FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Special Religious Instruction: There has been some media attention regarding Special Religious Instruction, which is religious instruction where a particular church or set of beliefs is taught. At present we’re not bringing people in as those available come into the category described above. We do however offer General Religious Instruction through our integrated studies units and next term when we look at Ancient Cultures will be a fruitful time to investigate a variety of religious beliefs.

Head Lice Checks: Due to a couple of reported cases of head lice we will have Martine and Jodi come in to check the children tomorrow. A letter will be sent home for every child, please follow up so we can control the situation.

Clean Up Australia Day: On Friday we are participating in Clean Up Australia. Clean Up Australia embodies much of what we do at school. We have a recycling and composting program here at school to deal with our rubbish. You can support these concepts at home and assist your child’s understanding of how we need to look after the world, so that their descendants will have a place to live.

Zoo Excursion: Friday week is our Zoo excursion and we are all looking forward to it. If you would like to go please let us know as soon as possible, to ensure we don’t go over our numbers. Please return forms and payments by next Wednesday, March 5th.

School Council nominations close on Tuesday, March 4th. We have two nominations in Regina Bennett and Kyle Munro for School Council. If you are interested in running for School Council please come in and fill out a nomination form.

Goal Setting and I.L.I.P. meetings. We have had Goal Setting and I.L.I.P. meetings this week and we thank parents for coming in and being involved with their child’s education. Showing your children you are interested and are willing to put yourself out to be at these meetings, tells them how important they are and gives us opportunity to get your thoughts about your child, which often rounds out the information for us. This provides a clearer path for your child’s goals.

Grade 6 T-Shirts: Every year, the Grade 6 students are presented with a T shirt as a celebration of their time in Primary School. This years Grade 6 students were very proactive in getting the order organised and making sure I picked it up. Well done guys!

DATES TO REMEMBER

FEBRUARY
Friday, 28th
School Clean Up Australia Day

MARCH
Monday, 3rd
AASC—Basketball
Tuesday, 4th
AASC—Skateboarding
Wednesday, 5th
Due date for Zoo Excursion Permissions/Payment
Friday, 7th
Zoo Excursion—Whole School
Monday, 10th
Labour Day Public Holiday
Thursday, 13th
WaterWatch Incursion
Friday, 14th
Healthy Eating Day

ATTACHMENT
⇒Receipts for some families

Term 1 Theme
“Wildlife”

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.
ZOO EXCURSION
The whole school will be travelling by bus to the Melbourne Zoo on Friday, March 7th, leaving school at 8:00am SHARP. All children are required to be at school by 7:45am. The bus will return at 4:30pm. The bus will not be running that day, so children will be required to be dropped off and picked up from school. The cost of the excursion is $20.00 per student.
Children must wear school uniform (including their school hat) and will require their lunch, snacks and plenty of drink for the whole day.
Parents are invited to join us for this excursion at a cost of $23.00 per person, which is the cost of entry to the Zoo. Please speak to Sally to book your seat.
Permission forms are due back at school by Wednesday, March 5th. Payment is also due that day. Payment plans are also an option if you would like to discuss this with Sally.

S.R.C.
We are also pleased to present our S.R.C. Representatives with their badges this week. S.R.C. meets each Friday and organises fundraisers and takes suggestions for fun activities.

SOLVING THE JIGSAW PROGRAM
Hi, my name is Alison Edwards; I am a Solving the Jigsaw facilitator. Solving the Jigsaw is an early intervention program that operates within schools to change the ‘culture of violence’ which is inherent in our society, to a ‘culture of wellbeing.’ Solving the jigsaw has 20 and 40 week programs, delivered in weekly/fortnightly one hour sessions in the classroom.
As a class group we explore the damaging effects violence and bullying has on the lives of individuals, families, school and communities, we also explore our sense of self, friendships, safety, trust etc. to assist with resilience building and self esteem.

WEEKLY AWARDS
Principal’s Award: Daniel for his positive attitude towards school.
Student Award: Jorja for her excellent enthusiasm in class.

THIS WEEK’S VIPs
Thanks to Reegan and Nick for being our V.I.P.’s this week.

FARM HANDS
Well done Daniel and Lachlan S. for being the farm hands this week.

THANK YOU
◎ To Jodi Brophy for cooking the sausages and providing the fruit for the Sausage Sizzle this week.
◎ To Jodi Brophy for collating the newsletter.
◎ To Lisa Stables for the home grown plums and grapes.

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SOLVING THE JIGSAW PROGRAM (continued)
Solving the Jigsaw provides opportunities for young people to:
- Feel safe and secure.
- Reflect and consider.
- Listen and be heard.
- Feel and show compassion.
- Feel and show trust and respect.
- Feel lovable.
- Develop responsibility and optimism.
- Experience connection and support.
- Have their uniqueness valued.

I provide support to whole classrooms, groups of children, individual children, parents and teachers. I follow the core beliefs of this program. I am happy to meet with parents and can be contacted through your school.

SAUSAGE SIZZLE
The Sausage Sizzle is every Wednesday. Students can purchase a barbeque lunch for $3.00 (sausage in bread, drink and fruit). Extra sausages can be purchased for $1.00 each. There is no option to not have fruit or a drink.

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WEDNESDAY:
- Cooking: K. Sundblom, R. Blake, J. Smith
- Fruit: S Vescovi, S Vescovi, R. Bennett

All proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle subsidise the cost of excursions.

SCHOOL LUNCH DAYS
We continue to encourage students to have healthy lunches at school. Foods such as salad sandwiches, wraps, salads and quiche are recommended as every day foods. Foods such as pies, sausage rolls and pizza are recommended as sometimes foods. The days for heating food for Term 1 are as follows:
- **Thursday** - Food may be heated in the oven.
- **Friday** - Toasties [School Captains will toast the children’s sandwiches].

Please do not send foods that require boiling water to be added as this is a safety issue for staff and students. We are unable to microwave any food.

DyslexiClever
Macedon Ranges - Dyslexia Support and Action Group

Is hosting a presentation evening for parents:

**How to Support Your Dyslexic Child at Home and School.**

**Guest Speaker: Karen Starkiss.**

Wednesday 5th March 2014,
7.00pm – 9.00pm
Woodend Community Hub
47 Forest Street, Woodend.

Places are limited. Please book your seat via email dyslexiclever@ymail.com

Entry will be a donation of $5 per person or 2 people for $8. Limited places will be available at the door on the night.

DyslexiClever is a volunteer group, supporting families of children with learning disabilities. The DyslexiClever support group holds an informal coffee morning at Ethic Café, 63 Urquhart Street Woodend, on the first Friday of the month from 9.30am. All welcome.

For further information email dyslexiclever@ymail.com or Marg ph. 5427 2581.
Despite a recent drop in temperatures, parents are still urged to be aware of the dangers of leaving children alone in motor vehicles, so if you need to get out of the car, even for a moment, always take your child with you. **No Exceptions. No Excuses.**

A recent survey conducted by the Victorian Coalition Government found that despite sweltering through one of the hottest summers on record, one in three parents admit to leaving their children alone in a parked car. The research also demonstrated most parents underestimate how quickly the temperature inside a parked car can rise and the devastating impact this has on a child.

Even if the outside temperature is 30 degrees the temperature inside can reach up to 50 degrees in a matter of minutes. The Victorian Government is reminding all parents travelling with a child that if you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.

A reminder to parents and carers:

- A car’s temperature starts to rise from the moment the door is closed and can be double the outside temperature in minutes.
- Even when it’s 30 degrees outside, your child could be sweltering in up to 60 degree heat.
- It is not worth the risk – if you are travelling with a child and you need to get out of the car, even for just one minute, make sure you take your child with you. No exceptions. No excuses.
- Young children are more sensitive to heat than adults and their body temperature can reach dangerous levels quicker than expected.
- A young child’s body temperature rises three to five times faster than an adult, placing them in extreme danger of life threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other health risks if left alone in a parked car.
- Never leave a child alone in a car. No Exceptions. No Excuses.

For more information, see: **Kidsafe Victoria**