

DATES TO REMEMBER		
1 st May	Mon	Parents & Friends Meeting after assembly
3 rd May	Wed	Junior School Council Badges will be presented by Russell Northe - 9:00am
7 th May	Sun	Working Bee - 9:00am - 12 noon
23 rd May	Tue	The Power of One - Bullying Presentation
12 th May	Fri	Parents & Friends Mothers Day Stall

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STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS
 For Week Ending 21st April 2017



5/6	Eric Porigneaux	For making great learning choices and challenging himself.
P.E.	Piper Skurrie	For developing her dribbling skills by trying really hard. Well done.
	Milla Phelan	For always working well with others and to the best of her ability in P.E.

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ANZAC Day Ceremony



Pictured are our Grade 5/6 Junior School Councillors, Katherine Hagley and James Pettifer, representing our school yesterday at the ANZAC ceremony in Traralgon.

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back for Term 2! I hope you all had a great time over the holidays and, unlike me, took it easy on the chocolate eggs!

NAPLAN

This term has already started very busily and there is more to come. In two weeks time all students in Years 3 and 5 will complete the NAPLAN tests. These are nationwide tests to assess understanding in Language Conventions, Writing, Reading and Maths. They are a very small part of the assessment regime we use. We use the average trend data over several years to assist with setting school wide goals but the tests are nothing for students or parents to be concerned about. There is a lot of negative talk about these tests. I am always telling staff that everything you give to students should be an assessment piece, so these tests should be no different.

JSC Badge Presentation

Next Wednesday at 9:00am we will be having a special assembly to award the badges for our Junior School Councillors. We apologise that this is happening later than usual. Local member of State Parliament Russell Northe will come and present the badges. As always, parents are encouraged to attend.

ANZAC Day

Yesterday our two Grade 5/6 Junior School Councillors, Kate Hagley and James Pettifer, represented the school community and laid a wreath at the ANZAC day ceremony in Traralgon. The conditions during the ceremony were less than ideal, but our representatives did an amazing job.

School Council

We still have one parent vacancy for our School Council with our next meeting on Monday night at 7:00pm. If you would like to be a part of our dynamic Council, which sets the tone and direction of the school, please either see a School Councillor or myself. Our photos are up in the board in the entryway. This Monday night we will be discussing the Values and then endorsing the set of values, which will move us forward. If you haven't already had your say, there is a poster in the middle area outside of the P/1 room. Please have a

look and place a tick on the one you most prefer. Once these values are endorsed, you will begin to see them placed prominently in the classroom and around the school and will also help us reconfigure class awards and our 'Student of the Week' awards.

3/4 Camp Coonawarra

Last week it was great to attend our 3/4 Camp at Coonawarra. Extra curricula activities such as these are great for building student belief systems and an environment for learning outside of the classroom. While there was no 'formal' learning, students were able to challenge themselves and learn a little more about themselves as they made new friends or challenged themselves on one of the many activities. I know I was pretty exhausted at the end of the 3 days!

Adam Downes – Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS NEWS

Big thank you to all the families who supported the Hot Cross Bun fundraiser. Congratulations to Deegan Borg, Alice Den Houting and Josie Ruyg who won vouchers for selling the most packets. Hope you all had fun at Jump and Climb. Well done!

The next Parents & Friends meeting will be held this Monday 1st May after assembly. All are welcome to come along!

Our Mothers Day stall will be on Friday 12th May. Any donations would be much appreciated, home-made goodies are lovely but if you are donating baked goods, please ensure you put a list of ingredients on them. We will need helpers on the day so if you are able to help please let Melanie Harkess know by emailing melharkess12@gmail.com. Thank you.

COMMUNITY DINNER

The Men's Shed will be hosting the next community dinner this Friday, April 28th from 6:00pm with pizza on the menu!

Price for the dinner is \$15 adults \$8 kids.

RSVP communitydinners@outlook.com asap!