FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

We have jumped into week five of the term already and the term seems to be flying along. Last Thursday the children participated in a Skype interview with Nicole Mertens, a Marine Biologist. Nicole was able to answer all of the wonderings asked by the students and this has provided them with a primary source of information for their information writing. We also had a great day last Friday on our excursion to see Polly Woodside and the Aquarium. The children really enjoyed both experiences and are armed with information about ocean creatures. We are looking forward to the outcomes! Again I would like to mention that our excursion was sponsored by TERRACO and many thanks to Andrew Mertens.

Yesterday James and I attended Wallen Secondary School, where we observed classes. This is all part of our Leading Numeracy Bastow Course and is designed to assist us in developing numeracy at our school.

We are celebrating Book Week this week with a parade on Thursday morning at 9.00 am. The parade will last around half an hour for those who wish to come and have a look. After this we are celebrating by reading books and doing V.I. T/t. T/s. S. and art activities, associated with books. This is a great way to celebrate books, reading and literacy!

Enviroday is on this Friday. We will be down in the Envirocentre and also planting in our gardens. This is important preparation for Kids Teaching Kids day. Please wear gum boots and old clothes.

Somers Camp at Woorabinda takes place next week and we have four students attending. We look forward to hearing of their adventures and wish them an excellent week of learning.

3-4 Camp is also on next week from Wednesday until Friday. Students need to be dropped off at the Kyneton Football oval by 9.15 am and picked up on Friday at 2.30. Mr. Thompson and I will be attending camp and we are looking forward to it. Lady Northcote is always a great camp where students grow over the three days they are there.

Thanks,
Sally Gill, Acting Principal.

DATES TO REMEMBER

AUGUST
Monday, 18th—Friday, 22nd
Book Week & Science Week
Thursday, 21st
BOOK WEEK PARADE
Coliban Water Talk
Chess with Ron
Friday, 22nd
Enviro Day
Monday, 25th—Friday, 29th
Enviro Week
Somers Camp
Monday, 25th
AASC—Skipping
Due date for 3/4 camp payments
Tuesday, 26th
AASC—Bike Riding
Wednesday, 27th—Friday, 29th
Grade 3/4 Cluster Camp
Thursday, 28th
JIGSAW with Alison
Due date for Book Club orders and payment
SEPTEMBER
Wednesday, 3rd
School Council [time to be confirmed]
Wednesday, 10th
Final date for PRC submissions to school office

ATTACHMENTS
⇒ Outstanding accounts
**WEEKLY AWARDS**

**Principal’s Award:** Isy for her double buddy work on Friday.

**Class Award:** Tait for having a smile on the excursion

**THANK YOU**

😊 Thank you to Nicole Mertens for Skyping and answering all of our questions.

😊 Thank you to Rick Blake for the donation of a desk.

😊 Thank you to Regina Bennett for the fruit today for the B.B.Q.

**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.

**Prices per student are as follows:**

1 sausage in bread + drink + fruit = $3.00
2 sausages in bread + drink + fruit = $4.00

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We very much appreciate the support we receive to run the Sausage Sizzle each week. All proceeds from the Sausage Sizzle subsidise excursion costs for all families.

Thank you for your support everyone.

**THIS WEEK’S VIPs**

Zoe and Ruben are the V.I.P’s this week and they are doing a super job!

**FARM HANDS**

Bryce is our farm hand this week! Well done Bryce.

**Terraco**

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- **Project Management**

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GRADE 3/4 CAMP
The Cluster Grade 3/4 Camp will be held from Wednesday, August 27th to Friday, August 29th. The School Council has resolved to subsidise the cost by $60.00 for each child. Subsequently the total cost for families is $150.00. If you would like to start a payment plan for the camp, please speak to Sally or Joyce.
Camp permission forms were attached to the newsletter last week and are due back as soon as possible please.

PARENTS VICTORIA
Are you a member of Parents Victoria? Find out how to run a successful parents club and hear about the latest digital technologies and online resources at this year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference. This year’s Parents Victoria Annual Conference will be held at the Melbourne Zoo on 29 and 30 August. Parents Victoria is a statewide democratic organisation representing parents of students in Victorian government schools, and provides parents with a voice, presenting an organised parent perspective to State and Federal Governments, educational bureaucracies and institutions, community organisations and the media. The theme for this year’s annual conference is Education for Everyone – let’s engage! Find out more information about Parents Victoria at: http://www.parentsvictoria.asn.au/

PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
This is a reminder that the Reading Challenge ends on Friday, September 12th and no data can be entered after that date. It’s great to see that students are registering their reading online themselves. If families don’t wish to enter the books they’ve read on the website, please submit the books read to Joyce at the school office no later than Wednesday, September 10th.
A weekly video series is available on the front page of the Challenge website. The aim of these videos is to inspire children to read and they include ambassadors, authors, illustrators and sports stars - people who children look up to. All videos will remain on the site during the year where they can be viewed by schools and participants. Link: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/students.aspx
Permissions forms were attached to the newsletter last week and are to be returned to school as soon as possible. Thank you.

PAYMENTS
Attached to today’s newsletter are the outstanding accounts. Payments for school fees, camps and excursions can become difficult and we are aware of the difficulties. We do have the facilities for direct debiting and regular payments to be made. A payment of $10 per week will cover the expenses for a twelve month period. If these payments are causing you trouble please come and see Joyce on Wednesday or Thursday of any week to set up a payment scheme.
The Aquarium

My highlights of the day were; going on the Polly Wood Side, the first bit of the aquarium and the rock pool. On the Polly Wood Side ship, Sean (the guy that was teaching us) told us that the Polly Wood Side was used to carry coal after it had been around the world. He also told us that the ship had to be completely water proof so that the coal didn’t burn. When my group went on the boat Sean said to try and make the ship rock, so we ran from one side of it to the other side but then I started to feel a little sea sick.

After the Polly Wood Side trip, the school went to the aquarium. I was really excited to be going there. In the first bit of the aquarium I saw lots of elephant sharks, with red scratches on them. Then the lady came to feed them and told us about them, she said that they had six senses, she also told us that they didn’t have very good eye sight. I could hear people saying “look at that, that’s cool, can we touch it?”

I really liked the rock pool place in the aquarium, because I got to hold a starfish and some shells and other stuff. When I was holding the starfish the guy told me that the bottom of it was its mouth. The starfishes felt really cool it was very bumpy and rough.

By Isy

AQUARIUM!

We went on the Polly wood side it was awesome! I was excited to go on a ship for the first time! Sean who was our polly wood side expert asked us if we would like some coal then we closed our eyes and he put some coal dust on our face it was funny. We got to rock the ship which was really cool! I heard the water splashing.

We went to the aquarium. The first exhibit in the aquarium was the elephant fish. The lady at the aquarium told us about the elephant fish it’s amazing because it has a sixth scene which is electrical pulses.

When we were going home we when on the Echuca train. It went from Melbourne to Echuca and all the stops in-between. On the train I heard clacking and clacking of the train. I was happy when the train stopped at Kyneton so then we could get home to get a good night sleep!

By Bryce

By Jorja