

NEWSLETTER

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COMING EVENTS

Wed 27 May	Sale Eisteddfod (Concert Band)
Thurs 28 May	Sale Eisteddfod (Choir)
Mon 1 June	Parents' Club meeting Welcome to Winter—icypoles for sale 50 cents!
Fri 12 June	State-wide report writing day No school for students
Mon 15 June	School Council
Fri 26 June	Last day of Term 2
Mon 13 July	First day of Term 3

Education Week - Helping Your Child Shine!

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Thank you to families and friends who were able to rearrange their busy schedules to come to our Education Week concert on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the non-stop entertainment. Your gold coin donation raised \$118 for our instrumental program. Thank you to Brett Glover, our instrumental tutor who organised the program. We were very proud of the considerable talent on display. Good luck to our Concert Band and Choir who are in the Sale Eisteddfod next week. No matter what the outcome, we are already very proud of you!

Open Day

We were able to show a number of families around our school on both the morning and evening tours held on Tuesday. There were many favourable comments about the general appearance of the school and the classrooms. It was wonderful to see the children so engaged in their learning as we went from room to room. Thank you to our Prep parents who provided a plate of morning tea. It was delicious. Enrolments are now open for 2010 and we urge families to fill our enrolment forms now as this really helps us with our planning for next year.

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Check out our new look web site! It was officially launched at School Council last Monday and families are really encouraged to go in and have a look. Hopefully you will find it easier to navigate and full of helpful information about our school. Our newsletter will be placed on the web each week with

Congratulations to this week's Learning Heroes - Your certificate will be presented at Monday's Assembly

Rm. 1	Charlie	Enthusiastic learning of letters and sounds
Rm. 2	Braydon	Showing interest and trying hard in all his learning
Rm. 3	Nicholas	Fantastic listening and contributing to class discussions
Rm. 4	Chloe	Being a super reader at home and at school
Rm. 5	Sarah	Writing a super fantastic explanation for why birds have feathers
Rm. 6	Miss Bartram	Surviving Camp Woorabinda
Rm. 9	Mr Whitlock	Surviving Camp Woorabinda
Rm.10	Bradley	Positive behaviour and improved attitude
Rm.11	Madeline	Making thoughtful contributions during our book chats
Art	Mitchell	Fabulous approach to his art work
P.E.	Thomas	Being helpful and enthusiastic

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Lessons for Living—Approaching and Joining In
Approaching other people and joining in their games and conversations leads to fun experiences and the making of friendships. Hanging around and hoping to get asked doesn't usually work. Sometimes you might get rejected so here are some tips to help.

Look for people who seem friendly and who are by themselves or in small groups.
Stand near them and wait for a good moment (a pause in the game or conversation)

Smile, look in their eyes and say hello and use their name if you know it.

Make a positive comment about the game ("This is a good game") *

Barging in or taking over the game or conversation won't work. Don't have a sad or sour look on your face. Use your positive tracking skills and if they won't let you play, then think "Well they're probably not the sort of people I want to make friends with anyway! I'll look for someone else to play with."
Have a go, keep trying and bounce back if it doesn't work out the first time. There is always a friend out there for everyone!

- *Friendly Kids, Friendly Classrooms McGrath/ Francey*

Happy Campers

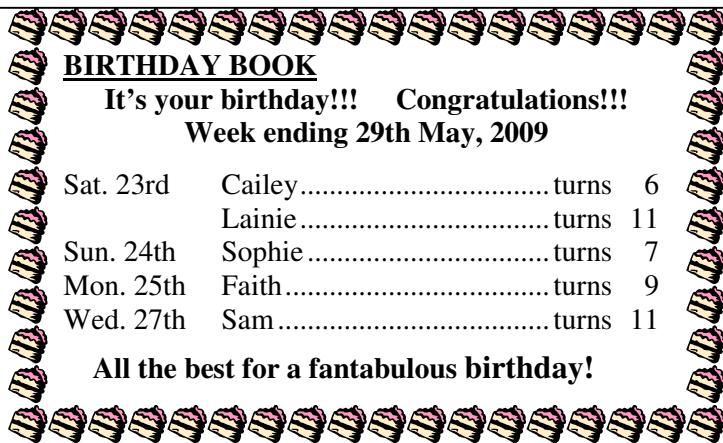
Our Year 5s and 6s will have had three days at Camp Woorabinda, Yallourn North this week. Thank you to our teaching staff Geoff Avery, Tiff Bartram, Graham Whitlock and Marg Hill as well as parent, Anthony Moulton. Without them, the camp would not be possible. It is a very big responsibility taking children on camp and teachers are basically on call 24 hours a day when they are away. We are sure everyone had a great time and we look forward to hearing a full report of their adventures next week.

Congratulations to

Kate, Amy and Mathew (and their older sisters Lisa and Jade) on the safe arrival of their new baby brother Thomas.

Working with Children Checks

It is a requirement of the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) that parents involved in excursions or camps have a Working With Children Check. All that is required is for you to complete a form at the Post Office, provide ID (e.g. Driver's Licence / Passport etc.) This check is free of charge, with the only cost being a photograph for the purposes of your WWC ID Card. Once completed, the confirmation letter and a photocopy of your ID Card can be provided to the school and kept on file for future reference when and if the opportunity arises for you to be involved in camps and excursions.



BIRTHDAY BOOK

It's your birthday!!! Congratulations!!!

Week ending 29th May, 2009

Sat. 23rd	Cailey.....	turns	6
	Lainie.....	turns	11
Sun. 24th	Sophie.....	turns	7
Mon. 25th	Faith.....	turns	9
Wed. 27th	Sam.....	turns	11

All the best for a fantabulous birthday!

Sometimes it might seem like there are lots of rules and regulations, but they are all intended to keep our children safe.

Seasons For Growth

Amanda Beer, our Student Wellbeing Officer has just completed a two day work-shop in grief and loss counselling. If your child has suffered the loss of a family member or perhaps parents have separated, Amanda can provide support to help children (and parents) through difficult times. If you think your child may be in need of this support, please contact Amanda at school on 5144.3633.

Nation Building—Economic Stimulus Plan

APP Corporation has been appointed Project Managers for the Economic Stimulus Plan for Gippsland Regions. Further site studies will take place at our school in the next couple of weeks to develop tender documentation for our new building. The design of the building has already been approved. Our building project is worth \$2.5 million dollars—it's just SO exciting for our school!

Indigenous Art

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Gavin O'Shannessy visited some art classes to show his indigenous art and woven baskets. The children were fascinated to see how ochre is made. Thanks Gavin!