

In the weeks leading up to our NAPLAN testing period in the third week of May, students in the Middle Years will sit practice NAPLAN tests in order to simulate test conditions which will be in place for the actual tests held in 2014. Although years 5 and 7 are the only middle years classes formally tested, students in years 6 and 8 will also sit one practice test each in order to maintain an adequate understanding of the process for their testing next year. Students in years 5 and 7 will sit two practice tests before our testing period in May.

It is important to remember that we only ever expect students to do the very best that they can in any form of testing. Extra emphasis from parents about the importance of extremely high test results, though valuable, can place added stress onto students.
Compendium Use
The compendiums that were introduced in the Middle Years Sub-school this year are generally being used very well, and there appear to be no dramas with organisation when students use them well. There have been occasions where the odd student has found the use of a compendium difficult and in most of these cases the issues have broken down into one of two problems. Some students simply try to pack too much into their compendium and items such as all class books and 2-3 library books will simply not fit into these compendiums. The other problem appears to be with students who have not purchased their books from the College booklist, and have in turn purchased items which are too big to fit in the compendium. I have included two pictures with this article which were used earlier in the year. One picture simply shows what the compendium looks like, and the other is an example of what the current year 6 class are carrying in their compendium. As I mentioned in the beginning of this article, the students who are using their compendium correctly are having very little drama with their organisation of belongings and requirements for class.

Contact with the College
Parents are encouraged to keep in close contact with the College so that we are able to assist students with specific issues as they arise. Please feel free to contact class teachers with specific issues relating to particular learning activities. For general concerns or issues, please contact your child’s Home Group teacher or myself.

Good News Stories – I would love to hear some more!
I would love to hear from any students, families or school community members who have good news stories involving any of our Middle Years students. Whether it be a student passing a music exam or swimming level, or someone assisting with a community group, it would be great to have the chance to acknowledge the fantastic things that our students do. Please pass information on to me at leed.steven.a@edumail.vic.gov.au so that it can be published in this Newsletter.

I hope you are all able to have a relaxing holiday with your families!
Steven Leed – Middle Years Leader

P-4 Update

Building Strong Foundations

Student of the Week

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**YEAR 4**
For imaginative words and sentences in Narrative.

Ciaran

**You Can Do It!**
( Organisation)

Prep – Hayley
Year 1-Marley
Year 2- Madison
Year 3 –Tara
Year 4- Alicia

**50 Nights of Reading Club**

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**Prep Letter in Focus**

Please revise the sounds your child has been working on during Term 1.

**Prep Words to Fluency**

be, you

**P-4 Science Excursion**

On Wednesday 7th May the P-4 students will be visiting Bill and Gwen Twigg’s farm at Bears Lagoon to look at the man made wetland ecosystem. The experience will support the Biological Science theme revolving around living things, their needs and interdependence. The cost will be $3 to pay for transport. A permission form will be sent home during the first week of Term 2.

**Reading Hints**

The following is an extract of an article written by an American educationalist which was forwarded to me a few weeks ago by another teacher. I saved the article for the holiday edition of the newsletter because it is well worth reading, confirms our community values and the fact that you may have more time to sit down and read it over the next two weeks.

This was written by a Year 6 teacher in the United States-

Reading is the SINGLE. MOST. IMPORTANT. THING!
(In case you haven’t figured it out yet, I’m kinda passionate about this topic!)

This is what I tell my students… all. the. time…

Reading makes you smarter! It is the easiest and best way to grow your brain muscles.

Being a good reader not only helps in reading class, but in pretty much every subject, and even math. (If you have checked out your kid’s math book lately, you’ll know there’s almost more reading than numbers in that thing!)

Now I can hear you saying… okay, okay… I get it! But as a parent what can I do?

Read to them, read with them, read next to them…just READ!

If reading is the BEST way to do well in school (and in life), the best way to become a better reader is to practice… reading that is! I always tell my students that to get better at playing an instrument or a sport… you need to practice. The best way to become a better reader… READ!
Read to your kids…early and often! Read to them until they are old enough to be embarrassed about it… and then read to them some more!

Now in case you are feeling guilty because you know you should do this and you haven’t done enough of this…it’s time for a full confession from me… when my kids were little… I didn’t either. (I’m hanging my head in shame at this point.) Yes, my husband and I read to our kids some, but we were not religious about it like some of our friends were. So… stop feeling guilty and make an effort to do better. It’s kinda like exercise… every bit helps…even a little bit!

Carve out time for your child to read. Set aside time (or set page goals) every day… or at least 4-5 times a week. Some like to set the timer for a certain number of minutes of reading each time. I personally like page goals like…5-10 pages per day. This eliminates “time-wasting.”(It’s really easy to spend your “reading time” finding your book… getting a drink of water…going to the bathroom, etc…) When your pages are done, your reading is done for the day.

Model reading. (That’s teacher talk for saying let them see you read.) Some parents feel guilty about this since there is so much work to be done. Don’t! Feel guilty that is… we take time to do what is important to us. Send the message that reading is important enough to take some time to do it. Not to mention… there is always going to be a lot of work to do.

If you are really struggling with this… baby steps… set aside time a few times a week. (Suggestion: line it up with your child’s reading time.)

You might be whispering… Yeah I know reading is important, but I don’t like to read. (Big gasp from me!) You don’t have to dig out some big, thick novel. Read a magazine that interests you, a devotional, a how-to book, or even a cookbook. (Which is one I don’t understand… because I hear reading those leads to cooking…something I try very hard to avoid.)

Another option is to read young adult books or “tween-ager” books. These books are usually shorter, the stories are not super complicated and most have a happy ending. Not to mention if you have a child in upper elementary/junior secondary, you will have something to discuss with him/her.

This might really freak them out when you can discuss books that they are also reading… yet another bonus!

Have books….lots of books… in your house.

(If you are the lucky owner of an iPad, Kindle, or other reader tablet… have both kinds of books available… electronic and the paper kind.)

Buy your kids books. Let me remind you… you will spend time (and money) on what is important to you. Both my kids know that when asking me for something they want in the store… it’s a longshot on whether or not I will let them get it… unless it’s a book. There’s an 85-90% chance that they will walk out of the store with a book they’ve asked for. This doesn’t mean that every time we go to the store but if I can swing it, I’d much rather invest in a book than another toy that they will get tired of quickly.

I do realize buying lots of books can get pricey.

Shop at garage sales, second-hand bookstores and second-hand stores in general. They all have a book section… and usually you can get books dirt-cheap.

Also another good way is to order books from those book flyers your school children bring home. This is a win-win. Usually these are some of the best prices for books, and your child’s teacher gets book points for books purchased…which she can then turn around and use to build up her classroom library. (Warning… unfortunately these book clubs have also started to sell more and more “non-book things” like pencils, stationary, stickers… you know… crap your kid doesn’t need. Why? Because… it is what sells and what your kid will want. Stay strong my friend! You can always have a “books only” policy.)

And then there is the almighty library. It is can be an excellent resource of books… for FREE!

We live in a small town and quite honestly our local library is also small. However it is part of a larger system and connects the libraries of 32 towns in our state! And thanks to technology, if I’m looking for a book, I just hop on the library’s website and reserve the book. If my town’s library doesn’t have it, it will come from a different library. And they call me when it comes! I can also check out/return books from any library that’s part of the system. It’s kind of like a Red Box for books! They also loan out ebooks.

So there you go… no seriously… go read!

Hopefully you found a suggestion or two to use or at the very least it was a good reminder about the importance of reading.
Beth Grade 6 teacher, Long Prairie MN.

**Thank You**
Our staff would like to express their appreciation of the incredible support that you as parents/caregivers have offered both your children and their teachers. You are an incredible community and that is what makes your children a pleasure to work with and the P-4 sub school so successful. We look forward to continuing the strong partnership after the Term break.

**Peter Vernon**
P-4 Co-ordinator

**Partial Solar and Lunar Eclipses in April**

**April 15th - Partial Lunar Eclipse** – When the Earth is between the Sun and the Moon and Earth's shadow appears on the Moon. With the Full Moon, we will witness a Partial Eclipse of the Moon, between 3.58pm and 7.33pm.

**April 29th - Partial Solar Eclipse** - When the Moon and the Sun are on the same side of Earth, the Moon will appear to cover part of the Sun. With the New Moon on 29th April, we will witness a Partial Eclipse of the Sun, after 3.58pm and until Sunset. About half the Sun will be covered.

**Thankyou**
Andrew Cameron
Science Co-ordinator

”DRAFT” Interschool Athletics Team – 2014
Friday 2nd May – Bendigo athletics centre

* Attached to the end of this newsletter is a first draft team based on last year’s House Athletics. Thank you to those students who handed in nomination forms for events. Students did not always get their first choices because selections are complicated by the fact that Interschool events are Year level based, while Interschool is Age based. Consequently, some students from higher year levels are dropped back to younger age groups. This mainly affects the Yr 7/8 groupings. In such cases, times and distances recorded in comparative events were used to determine first selections. Where possible, students who nominated may find they have been assigned to events of similar nature despite not having nominated for that event. Places where two names are listed, (other than 1500m where two competitors are allowed), a runoff will have to occur. Relay teams will be made up from team members listed on the day.

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**Deutsche Nachrichten**

**Audi Film Festival**
This week the Yr 6 class, with Mr Leed, Frau Mac and myself went down to Melbourne to the Kino Cinemas and saw the German film, ‘V8-Start your Engines’ (with English subtitles). Not only did we take the bus down, we also went on the No. 55 tram, which took us to Collins Street. We then caught another tram which took right in front of the Kino Cinemas. After the viewing, we walked down Flinders Street, past Federation Square, saw the MCG in the background and then finally to Swanson Street, where we had lunch at the Golden Arches. Country children certainly have a healthy appetite. We then walked along the Yarra River near the Aquarium, where we caught the No. 55 tram which took us back to where the bus was parked, at Pascoe Vale. Hopefully it was still there when we returned. The bus was making this strange sound near Gisborne. However, all was fixed by the handy Mr Leed. We all arrived safely back at school after a very packed and exciting day. Hopefully, the students slept well Friday night, as Fräulein certainly did.
Ostern in Deutschland

The Yr 3 class have been learning about Easter Traditions in Germany. The class learnt that one of the Traditions is to display Handmade Easter decorations on the window. The Yr 3 students have made an Osterfenster Anhänger to hang on their bedroom window. All of them are well made.

Fräulein Burgstett

Parent’s Association Fundraiser

The Parent’s Association are once again running the popular Billy G’s cookie dough fundraiser. Please find the order form attached to this newsletter. Please contact Nicole Hocking 0427 368 499 for any questions.

STAY SMART ONLINE TIPS FOR PARENTS

Protecting your children from harm is just as important online as it is in the real world. As a parent or carer, you can play an important role in helping children have safe and positive experiences online.

By taking an active role in talking with you kids about the risks and answering their questions or concerns about something that they find on the Internet you can help them stay safer online.

Know what your children are doing online-make sure they know how to stay safe and encourage them to tell you if they come across anything suspicious or if anybody says or does something that makes them feel uncomfortable or threatened.

Get to know the technologies your children are using. This will help you understand the risks and to be able to talk to them about what they are doing online.

Discuss the risks with your children and agree on some rules for internet use. Post them clearly near your computer.

Tell your children if they are uncomfortable talking to you they can contact the Cybersmart Online Helpline (Kids Helpline) www.cybersmart.gov.au

Place the computer in a family area of the home - the family or living room, rather than a bedroom.

Install an internet content filter. This can be used to restrict what content is viewed and downloaded or the times when they can use the internet.

Make sure your children know not to share personal information or photos. This includes their full name, mailing address, telephone number, the name of their school, or any information that could allow someone to work out who they are and where they live.

Report inappropriate, harmful or criminal activities that occur online or via a mobile device to www.thinkuknow.org.au

Report offensive content to the Australian Communications and Media Authority (ACMA). You can do this by completing the relevant online form at www.acma.gov.au/hotline or by sending an email to online@acma.gov.au or phone 1800 880 176

For more information, please contact a member of the College’s Wellbeing Team or check out the website www.staysmartonline.gov.au

Cheers! Denise Leed, School Nurse 😊
This year we have decided to do a fund raiser with a difference. As the long hot summer harvest has drawn to a close, many tractors are simply having a breather. The trucks and tractors are gearing up for this season’s work. We wanted to give the tractors / trucks a ‘spruce up’.

So our fund raiser will happen on Wednesday the 23rd of April. (First Wed of term 2). As tractors and trucks are usually worked hard we thought a wash, clean inside, armour all the dash etc., clean the head and tail lights, gentle blow out of the radiators, polish the panels that we can reach and tyre black the big wheels. Auto connections of Kangaroo Flat have donated some tyre black that will help preserve the side walls from UV rays. Generally we will give them a tidy up so that they look great and you can enjoy a coffee and sausage sizzle while you wait.

Cost: We thought a massive 8 wheel tractor would be $80, a 6 wheel tractor $60, and a small tractor $40, and a truck to be negotiated.

Please phone Mr Bunton at the College to be included in our fund raiser.
Canteen Roster – TERM 2 2014
Thanks for Volunteering in the canteen for Term 2 – this is the start of our Winter Menu so all our warm food is back on our menu – Welcome back to our Gillies Big Pie and range of pasties, sausage rolls & school size pies. Please remember our healthy eating guide when choosing your child’s lunches. As delicious as our winter range is, they do fall into the occasional foods on our menu. Hot chocolate will be available about half way through Term 2 when the cooler weather begins. GOOD NEWS – MILKSHAKES ARE STAYING ON THE MENU FOR TERM 2 & 3.

IF YOU CAN’T SEE YOUR NAME HERE BUT YOU TICKED “YES” TO CANTEEN ON YOUR BOOKLIST – Please email me your available days so I can add you to the roster.

The days highlighted in grey are days I need volunteers – if you can help out by volunteering on one of these days please let me know.
If there are any problems or concerns, or you need to update your availability, please contact me. There may be changes made to this roster before school starts next term and if this happens I will email all contacts that I have, and re post it in the newsletter first week back in Term 2. Please Remember - If you cannot do your rostered turn, please arrange your own swap with someone else.

Enjoy the holidays & Happy Easter!

Jo Guthrie, Canteen Coordinator
ajguthries@bigpond.com or 0428 366 220

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2014 CANTEEN MENU

SANDWICHES, ROLLS & FOCCACIAS

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*Salad fillings – cheese, carrot, tomato, lettuce, onions, beetroot, mayonnaise.
**Focaccia fillings – ham, cheese, pineapple, tomato.

HOT FOOD

- Pizza Roll* (served warm) $2.00
- Chicken Noodles $2.00
- ☀/GF Chicken Noodles $2.00
- Steamed Dim Sims $0.50
- Pizza $2.00
- Chicken Nuggets $0.50
- Hot Dog $2.20

Following items only available Terms 2 & 3

- Meat Pie $3.50
- Pasta $3.50
- School Meat Pie $1.80
- School Potato Pie $1.80
- Sausage Roll $2.20

*Pizza rolls are available recess & lunch – orders can be placed with lunch order clearly marked “recess”.
**Hot Chocolate can be ordered for Recess or Lunch

Food Key

○ Everyday Foods  ● Occasional Foods  GF Gluten Free

DRINKS

○/GF Bottled Water $1.00
- /GF 100% Juice $1.50
- Quench (carbonated fruit juice) $2.00
- ☀/GF Nippy’s Flavoured Milk $1.50
- Strawberry or Chocolate
- Diet Soft Drink $2.50
○ Milkshakes (low fat milk) $2.00
- Chocolate
- ☀/GF Strawberry
- ☀/GF Lime
- Slushies (99% Fruit Juice) $1.50
○ Hot Chocolate** $1.50
(available Terms 2 & 3 only)

FROZEN TREATS

- ☀/GF Zooper Doopers $0.50
- ☀/GF Lemonade Twist $1.00
- ☀/GF Frozen Yoghurt Tub $1.50
- Paddle Pops $1.30
- ☀/GF Rainbow
- Chocolate
- Dixi Cup Ice Cream $1.00
- Callipo $1.00

SNACK FOODS

Snack foods not to be ordered with lunch orders please.

- ☀/GF Fruit & Nut Bar $1.00
- Chips $1.00
- ☀/GF Sea Salt
- Honey Soy Chicken
- BBQ
- Salt & Vinegar
- Mamee’s Noodles $0.50
- Gingerbread Man $1.50
- Rice Crackers $0.90
- Choc Chip Cookies $1.50
- Summer Roll $2.00
- Honey Nougat Log $2.00
- Liquorice Strap $1.00
- Jelly Cups $0.50
- Muffins/Cakes/Slices $2.50

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**KFC – Kids Friday club**

**Easter Program** on Tomorrow April 4th for all P-Yr 4 students. Meet in the Multipurpose room straight after school, pick up time 4.30pm. (note change of finish time due to early school finish that day)

**Afternoon tea** will be provided – hot cross buns and fruit with a drink. We’ll be learning about the Easter story and making a craft item for the children to bring home.

Please fill in the **bus note** below and send a **gold coin** to help cover costs.

All children in Prep – Yr 6 are welcome to come along.

Contacts - Robyn Falls 54368242 or 0429368242, Judy Mountjoy 54379222 or Leanne Welsh 54366281

**Bus note for KFC April 4th 2014**

My child............................................................................................................will be attending KFC on Friday April 4th. Can you please take his/her name off the bus roll. I will arrange private transport for him/her to be taken home at 4.30pm following KFC.

Parent name........................................
Parent signature..................................
Parent phone no………………………………..
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**7ups Youth Club**

**Dates for Term 2 2014**

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A gold coin covers a light tea, cans for sale, wear comfy clothes, bring a Bible if you have one.

Contacts: Sue or Neil – 54365386, Robyn or Colin – 54368242
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### Age Groups are calculated as follows:
- If a child turns 12 or 13 during the year he/she will be in the 12-13 Years age group.
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- If a child turns 17 during the year he/she will be in the 17 Years age group.
- If a child turns 18, 19 or 20 during the year he/she will be in the 18-20 Years age group.

**NB – This is for Yr 7-12 students only**
Parent Teacher Student Interview Request Sheet - Wednesday April 30

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