

Dear Parents,

New Staff Member for 2014

It is my great pleasure to announce the new Grade 1/2 teacher for next year. Mrs Jeneen Fowler has been successfully appointed to the position and will begin at the start of 2014. Mrs Fowler was an outstanding candidate for the position and comes to us after teaching at Commercial Road Primary School in Morwell. I look forward to welcoming Mrs Fowler at the beginning of next year and working with her throughout the course of the year.

Orientation Day

Our Orientation Day has been held today, giving our students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their class for 2014. Our Prep students for next year have also come to school today, with many nervous but excited faces. We look forward to watching them develop and grow over the coming years.

End of Year / Start of Year Dates

Parents are reminded that the last day of the school year is Friday 20th December. Students will be dismissed at 1:30pm on this day following a short assembly from 1:15pm. All parents are welcome to attend the final assembly for the year. As in the past, students will have a recess break only. Please ensure your child has enough food to see them through until 1:30pm.

The new school year begins on Tuesday 28th January, which is a **student free day**. The first day of school for students is Wednesday 29th January. Students in Prep will start on this day as well, though will not come to school on the Wednesdays in the month of February.

Parent Survey Feedback

The Parent Survey closed last Friday 6th December and I would like to thank the parents who took the time to make a contribution to this information gathering exercise. The purpose of the survey was to try and identify the reasons behind the poor results in the Parent Opinion Survey data which placed our school in the bottom 10 percent of schools in regard to "Classroom Behaviour". The information gathered was largely positive and commended our school on its approach to behavioural issues. Responses indicated that issues were often dealt with quickly and thoroughly, either during class meetings or through teacher/principal involvement. The introduction of the "Value of the Week" was seen as a positive and something to build on. There were also responses relating to the giving of student of the week awards and that students who have misbehaved should

not receive an award for a number of weeks following. There was mention of the possibility of each teacher giving two awards per week so that students had more chances to receive one throughout the year. Some parents felt that the consistency of consequences wasn't always there and that that is an area for our school to work on. This also relates to the implementation of our school's procedures, particularly with the use of warnings for student behaviour.

Grade 6 Graduation Evening

Our Grade 6 students will have their graduation evening this Friday 13th December. Our students have been busy organising the event which will take place in the Traralgon South hall. It is a great way for our students to celebrate the end of their primary schooling with their family and friends. Our end of year awards will also be presented on the night.

Change of Day - CRE Sausage Sizzle for Prep, 1/2, 2/3 and 4/5

Our CRE teachers Mr Martino and Mr Hickman are providing a sausage sizzle for the students in Prep, 1/2, 2/3 and 4/5 this Friday 13th December to finish off the year. Students in these grades can bring their own lunch if they don't want to have a sausage in bread.

Whole School Excursion

Parents are reminded our whole school excursion will be held next Monday 16th December. Students will be swimming at the Churchill pool before having lunch at the wooden playground in Morwell and then returning to school after playing on the equipment. Permission forms were sent home with students last week and are due back this Friday 13th December.

End of Year Concert

Practise has begun for the end of year concert. Each class has chosen a song relating to one of their themes from throughout the year, as well as a Christmas song. We will be holding the concert on Wednesday 18th December on the school oval, with students asked to be at school by 6:45pm for a 7pm start. This night has been quite entertaining and well supported in the past and we look forward to seeing you there this year.

Christmas Dress up Day

Our Christmas Dress Up day last Friday was quite a success with most students dressing in Christmas gear or at least in green and red. We got lots of donations for the Christmas raffle which was fantastic and a big thank you goes to those students who were able to bring something along. Raffle tickets have already been sent home and can be returned by Tuesday 17th December. All prizes will be drawn at the school concert.

DATES TO REMEMBER

13 Dec	Fri	CRE Sausage Sizzle – Grades Prep, 1/2, 2/3 & 4/5 Year 6 Graduation Dinner
16 Dec	Mon	Whole School Excursion
17 Dec	Tue	Raffle Tickets Due In
18 Dec	Wed	End of Year Concert – 7:00pm Start
20 Dec	Fri	Last Day Term 4 – 1:30pm Dismissal

YOU CAN DO IT STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS For Week Ending 6th December 2013



Prep	Georgia Crowe	For showing helpfulness and a caring attitude to others.
1/2	Grant Jenkins	For working well in all class activities.
2/3	Marnie Lockett	For continuing to maintain good class and homework routines.
4/5	Blake Henry	For excellent efforts with dictation work.
5/6	Chloe Downes	For being an industrious worker in the Earn & Learn hair salon.
	Emily Cook	For being an honest and hardworking Bank Manager.
Principal	Ella Prior	For being a friendly and thoughtful member of our school.

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RECORDER AND MUSIC GROUPS VISIT TO YALLAMBEE

Last Tuesday, members of the recorder group and music group went by bus to Yallambee to perform for the residents of the Yallambee Aged Care Facility. There were over 30 residents watching the students perform a range of familiar songs. After the performance, the students mingled with the residents and handed out homemade Christmas cards and decorations. The residents loved watching the students perform and it was extra special for Molly and Emily as their Great Grandma was in the audience too.



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 24318kwh which means we have generated 258kwh since our last reading.

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