

Dear Parents,

Dunalley Visitors

Our visitors from Dunalley Primary School had a great time in Traralgon South and Melbourne during their stay. I received a letter of thanks from their Principal, Matt Kenny and he expressed his appreciation of the hospitality the group received from our host families as well as all of our students at school. Some of the highlights of the visit were the bush walk at Tarra-Bulga National Park, the tour of Etihad Stadium and the National Gallery of Victoria. They also really enjoyed meeting new people who could relate to the experience of the bushfires. Mr Kenny also asked that I pass on his thanks to our school and wider community for the level of support they have received since the bushfires in February last year. I also would like to thank the Hazelwood Rotary Club who donated over \$2000 to this project. Without these funds, we simply could not have had this event take place.



School Council Report

The School Council met last night to discuss a number of agenda items. Further discussion took place regarding a new design for the school polo shirt. A sample has been put together which we will display at the front office. Parents are encouraged to provide feedback by making comments about the new design on the form next to the display. We wanted to update the current polo shirt to give it a more modern look. If the new design is to be adopted, it would be phased in over a number of years so the current polo shirt could still be worn.

Another item on the School Council agenda was a recent assessment of trees within our school grounds. The assessment was conducted by a qualified arborist using a hazard rating scale endorsed by the International Society of Arboriculture from *Evaluation of Hazard Trees in Urban Areas*, 2nd edition, Matheny & Clark, 1994. His recommendations were that a total of 22 trees within our school grounds and the school car park should be removed due to the risk these trees posed to the safety of our students. Six of these trees are located in the car park which is Latrobe City Council land and I will be in contact with them to discuss the recommendations. Any works to be conducted to remove these trees will be undertaken in the school holidays,

either the upcoming September holidays or the summer holidays over December/January.

We also looked at this year's NAPLAN results which were made available yesterday. Parents will be receiving their child's individual report later this week. Last night, we looked at the results of the Year 3 and Year 5 cohorts compared to the state results and also the growth data of the Year 5 students compared to the results when they were in Year 3. The results for Year 3 students were above the state score in Grammar and Punctuation, Reading and Writing, with Numeracy and Spelling score being similar to the state. Year 5 data was above the state in each of the subject areas tested. The Year 5 students results also showed growth above the expected level for all of the subject areas except for numeracy which was below the expected level. The staff and I will investigate further, some of the possible reasons why numeracy didn't show as much growth as we would have liked and also consider how we approach teaching numeracy in the future.

Swimming Program – Term 4

Parents are reminded that our school swimming program is scheduled for the beginning of term 4. Further details are yet to be confirmed including price however this information will be published next week. Permission forms and a questionnaire for Prep students will also be sent home.

Joel Fraser – Principal

LANTERN PARADE FRIDAY 17TH OCTOBER

Last week students in Grades 4/5 and 5/6 started working on their lanterns for the lantern parade coming up in October. We are very fortunate that our school has been invited to take part in the lantern parade. The Soroptimist International Club of Gippsland is running this lantern festival which celebrates light and is titled, "Shining the Light." The theme of this light festival is to see light in a positive way for communities recovering from fire. Our students have been very enthusiastic and Mary (coordinator of this project) is very impressed with the high level of engagement of our students. Next Monday we will continue working on the lanterns, so if anyone has a spare set of secateurs to cut the cane or electrical tape to secure the cane, it would be very much appreciated.

~ Thank you - Yvonne Game ~

TWILIGHT NETBALL TEAM

We are forming an Under 11's C Grade team to play in the twilight competition on Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested please contact Christie on 0422 090 071.

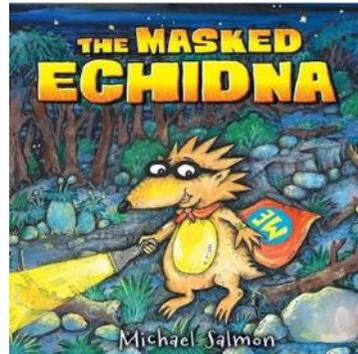


AUTHOR VISIT: MICHAEL SALMON - 8TH SEPTEMBER 2014

Michael Salmon children's author, illustrator and entertainer will be visiting our school next Monday. The students are quite excited about it and are looking forward to meeting such a creative person. He will be speaking to the students at 2.00 – 3.00pm and all parents are welcome. This will be directly followed by a book purchasing and author signing. So come along and meet Michael and have a friendly chat with him.

I have posted extra large posters around the school displaying some of Michael's published books. He has written, illustrated and published well over 165 books. His latest book is 'The Masked Echidna'. He has also written other books titled; Advance Australia Fair, The Monster Who Ate Australia, Bobo the Superdog, The Monster Who Ate Canberra, The Smartest Kangaroo in Australia, Lola the Dinosaur Who Couldn't Sleep and many more children's books. Some of these books will be available for purchase on the day.

Teachers will be familiarising themselves and their students with a variety of Michael Salmon literature this week. If parents would like to view the work of Michael Salmon they can google: Michael Salmon's Cave and click on the question marks and other interesting icons. This will also give you access to his biography and a multitude of photos that will display how versatile Michael's talent has been over the last 30 years and beyond.



Please feel free to come along and enjoy his talk. **The cost of the session is \$3.50 per student and is due in by this Friday, September 5th.** Parents may attend at no additional cost. We hope you can make it there on Monday. If you need additional information do not hesitate to contact me.

Catherine Allen –Library Co-ordinator

DATES TO REMEMBER		
5 Sep	Fri	Father's Day Stall
8 Sep	Mon	Author Michael Salmon Visit - \$3.50 Per Student
9 Sep	Tue	P&F Thursday Lunch Orders Due In
12 Sep	Fri	Toy Catalogue Orders Due In
18 Sep	Thu	Footy Colours Day
19 Sep	Fri	End of Term 3 – Early Dismissal At 1:30pm

Parents & Friends Father's Day Stall



This Friday, 5 September

Items available between
50c up to \$5.00



Please send along a bag in which your children can bring their gift home safely.



Donations for the stall are still needed. If you are able to help with bags of lollies, baked goods or other items please send these to the office by 9:00am this Thursday.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 32796kwh which means we have generated 455kwh since the last reading.

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UNSW / EAA WRITING COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 2 to 6 students elected to enter the University of New South Wales / International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (EAA) **Writing** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling are eligible for awards as outlined below. –

- High Distinction **Certificate:** the top 1% of participants
- Distinction **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Credit **Certificate:** the next 25% of participants
- Merit **Certificate:** the next 10% of participants
- Participation **Certificate:** for all remaining participants

Congratulations go to all students who entered and had a go. Certificates were presented at assembly last week. Results are as follows:



Certificate of Distinction

Year 3 - Kate Hagley Year 4 - Zoe Bolton

Certificate of Credit

Year 3 - James Pettifer Year 5 - Zara Pettifer
Year 6 - Olive Porigneaux

Certificate of Merit

Year 5 - Georgie Lambert Year 5 - Emma Hagley

Other students who participated and received a certificate for their efforts were:

- Year 3 – Julia Bates
- Year 4 – Ruby Bates
- Year 5 – Emily Grist, Lachie Mayes, Phoebe Miller, Tiannah Goodwin

UNSW / EAA SPELLING COMPETITION RESULTS

Recently a number of our Years 2 to 6 students elected to enter the University of New South Wales / International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (EAA) **Spelling** competition. This is an international competition and students excelling are eligible for awards as outlined below. –

- High Distinction **Certificate:** the top 1% of participants
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Certificate of Distinction

Year 5 - Lachie Mayes

Certificate of Credit

Year 4 - Ruby Bates

Certificate of Merit

Year 4 - Zoe Bolton

Other students who participated and received a certificate for their efforts were:

- Year 3 – Julia Bates, Kate Hagley, James Pettifer
- Year 4 – Colby Palmer
- Year 5 – Emma Hagley, Phoebe Miller, Zara Pettifer
- Year 6 – Chloe Downes

YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 22nd August 2014



Prep/1	Aidan Prior	For fabulous efforts in his writing.
1/2	Patrick Tulloch	For really thinking about his reading and showing good comprehension skills.
2/3	Cooper Fraser	For developing a good level of confidence in Maths.
	Savannah Theissling	For exhibiting strong organisational skills and demonstrating a good ability to help others.
4/5	Reuben Miljons	For concentrating and trying his best to finish his work.
5/6	Josh Neilson	For excellent effort and describing language in his poetry.
Principal	Katherine Hagley	For being very strategic during our "Golden Broom" game.

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 29th August 2014



Prep/1	Benjamin Selwyn	For enthusiasm in his writing.
1/2	Ryan Murphy	For a fantastic effort in his writing.
2/3	Jackson Skurrie	For fantastic effort in researching and presenting his project.
	Penny Matthews	For fantastic effort in researching her project and making a model of a human heart.
4/5	Teagan Schoolderman	For a fantastic effort and a great attitude towards all learning areas.
5/6	Harrison Meyer	For excellent effort with his job application letter.
Principal	Conroy Robinson	For always having a happy, smiling face.