

Dear Parents,

Professional Development Day Last Week

Last week, the teachers and I attended a workshop on providing “challenge” in the classroom. This seminar built on the session we attended last year and provided teachers with strategies to trial in their classrooms in order to get our students thinking about **how** they learn. Teachers will be trialling some of the approaches over the next few weeks in order to find out which strategies work best and which strategies require further exploration. There may also be some changes to the homework tasks which are assigned to students each week.

NAPLAN

Parents of students in Grade 3 and 5 are reminded that NAPLAN testing begins today and will conclude on Thursday. The Language Conventions and Writing tests were completed today, with Reading and Numeracy to follow over the next two days. We encourage students involved the NAPLAN tests to ensure they have a good sleep each night, a good healthy breakfast and plenty of food and drink throughout the day to maximise energy levels and brain power. Results will be sent home to parents in term 3.

Health and Human Relations Program

Mrs Travers has scheduled the Health and Human Relations Program for students in Grade 5 and 6 to begin next Wednesday 22nd May. The program will run for 5 weeks and a notice was sent home to all Grade 5 and 6 students with a brief outline of the program. Any parents who would like further information can contact Mrs Travers at school or via email at travers.kristine.m@edumail.vic.gov.au.

Well Done Nathan

On our student free day, Nathan Harrup represented our school at the Division Tennis trials. Nathan played a number of singles and doubles matches, winning four and losing three which is a great effort. Nathan competed against students from schools in Traralgon, Morwell, Churchill and Moe.

Education Week 20th – 25th May

As mentioned in the newsletter last week, we will be holding a Family Maths Challenge on Wednesday 22nd May from 5 – 6pm. We will be providing a number of challenges for families to work on together to try and solve. We aim to cater for all abilities and promote the important values of persistence, giving effort and team work. We will be presenting

awards for the most creative answers and look forward to seeing everyone there.

Pizza Lunch

The School Council will be holding a pizza lunch fundraiser on Tuesday 28th May. Order forms will be attached to this newsletter with further details.

Joel Fraser – Principal

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 10th May 2013



0/0	Jae Paton	For great contributions to learning and discussions about mini beasts.
1/2	Lachy Matthews	For not giving up with his science investigation.
2/3	James Pettifer	For persistence and enthusiasm in multiplication.
4/5	Abbey Lambert	For excellent effort and attitude to school.
5/6	Brooke Charleston	For working hard to improve her persuasive writing.
P.E.	Kai Little	For working well with classmates during P.E.
	Connor Lockett	For showing persistence and determination in cross country.
Principal	Hannah Cheetham	For being a fantastic role model to her peers.

DATES TO REMEMBER		
17 May	Fri	Year 7 Enrolment Forms Due In (Year 6's only)
19 May	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am
20 May	Mon	Pizza Lunch Orders Due In by 3:30pm
22 May	Wed	Health & Human Relations Program Begins for Years 5 and 6 Students
		Family Maths Challenge – 5:00pm to 6:00pm
27 May	Mon	Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting – Rescheduled due to lack of numbers – 9:15am
28 May	Tue	Pizza Lunch Day

Mother's Day Reports by Grade Prep

On Sunday we went to Inverloch for Mother's Day.

By Maddison H

I made Mum breakfast and made her egg bread and she liked it.

By Ben H

I made teddy bear biscuits for my Mum and we gave my Mum a photo frame.

By Lizzie R

We had a good time at home and Mum liked my present.

By Jessica R

We went to pony club for lunch and I got a hot dog.

By Tom B

On Sunday we had a barbecue for lunch before we had a play. We had an hour each of Mum time.

By Jessica P

Yesterday my Mum was really happy because my Mum was so surprised. The scarf was so nice.

By Chloe M

On Mother's Day I liked the smell of the flower that I brought Mum.

By Chris B

On Sunday my Mum was so excited to see all the presents. My Mum came home from Melbourne.

By Georgia C

On Sunday my Mum liked her present.

By Jae P

On Sunday we went to the park and it was in Mirboo North and we found a big slide. On Jackson's birthday we went to the game arcade.

By Leo S

On Mother's Day Mum liked her cute bear and Mum liked my scarf and I gave Mum a cup of tea and Mum was spoilt and I love you Mum.

By Harry L

I had a good Mother's day and I like my Mum and I liked my Mum's birthday cake.

By Patrick T

I gave Mum some M&Ms. Then we cooked lunch on the fire.

By Benj S

Mum liked her present.

By Patrick R

Mum got chocolate for Mother's Day.

By Aidan P

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WORKING BEE – SUNDAY 19TH



Our School Council has scheduled a working bee for Sunday 19th May, beginning at 9:30am – 3:30pm. We have a number of tasks which we will be aiming to complete on the day including planting some fruit trees, cleaning the gutters and storm water pits, tidy the drinking troughs and general maintenance. I would like to thank Karen Pettifer for already cleaning out the holes for the netball posts, it makes it much easier for the netballers to practice netball. Jody Bates has also offered to work on some of the tasks this week to make it easier to complete all tasks on Sunday.

It would be fantastic if we could have a large group of parents to help out to ensure we complete all tasks. We will also be providing a BBQ lunch for those who attend. If you are able to spend some time at our working bee, (it doesn't have to be all day), please complete the attached slip.

Also, a reminder if you have paid the working bee levy, you are not required to attend. If you have not paid, this is your opportunity to assist.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 18084kwh which means we have generated 172kwh since our last reading.

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PIZZA LUNCH FUNDRAISER

Tuesday 28th May

ORDERS TO BE IN BY 3:30PM Monday 20th May PLEASE

\$2.00 per slice - Hawaiian Pizza

\$2.00 per slice – BBQ Chicken Pizza

\$2.00 per slice – Cheese & Garlic Pizza

\$1.00 Orange Fruit Drink Box

\$1.00 Apple Fruit Drink Box

Name: _____

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____

These items need to be pre-ordered so no late orders can be accepted.

RETURN SLIP FOR WORKING BEE

to be held 19th May 2013

Please return ASAP

but no later than Friday 17/05/2013 for catering purposes.

Family Name: _____

Number of people attending: _____