

Dear Parents,

Swimming Program

Permission forms and information regarding our swimming program went home to all families last week. As mentioned, we are trialling the whole school attending the program at the same time. We have done this to keep the costs low while still providing the same amount of time in the pool for students. The schedule of each day would be that all students would have a 45 minute lesson in the pool. There would also be approximately 30 minutes for students to get changed after swimming and to have a snack/recess time, as well as a 1 hour structured PE lesson using the basketball courts at the Churchill Leisure Centre.

Permission and full payment of the program are required prior to each student commencing the program, which begins the second day back next term.

Zone Athletics Results

The Zone Athletics was held last Tuesday over at Newborough. We had 15 students representing the Glengarry District with all students putting in their best effort. Well done to all of those students who represented our school and the Glengarry District. We had five students who qualified for the Regional Athletics which will be held early next term, Harrison, Blake H, Ruby, Zara and Teagan. Good luck to these young athletes who will represent the Latrobe Valley at the Gippsland Region athletics. Tomorrow morning, our students in grades 4 -6 will be visited by Federal MP Darren Chester. Mr Chester is visiting our students to talk to them about how our government system works and the role he plays in representing Gippsland.

Team Colours Day This Thursday 18th September

I'm looking forward to our Junior School Council's team colours day where students are encouraged to come to school dressed in their favourite team's colours. Whether it's a team you play for or barrack for, any sport is welcome. If you are dressing up, you are required to bring a gold coin donation to support the Fight Cancer Foundation, which is greatly appreciated. Students and other family members (who have pre-ordered) can enjoy a sausage sizzle lunch catered for by the P and F Committee while enjoying some footy based activities.

End of Term Early Dismissal

Parents are reminded that the last day of term will be this Friday the 19th September. As we have done in the past, school will conclude at 1:30pm on this day without having a lunch break. It is a good idea to ensure students have enough food during recess time.

Student Free Day – 8th October

Parents are reminded that term 4 begins on Monday 6th October, with a student free day being scheduled for Wednesday 8th October. On this day, teachers will focus on further developing their understanding of effective strategies for teaching maths including the connection between assessment and planning. No students are required at school on this day.

Joel Fraser – Principal

AUTHOR/ILLUSTRATOR MICHAEL SALMON VISITED OUR SCHOOL

On Monday 8th of September, in the afternoon, staff, students and parents had the great pleasure of meeting Michael Salmon who is a well-known author/illustrator who has published over 170 books. He was extremely entertaining and shared some humorous stories with us all. He also demonstrated how he went about writing his books and illustrating them. On the day he unsuspectingly and randomly selected students from the audience so he could draw a humorous caricature of them. He then selected one special student to draw a picture of the author himself. It was a great deal of fun for all to watch. I would like to thank all the parents who attended on the day and purchased his books for their children. I would also like to thank the staff for preparing the students prior to the visit by reading and researching his books in class, then getting their students to engage in writing recounts and letters to the author. It was a valuable learning experience for the students and we hope that Michael will come back and visit us again in future years. This visit was the third time he has come to our school. Michael spoke highly of the lovely new school that our community has been able to acquire.

Catherine Allen (Library Co-ordinator)

C.A.T.S JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB SEASON 2014 -2015

The junior club will be fielding two teams this upcoming season being U11's and U13's. U11 is an eight week 20/20, competition, held on a Monday evening concluding mid December 2014. U13 is a mixture of 20/20 and two day, held on a Wednesday evening and concludes February 2015 with a break over Christmas and the school holidays. Home games are played at the John Black Reserve, Traralgon South on the turf wicket. We are looking for new and existing players, from grades 2 – 6 to play cricket this season. Our first training/sign up afternoon will include a welcome BBQ tea for players:

When: **Thursday 18th September 2014**

Time : **4.30pm to 6.00pm**

For further information you can contact C.A.T.S Cricket Club - Tony Harrup on 0428 955340

TENNIS COACHING

Tennis coaching is available at Traralgon South on Tuesday mornings before school. Phone Graham Charlton on 0417 532 351.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

18 Sep	Thu	Footy/Team Colours Day – Gold Coin Donation
19 Sep	Fri	End of Term 3 – Early Dismissal At 1:30pm
6 Oct	Mon	First Day Term 4
7 Oct	Tue	Whole School Swimming Program Begins - \$85.00
8 Oct	Wed	Student Free Day
17 Oct	Fri	Lantern Festival – Kernot Hall (P.M.)

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 12th September 2014



Prep/1	Alice	For her enthusiasm and efforts in her learning.
1/2	Chris Bolton	For showing persistence and determination when writing on his research project.
2/3	Katherine Hagley	For being caring and kind towards others.
4/5	Blake Jenkins	For great effort and concentration on his narrative writing.
5/6	Lachie Mayes	For great work breaking down discussion texts and applying new knowledge in re-writing the piece.
P.E.	Kaitlyn Algie	For showing great skills during soccer and having a great attitude.
	Max Richmond	For working consistently during all P.E. classes.
Principal	Blake Henry	For being a happy and caring member of our school.

Important Change Regarding Parents & Friends Thursday Lunches

Due to lack of student participation it was decided at yesterday's Parents and Friends meeting that Thursday lunches will no longer be available as a weekly option for children. The committee has decided that it will trial once a month lunches and see if families are more receptive to this.

The next lunch order day is scheduled for Thursday 30th October. More information will be made available closer to this date.

Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 33333kwh which means we have generated 246kwh since the last reading.

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MICHAEL SALMON AUTHOR VISIT – BY GRADE 4/5

Today I learnt of a new author. His name is Michael Salmon. I had no idea he existed but now I know his back story and everything. He said he had been here two times and the last time he came here he got bogged because there was a down



pour and he had to get another car to pull him out. This time it was all sunny and warm (too warm). Michael Salmon showed us how he gets his inspiration and how he came to be a famous author and illustrator. Michael Salmon showed us some of his favourite drawings and he asked Calvin (a grade 6 student at our school) to come to the front. He

told Calvin he was going to draw him so Calvin stood there and let Michael salmon draw him. When Michael Salmon finished it looked nothing like him at all so we had a vote and... the result was yes it looked exactly like him. Michael Salmon also picked Sienna to draw. It looked nothing like her and everyone voted that it did look like her. Calvin got a Bob the Builder book and Sienna got a Sesame Street book. I thought he was joking when he pulled them out but he wasn't. Michael said he had written over 100 books and got his inspiration from nearly anything he sees and... turns it into a crazy book. I have learnt how to get my ideas for my cartoons and that if I keep on practising I might be famous illustrator one day.

By Olly Sturre

On Monday all the grades went to the Multi-Purpose room and saw a famous author named Michael Salmon. Then we sat down and he told us all about his life, how he liked drawing cartoons of his friends and making books. Michael Salmon talked about how he got the ideas for his books and personally I thought it was funny. Then he got to the really funny bit, he got a boy to stand up and it was Calvin out of the grade 5/6. Michael Salmon drew a really funny drawing. I was bursting out with laughter. It must have been embarrassing for Calvin. Michael Salmon drew a big nose and a big chin. Then he chose a girl out of the audience and it was Sienna out of my grade; grade 4/5. I was laughing because it was so funny. It would be so embarrassing for Sienna. I learnt to make sure you try your hardest and he said to get ideas to work. At the end you could buy a book and a book mark. I had a really fun day.

By Georgia Robinson



MICHAEL SALMON VISIT - BY GRADE 2/3

On Monday Michael Salmon came to visit our school. He drew funny pictures of Calvin and Sienna and Patrick in Grade 1/2 was asked by Michael to draw a picture of him. The picture that Patrick drew had curly wurly messy hair and he put a big funny looking nose on his face. Michael said it does not look like me at all and he laughed a lot. It was funny when Michael salmon kept on calling Kai in Prep/1 'Sir'. He played a trick on Harrison and some of the other kids. He said that he never gives Barbie doll books as prizes but he gave one to Harrison in Grade 5/6. He got a Barbie/Thumbelina book. Harrison was very embarrassed to get a Barbie book. It was super fun and I think everyone liked it. Michael Salmon was very funny and entertaining. **By Alexandra Gore**

On Monday the 8-9-14 Michael Salmon, an author/illustrator came to visit our school. He called up two students from the audience so he could draw a funny and embarrassing cartoon picture of the students. Michael told us about his pet dog Bobo skateboarding down his very steep driveway and smashing a hole in his wooden garage door and it was a true story. This is how he got the idea to write his book, 'Bobo the Superdog'. Michael Salmon drew a picture of Surfer Joe on a surfboard with a big wave behind him with a hungry looking goldfish using a knife and fork ready to gobble Surfer Joe up for his supper. I really enjoyed it and I really wanted to buy some awesome illustrated books. **By Jesse Selwyn**

On Monday we had a visitor and his name was Michael Salmon. He is an author and has written over 170 books. We have been reading a lot of them in class and they are really good books. He has his own website called 'Michael Salmon's Cave' and people can go online and talk to him and see all of the books he has written. He is also an illustrator and draws all the pictures in his books. I think when he came to our school and drew a picture of Calvin and Sienna it was really funny. In Canberra the shire has put up a huge statue of Alexander Bunyip and he said that if people go up to the statue and rub Alexander's tummy and make a wish, it may come true. I think it was a fun day with Michael and I hope he liked it too. **By Julia Bates**

I really enjoyed it when Michael Salmon visited our school because it was a lot of fun. When he drew a goldfish trying to eat Surfer Joe it was really funny. I liked how he explained how he made his pictures and wrote his stories for his books. I liked how he put lots of different characters in one book. My mum came to meet Michael and listen to him talk and she bought me some of his books. I have been reading them at home. They are very special because they were signed by the author. I enjoyed his visit and liked the bit where he told us about how his pet dog went skating really fast down the driveway and crashed into his garage door. He also told us his dog was clever because he jumped off the skateboard before he reached the garage door. **By Cooper Fraser**

Zone Athletics Sports – Reports by Grade 4/5



On Tuesday the 9th of September Hailee, Hannah C, Teagan, Hannah M, Sam, Blake H, Blake J, Harrison, Jake, Ruby Colby, Elyse and Zara competed at zone sports. How the people got chosen was when heaps of different schools got together and had an athletics day at Little Aths centre. We all did the same sports and the best of a couple of schools got called up so they could tell you were in the zone athletics sports. I did triple jump and jumped 6.45cm and I came 4th. I also did 1500 meters in my running and I came 5th out of 11 people. I was very happy with myself. But next time I wish I could try harder and I want to improve and keep fit. I was a little bit distracted by somebody in the triple jump so I didn't do my best. So next time I will ignore them. Overall I was very happy with my effort. *By Hannah Meyer*

Yesterday Teagan, Jake, Blake. J, Hailee, Hannah M, Colby, Sam, Harrison, Calvin, Josh, Hannah C, Ruby, Zara, Elyse and I went to the zone sports to compete against other schools. There were no winning schools but the scores and the ribbons were for the winning kids. I was on the first race in the 11 boy's 1500m race. I came 3rd in the race and I got a red ribbon. It was stapled to a sheet of paper with a lot of information on it about the next race and so on. It was a very big race track and I had to do 3 and a half laps of the whole thing. I also did a relay with my best mate Harrison. But we came last for 1 reason. One of our players in our group was side-tracked and slowed down. I was very fit and healthy that day but I was also a bit tired. When I did the race the track was on the inside of a bicycle track were people ride around on it. It looked the exact same as an Olympic bike track. I made lots of new friends from other schools that I had lots of fun with. Some things I learnt today was that maths is a part of running because you need to figure out which lane will make you go quicker. I also learnt that it doesn't matter what your coming just sprint anyway. It could really make an improvement on your running skills. When I got home that day my Mum couldn't believe her eyes when I showed her my ribbon. *By Blake Henry*



Junior School Council



Footy/Team Colours Day

Thursday, 18th September



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