

Dear Parents,

### ***World Teacher's Day***

World Teacher's Day was held last Friday and to recognise the wonderful work our teachers do, they were presented with a small token of appreciation at assembly on Monday morning. Our staff strive to make the learning for our students fun and interesting while covering the mandated curriculum. It can be quite a difficult occupation at times and it is pleasing to see that our teachers regularly reflect on their teaching practice and think about how they can make improvements to the lessons they teach. I think it is really nice to be able to recognise their efforts.

### ***School Council News***

Our School Council met last week and discussed a number of items. Our NAPLAN for this year was discussed. As mentioned in last week's newsletter, our Year 3 students achieved strong results in reading, grammar and punctuation and numeracy, while our Year 5 students made steady progress in each area. We also looked at and discussed the rate of growth of the same students from Year 3 to Year 5. We identified some areas that we think we can improve on to increase the rate of growth of our students, in particular further developing our ability to cater for a range of learning needs within a given year level. This includes providing challenging tasks to extend students, but also developing the values and skills necessary for students to be ready to take on a challenge and perhaps fail. This is a vital part of student learning that we need to improve on.

We also looked at the Parent Opinion Survey results which were not as high as we would have liked. A couple of results in particular stood out and the School Council, teachers and I are seeking more information about these particular topics via a short survey which will be sent out this week. The survey will be asking specifically about our parents thoughts on classroom behaviour and behaviour management as the results for both elements in the survey were quite low. We don't believe this necessarily reflects the actual behaviour of students however, we believe we need more information before we can make any changes that may be required. The parent survey results were also in contrast to the student survey results for classroom behaviour.

The rebound wall was discussed as a potential safety concern. We have had several discussions regarding the wall, however, after having a builder inspect the wall, it was noticed that the wall had a significant crack which if dislodged could seriously injure a student. It was then decided that the wall would be removed at a short working bee to be held next Friday afternoon the 8<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you to those parents who have already offered their help as it is greatly appreciated. Any other parents who are available to help out from 4:30 – 6:30pm next Friday can contact me at school.

### ***Thanks To Our Gardeners***

We had a number of parents who spent a few hours at school spreading mulch and fixing drainage before the Open Garden last week. I would like to thank these parents as it made the front of our school look fantastic. We also had some mulch spread in the vegetable garden to help provide a solid base to walk on.

### ***Open Garden***

Our Open Garden activities went quite well despite the inclement weather. All students planted a couple of vegetable seeds in a paper cup which they could take home and plant in their own gardens. Our students enjoyed the activities and will also be able to enjoy watching their seed grow.

### ***Drumming Workshop***

We had a fantastic drumming workshop on last week. Steve Schulz who is a local musician presented the workshop to our students who then put on a concert for parents. The drumming from our students was excellent after just a one hour workshop. All students were engaged and looked to enjoy the show. We also had students who have learnt other instruments join in and perform, whilst some students had created dances as well. It was a really great concert to watch.

### ***Students Out Of Uniform***

I have noticed a number of students who are beginning to come to school dressed out of uniform. Parents are reminded that there is a prescribed uniform list which is quite comprehensive and provides students with a number of uniform options. We ask that parents support their students in wearing the appropriate clothing as we want to have all students dressed in the same uniform. This helps to build a sense of community and belonging to a particular group. The prescribed uniform list is available on the school website or you can pick up a copy from the school office.

**Joel Fraser – Principal**

### **COMPLETE LEARNING INITIATIVE**

Today's newsletter includes a Complete Learning Initiative pamphlet. This was previously known as the Community Software Licensing Program. It provides an opportunity for parents to purchase educational software at competitive prices.

If you wish to make a purchase, cheques (**made out to EdAlive**), or credit card details and order forms are due back at school by Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November.

~ Ruth Bone ~

### **REMINDER FOR RECORDER PLAYERS:**

Could all students in the beginners and advanced recorder group please remember their recorders this Thursday as we will be performing for the

whole school. Recorder practice remains Wednesday afternoons while swimming is on. After that it will return to Tuesdays again.

~ Yvonne Game ~

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DATES TO REMEMBER		
31 Oct	Thu	Music - Count Us In – 12 noon
4 Nov	Mon	<b>Student Free Day</b>
5 Nov	Tue	Melbourne Cup Day – Public Holiday
6-8 Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5 & 6 Camp in Melbourne – cost \$220
8 Nov	Fri	Short Working Bee – 4:30pm – 6:30pm
22 Nov	Fri	Prep, 1/2 & 2/3 Sale Art Gallery Excursion
10 Dec	Tue	Orientation Day
13 Dec	Fri	Year 6 Graduation Dinner

**YOU CAN DO IT**  
**STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**  
**For Week Ending 25<sup>th</sup> October 2013**



Prep	Jae Paton	For working hard to improve his swimming skills.
1/2	Billy Wheatley	For making connections when reading new books.
2/3	Riley Ahlers	For 100% engagement and participation. Fantastic effort Riley.
4/5	Flynn Mackintosh	For an excellent improvement in the completion of homework and for improving your ability to work independently.
5/6	Hannah Cheetham	For her great effort working with challenging maths equations.
Principal	Blake Jenkins	For being a great helper around the school and striving to achieve his best at all times.

## MUSIC COUNT US IN – “KEEP ON”

Come and help us celebrate “MUSIC” this Thursday from 12 noon. We have been busily practicing the song, “Keep On” and will sing this with the whole school on Thursday. Our music group is going to accompany us while we sing, as well as students dressing up for the part!

We will have a “live stream” from the Count Us In website featuring John Foreman and Harrison Craig from 12 noon. Then at 12.30pm we will sing, “Keep On” altogether. Over 2 million students around Australia will be singing the song at the same time!! It’s wonderful that we will be a part of such an enormous event celebrating the joys of music.

The beginners and advanced recorder groups will also be performing some pieces on Thursday. Everyone is welcome to attend this musical event, so we hope to see you all in the Multi-Purpose room from 12 noon on Thursday!

### Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 22401kwh which means we have generated 236kwh since our last reading.

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## Heritage Park Excursion – Reports by Grade Prep

On Friday we went to Gippsland Heritage Park. My favourite place was the school. My second favourite place was the corner shop.

By Ben Hagley

We went to Gippsland Heritage Park and we saw some bird and we had fun.

By Jayden Henry

On Friday our class went to Gippsland Heritage Park. We went on the big slide. We went to the birds. I was squawking at the birds. I liked what was in the movies building. I liked the shop. I liked the carriages.

By Esther Miljons

On Friday our class and the 1/2s went to Gippsland Heritage Park. I saw Andrew the peacock near th big, big slide. I went down the slide with Piper. My favourite thing was the school because the girls went in first. It was so fun. I loved it. I saw some gold. I loved the bit where I was finding the gold.

By Chloe Mayes

On Friday we went to Gippsland Heritage Park. Our group went to the General Store first. My favourite part was the school. I got dressed up. The funny part was when Mrs Merigan got smacked for being late to school.

By Jessica Pettifer

At Gippsland Heritage park I got married with Patrick Tulloch at the church. I chased him everywhere. He let me go in front on the big slide. I had fun.

By Lizzie Ralph

On Friday our class and the 1/2s went to Gippsland Heritage Park. We went in groups. Our group went gold mining first. I liked the school. In the school Aidan's Dad was late and he got the stick!

By Jessica Ruff

At Gippsland Heritage Park we had to march into school.

By Benj Selwyn

My Dad got hit by the stick because he was late to school.

By Aidan Prior



## Heritage Park Excursion – Reports by Grade 1/2

On the 25<sup>th</sup> of October I went to Old Gippstown. We went on a really big slide, it was awesome. We saw a peacock which was fun. We went gold mining and we got to hold the gold. We got to go in the general store, we saw lots of stuff. We went to the school and Mr Samson got the strap. It was funny. By Riley Palmer 1/2

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October we went on an excursion to Old Gippstown. There was a man there, he had heaps of gold, he was rich. I was in Mrs Phillips' group, my mum's group and Mr Samson's group. It was extraordinary. Andrew the peacock was near the swirly slide. By Lachy Matthews 1/2

On our excursion we drove to Old Gippstown. First we had snack then we went to explore. On the way back to the teacher we saw a peacock. It showed its feathers to us. It was so pretty. It was like it was a rainbow but it wasn't. Then we walked to the swirly slide. I went down it. First I went down on my bottom then I went down on my back. I fell on my head. By Phoebe Rhodes 1/2

On our excursion to Old Gippstown we looked at gold and we saw a dead scarecrow but it wasn't that scary. We went on a big, big slide and we saw a peacock and some ducks. Then we went to the school and we had to do the chores and we saw the general store. By Cooper Fraser 1/2

On Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of October grade 1/2 and Prep went to Old Gippstown. It was very exciting. We saw a peacock. It spread its feathers out, it was cool. We went inside houses, it was full of Halloween stuff. We went in the Olden day school and we saw real gold. There was a dog there named Nugget. In the school I was a grade 7/8 so were some of my friends. It was brilliant and extraordinary. We went on a slide. By Ayva Rohde 1/2

On Friday we went for an excursion to Old Gippstown. We went there by bus. The Preps and us went on the excursion. We went to the old school then we went to the old homestead then we went to mine gold. At the old school we wrote in old fashioned writing on a piece of paper. At the washing place I got to do a job. I enjoyed the day and I want to go there again. By Savannah Theissling 1/2

We went to Old Gippstown two days ago. It was a really good experience. We saw a big turkey and a peacock, it was awesome. I like it there at Old Gippstown, it is fun. We found gold which was awesome. The turkey was funny and the peacock spread its wings, they were so so colourful. I had the best experience at Old Gippstown. I was in a group with Mrs Landy and Tash. I liked my group. We were the only group to see the turkey. I found lots and lots of gold. The man who helped us had lots of gold. By Benjamin Meyer 1/2



## STEVE SCHULZ DRUMMING WORKSHOP

Last Thursday our students participated in a drumming workshop with Steve Schulz. The students did a wonderful job to produce such a great sound in a short time. The concert at the end of the day was entertaining, with quite a few students performing their own pieces as well. Thank you to the parents and friends that came along to the concert. Here are some of the photos taken during our drumming workshops.

