

Dear Parents,

It's been great over the past few weeks at assembly to hand out so many awards and hear of the great achievements made by some of our students. Last week over 30 awards were handed out for ICAS testing, with fabulous results by all those who participated, especially those who ranked in the top 10% of participants! This week Hannah Myer and Aidan Prior shared their swimming ribbons from the weekend's swim meet. At this meet, Hannah was part of the medley relay team that recorded the fastest time **ever** swum by a Gippsland 14/U girl's relay team, breaking the 5year record. Hannah broke her own personal best time for freestyle in the process!! It goes to show that hard work and effort pays off. Congratulations Hannah!

Bushfire Register

As the weather heats up, across my desk this week came the timely Bushfire Resource information from DET as we are listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register (BARR). Being on the BARR means that when there is a Code-Red fire danger rating determined by the Bureau of Meteorology the school will be closed. As much warning as possible will be given to parents and the community should this occur. An information flyer will be posted onto the school website in the near future detailing the specific information.

Grade 2/3 Arrangement

I was advised last week that Mrs Cathy Allen will be taking leave for the remainder of the school year. We have been very fortunate to maintain Mrs Jo Morrison for the rest of the year to help maintain some continuity for the grade.

Light Sabers At School!

It seems that as the years go on, fads come and go. What used to be cool once but then wasn't, has now become cool again. With the imminent release of Star Wars: The Force Awakens we have a number of students who are playing games relating to the movie. Everybody knows you can't play Star Wars without a light saber! We don't mind these items being brought to school and used in the correct manner, but remind everyone of the correct usage of these. They should never be used to actually physically strike another student or in a way that is forceful or outside of the 'imagination' game. Some

students have begun to use sticks and pencils as light sabers which we do discourage. Teachers are working with students in classrooms to discuss the most appropriate way to play these games whilst in the schoolyard.

Grade 6 Graduation Fundraiser – Community Dinner

Congratulations to all those who were involved in Mrs Dinelli's Taco Team last Friday night. It was a magnificent night with lots of money raised for the Grade 6 graduation. All assistance was greatly appreciated.

Enjoy your week!

Adam Downes - Principal

GRADE 6 COMMUNITY DINNER – THANK YOU!

The Grade 6s ran a very successful community dinner on Friday night. They made a profit of \$1574.50 which goes entirely towards funding their graduation. A huge thank you to everyone who came along and supported this fundraiser, despite the clash with the Callignee movie night.

This night would not have been so successful if it weren't for the input of the families. A huge thankyou goes to the Hagleys, Pettifers, Rohdes, Henrys, Lamberts, Millers as well as the Pass family for their very generous food donations, meaning the cost for the evening was a lot less than it needed to be. Raffle prizes were kindly donated by the Grist/Lockett family, Hagley family, Pettifer family, Lambert family, Porigneaux family, Mayes family and Mackintosh family. A huge shout out also to the families that helped on the night, especially with the organisation of the night and the clean-up – including the Cheneys, Pettifers, Hagleys, Rohdes Mayes and Millers. The grade 6s and I are very grateful for all of your help and support!

~ Stacey Dinelli ~

FIRST AID COURSE AT MENS SHED

Expression of Interest for Level 2 First Aid course to be held on 27 November 8.30am – 4.30pm @ Traralgon South Mens Shed. BOOK IN NOW – Cost will depend on number of Participants Email: tsda@netspace.net.au or Kerry M: 0431 282 386.



DATES TO REMEMBER		
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
		Interruption to power supply expected 9:30am – 2:30pm
20 th Nov	Fri	Book Club Orders Due In
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	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

YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
 For Week Ending 13th November 2015



Prep/1	Brodie Morris	For making a big effort to always have neat and legible handwriting.
1/2	Harry Thomas	For challenging himself during math sessions on graphs.
2/3	Penny Matthews	For wonderful use of descriptive words in her writing.
4/5	Kate Hagley	For great efforts and concentration in all learning areas.
P.E.	Blake Jenkins Jake Wheatley Colby Palmer	For showing excellent leadership on the school bush walk.

Interruption to Power Supply This Thursday

The school has been notified that we will be without power **this Thursday** from 9:30am-2:30pm due to power line works and their fire readiness campaign.

Both Prep/1 and 1/2 will be on excursion to 'Old Gipps town' but school will continue for the other grades.

Please keep in mind however; with expected temperatures in the low-to-mid-30s we will not have access to air-conditioners or cooling devices.

Having no power also means we have no phone system.

Federation University Excursion Reports by Grade 4/5



On Friday grades 4/5 and 5/6 went to Fed Uni. We arrived late because the bus broke down but as soon as we arrived we got started. The orange group got their bags and headed off for science. In science there was coloured water in tubes. Each tube was a different colour. Also in each tube was a different amount of salt. We had to get the water up a straw and make a rainbow! It was only Charli and I who got it right! Then we went on to nursing. On all of the seats were stethoscopes. Only on some seats were fake organs. I got the fake organ of intestines. We handed a girl called Nichole the parts that she said and we talked about them!

Then we had lunch at the amphitheatre. THEN WE MADE VIDEO GAMES! We walked in and had to use hand sanitiser. There were touch screen computers! Belle said that we needed to use the website www.sploder.com. It was fun. We made our video games then we played each other's! At art we studied someone and then we closed our eyes and drew them. We got permanent marker to draw over the lines and then we used water crayons to colour in! It was then time to have a graduation ceremony. Everyone got a certificate but only 6 people got to wear robes.

By Alexandra Gore

On Friday 13th of November grade 4/5/6 went to Federation University. We went there to think about possibilities for when we are older. When we got there we were a bit late so we got straight into it. We learnt a bit about the place then we went into our groups. I was in blue group (wombats). All of our groups were led by education students from the Uni. We each had a scavenger hunt sheet which had lots of questions about the Uni. Our first activity was I.C.T (stands for information and communication technology) which was making games on the computer. We made them on a website called <http://www.sploder.com/>.

We secondly went to the art room. We had to sit opposite someone and draw them with our eyes closed. I drew a picture of James but his face was in the wrong place. They turned out hilarious! We also saw some of the ones other students had made. Next we had lunch in a special outdoor amphitheatre. We also had a chance to get

some questions from the scavenger hunt. Our next activity was nursing. We learnt about the organs in our body. Then we had to put some fake bacteria on our hands. Then we went into a dark room to see all of it. We went out then tried to wash it all out with soap and water. When we went back in the room to see the bacteria most people had it under their nails. Then we tried out the stethoscope, we tried to listen to our heartbeat.

Our last activity was science. We had to try to layer dyed water without it mixing together. It was so hard until I figured out (with James) that we had to *run* the water down the *side* of the test tube. Then we had to try to layer the 6 different colours of water in the straw. I made it up to 3 colours. Then we had the graduation. Everyone got a piece of paper saying that they had graduated! Six people got to wear a special gown and hat. I got to wear one!!!!!! The excursion was really fun.

By Eric Porigneaux

On Friday the 4/5/6 went to Federation University. We were all sent in different groups. I was in orange, and the other groups were red, blue and purple. The first thing the orange group did was science; the man had put out test tubes with different colour water we each took turns of using a straw to suck up every colour and trap it in the straw. I failed. Then we went to nursing Nicole told us all about our body what the bones are called and what every organ does. We went out to go have lunch at the amphitheatre.

After lunch we went to a computer room where we had to use sanitiser before we were allowed to go in. When we made it in we sat down with a partner and made our own video games. It was a retro video game, the website we used was www.sploder.com. Since that was our last activity we went back to the lecture theatre for our graduation ceremony. Only six people got to wear a graduation robe. I didn't but I still got a certificate.

By Hunter Fahy