

Dear Parents,

Swimming Program

Our swimming program concluded last Friday and it was pleasing to see the progress students made over the past three weeks. The confidence of some students has risen dramatically from being quite timid and afraid of the water, to jumping in at the deep end. It seemed that a large majority of students were working on the right level, which provided some quite challenging activities. It's often hard to complete a full swimming level in such a short time frame, however it was evident that all students improved throughout the program. In the next week, we will be asking for feedback through Survey Monkey to help us evaluate the program from the parent's perspective. We will be going through the same process with students and staff.

Sports Camp

A small number of Grade 6 students are currently attending the Gippsland Sports Camp in Rawson. This is a fantastic camp for students with a high level of sporting prowess to try their hands at some different sports. The Sports Camp has been running for a long time now, providing another avenue for students to improve their leadership and resilience skills.

Working Bee

This Sunday, School Council are holding a working bee from 9:30-3:30 to do some much needed jobs around the school yard. Mainly this will involve removing one or two of the larger trees in the yard.

There are also smaller jobs such as:

- Spread the small pile of remaining mulch located in the car park
- Level the mounds near the mulch pile to allow for more parking spaces under the trees
- General leaf blowing and sweeping
- Cleaning of gutters (ground and roof)- including water tank on the BER hall
- Some pits need to be cleaned of debris
- Some pressure washing needs to occur, especially on the tables in the undercover area and rotunda.

It would be great to see as many people as possible; many hands make light work.

Years 5/6 Melbourne Camp

Speaking of camps, we are gearing up for the 5/6 camp to Melbourne at the end of November. A reminder to parents that all money is to be finalised at the office by next Wednesday. Although camps can be extremely exhausting for students and teachers, they provide a fantastic opportunity for everyone to display skills that are sometimes not highlighted in the general school setting. While staff are on duty 24 hours, to see the students blossom and witness a different side to them is a gift that often outweighs the sleep deprivation!

2016 Structures

We are at the busy time of the year where we are beginning to look at the school structures for next year; this means placing students in grades and deciding on staffing. If you have any information that may help assist us in placing your child, please make an appointment to come and see me.

Cuppa & Chat This Monday

Lastly, there will be another chance to have a cuppa and chat Monday morning after assembly for those who would like to.

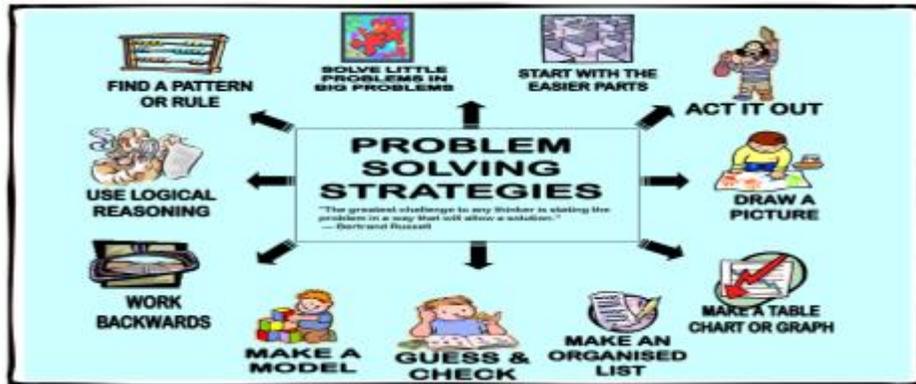
Enjoy your weekends.

Adam Downes - Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER		
8 th Nov	Sun	Working Bee – 9:30am – 3:30pm
9 th Nov	Mon	Cuppa & Chat after assembly
13 th Nov	Fri	Community Dinner TSPS for Year 6 Graduation
16 th Nov	Mon	Kindergarten Visit – 2:15pm – 3:30pm
18 th Nov	Wed	Years 5/6 Camp - \$255 payment due by today
19 th Nov	Thu	Grades P/1 & 1/2 Excursion – Old Gipps town
25 - 27 Nov	Wed-Fri	Years 5&6 Camp Melbourne – Depart approx. 7:36am and return approx. 8:50pm from Traralgon Railway Station
8 th Dec	Tue	Statewide Orientation Day
10 th Dec	Thu	Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16 th Dec	Wed	End Of Year Concert
18 th Dec	Fri	Term 4 Ends – Early Dismissal at 1:30pm

Maths Challenge

This is our interim week and students have until this Friday to complete last week's Maths algebra challenge question. Just a reminder of some of the strategies which may be useful in this task or for future challenges. Some problems will lend themselves better to some of these strategies than others. On the same note, some strategies suit some learners better than others. In our Maths classes, we equip students with a knowledge of these strategies and how to use them. Selecting the most efficient strategy or combination of strategies for the question, is part of the 21st Century learning we encourage.



PERSISTENCE, another of our values is often a key!

CAMP QUALITY FUNDRAISER



The following activities will be run throughout the night to help celebrate Camp and Care:

Streamer Laser Zone
Superhero Armband Making

Superhero Movie Magic
Superhero Mask Making

As a part of the fundraiser we will be hiring out our powered camp sites for \$20 for up to 6 people. The money raised will be donated to Camp Quality. If you have any questions regarding this event please don't hesitate to contact one of our friendly staff members on 5174 6749.

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Working Bee

This Sunday 8th November

9:30am – 3:30pm

Our next working bee is scheduled for this Sunday 8th November beginning at 9:30am. The tasks that need to be completed are included in this newsletter.

It would be great to have as many people come along as possible as many hands make light work. Also a reminder that you don't need to stay for the whole day, even if you can spare a couple of hours it all makes a difference. A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.



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