

Dear Parents,

School Council Update

The School Council Annual General Meeting was held last night prior to our regular monthly meeting. We welcomed our new members, Jody Bates and Anita Charles as well as Stacey Kloot who is our new staff representative. Elections for executive positions for 2013 took place and it is my pleasure to announce Jean-Marc Porigneaux as President, Kylie de Martin as Vice President, Paula Landy as Secretary and Jade Rohde as Treasurer. I would like to congratulate these members on being successfully nominated and look forward to working with them throughout the year.

Points for discussion at our meeting included the response we received from parents about updating our school logo. We had a small number of responses and the consensus was that we keep the current logo. We also discussed the need for padding on our goal posts to provide safety in the playground. The Parents and Friends committee have agreed to pay for the purchase of these items and student monitors will be employed to put the pads on and take them down each day.

We also discussed the Grade 3/4 camp which is to be held in the second week of term 2. Tyers PS have been included in our group and they will join Glengarry and Gormandale primary schools at Coonawarra Farm Resort. A separate note will be sent out today for students in Grade 3/4 with further information. Anita Charles is our designated camp helper whose name was drawn out of a hat and approved by the council. I would like to thank all parents who expressed their interest for this role.

A Facebook page has been set up to help provide information to parents. With the growing number of parents having their own Facebook page it is a very quick and easy way to provide information to our parents, particularly reminders about upcoming events. At this stage we are trialling how the page will operate and for the moment, we ask that comments are not made on the page, rather we encourage parents to contact the school via teacher email, phone or in person as required. The page was published last Thursday and we had almost half of our parent population "Like" the page within the first 24 hours. If you don't have a Facebook page, we will still provide reminders and updated information as we have done in the past.

Our weekly newsletter is now available to be emailed to parents, which supports our focus on sustainable practices. If you would prefer your newsletter emailed, please email the school so that we can record your email address. We will continue to send paper copies of the newsletter to those parents who would prefer.

Our school council also updated our policy for managing parent concerns and complaints. The policy is designed to provide a process for managing parent

concerns and aims to seek a resolution by the school and parents working together. A copy has also been included in this newsletter.

The Buildings and Grounds committee have scheduled a working bee for Sunday 19th May beginning at 9:30am and concluding at 3:30pm. More information regarding tasks to be completed will be published early next term.

District Sports – Rescheduled Date

The District Athletic Sports which were postponed last Thursday have been rescheduled to Tuesday 30th April. We apologise for inconvenience caused by the change of date, however, the weather last Thursday would have prevented us from completing most of the events.

Reminders

Parents are reminded that School Photos will be taken tomorrow. Students have been given an order form which needs to be returned in the morning.

Parents are also reminded that the term ends this Thursday 28th March with students being dismissed at 1:30pm. We will have a short assembly at 1:15pm where we will draw our Easter raffle. Term 2 will begin on Monday 15th April.

Woolworths Earn and Learn 2013

Earn and Learn gave in excess of 720,000 pieces of education equipment to more than 12,500 schools in 2012. Our school chose 5 large mats for the multi-purpose room and some storage tubs for the classrooms. From Monday 8th April, when staff and parents shop at Woolworths they can collect Woolworths Earn & Learn Points from the checkout operator and place them on a Points Sheet. There'll be one Woolworths Earn & Learn Point for every \$10 spent. Once completed these sheets can be placed in the collection box in the school foyer.

Joel Fraser – Principal

DATES TO REMEMBER		
27 Mar	Wed	School Photo Day
		JSC Easter Raffle Money & Tickets Due In
28 Mar	Thu	Last Day Term 1 – Early Dismissal – 1:30pm – Raffle Drawn
15 Apr	Mon	First Day Term 2
		Parents & Friends AGM – 9:15am in multi-purpose room
22 – 24 Apr	Mon – Wed	Years 3 and 4 Camp – Coonawarra
25 Apr	Thu	Anzac Day – Public Holiday
30 Apr	Tue	Glengarry & District Sports in Traralgon

**YOU CAN DO IT
STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
For Week Ending 22nd March 2013**



Prep	Cassie Matthews	For working well to try new words in her writing.
1/2	Lincoln Sturre	For concentrating well in Maths and trying hard to subitise.
2/3	Rebekah Guy	For showing courage in delivering her small group speech.
4/5	Layla Zepnick	For consistently displaying a positive attitude and being an excellent role model to others.
5/6	Jack Carroll	For his dedication to all areas of the curriculum.
P.E.	Charlotte Mackintosh	For having lots to contribute during our discussion on healthy eating.
Principal	Scarlett Green	For trying her hardest during our game on Wednesday.

LATROBE VALLEY HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

Junior hockey training will be held Thursday nights from 4:30 – 5:30pm at the synthetic pitch at Churchill University. The first game will be on Saturday 20th April. See Anita Charles for more details or phone Anita on 0428 164 628.

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School Photos Tomorrow Wednesday 26th March

A reminder to parents that school photos will take place tomorrow. Information regarding photo packages has already been sent home. All order forms, with payment if not paying online, must be returned to school on this day. The school does not open these envelopes and therefore no change will be given. If paying online you can do this for a few days after our photo day and there is a discount for families with 3 or more children. Full details are on your photo packs.

Family photos are taken on a “proof basis” and proof copies with order details will be sent home when available.



Solar Energy Generation

The reading this week is 16761kwh which means we have generated 225kwh since our last reading.

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JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING REPORT

Yesterday afternoon the Junior School Council representatives gathered for the first meeting of the year. In a meeting we normally discuss new ideas for fundraising events and where the money raised could go. In our meeting this week we discussed the profits made from our Crazy Hair Day, in total we raised about \$120. This is a great effort with all proceeds going towards the Leukaemia Foundation.

We also discussed where the money raised from the Easter raffle could go. We came up with these ideas:

- Skipping ropes for sport shed borrowing
- A vegie garden extension
- Softball replacements for the sport shed

If anyone has any other ideas, put them forward to any JSC rep around the school.

We were discussing holding a fairy-tale dress up day next term, this is when you dress up as a character from a book or movie of your choice, we all thought this would be fun and enjoyable day that students will enjoy.

The idea that struck most conversations was the suggestion of getting a new school bell, instead of having our current bell; a majority of children want music. This idea has not yet been decided.

Overall our first meeting went well and remember if you have any good ideas, put them forward to any JSC rep around the school.

*~ By Brodie and Taylah ~
Grade 5/6 Junior School Council Representatives*

Inverloch Excursion – Reports by Grade 2/3

On Friday the 22nd of March Prep to Grade Three went to Inverloch and Eagles Nest. We saw heaps of creatures like sea stars, limpets, small fish and bull kelp. It was really interesting and fun. We had little note books and we could tick off the sea creatures. I would like to give a big thank you to the parents who came and helped on the excursion.

By James



On Friday 22nd of March grade prep to three went on a rock pool excursion. We went to Eagles Nest. It takes around one hour and forty minutes to get to Inverloch. We saw the habitats of sea stars, star fish and other sea creatures. I found a fossil. It was an exciting day. Thank you to our parent helpers.

By Ruby



On Friday 22nd of March grade prep to three went to Eagles Nest (Inverloch). First we went to Inverloch for snack and toilet and maybe a little play on the playground. Then we got sorted into our groups. After we got sorted, we got back onto the bus. It was a short drive to Eagles Nest. When we got off we got a note book and pencil then went to the grown up of our group. We had to stay with our group. When we went to the beach I saw lots of things. These are a few: crabs, sea sponge, Neptune's necklace. It was a long but fun trip back to school. I also want to thank the parents who helped us.

By Eric

On Friday 22nd March Prep – Grade Three went to Inverloch (Eagles Nest). We found lots of creatures like Neptune's necklace, rock pool shrimp, abalone shells and lots, lots more. I was in a group of two adults named Tash and Theo. I had great fun and thanks to all the parents who helped.

By Jesse



On Friday the 22nd of March the Grades Prep to Three went on an excursion to Inverloch and Eagles Nest. First we stopped at the playground for snack then we went to Eagles Nest. When we got there we split into our groups and started looking for some creatures. We saw like 30 crabs, 3 chitern, 1 shrimp, a cricket and a lot more.

By Sam