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NEWSLETTER
NO. 4 FRIDAY 27th FEBRUARY, 2009

Friday 27th February
EMA applications close
Raffle at Caledonian Hotel 5pm-7pm
Saturday 28th February
Working Bee 9a.m.
Monday 2nd March
Playgroup
International Education Week
Friday 6th March
Tennis – 5/6H
Zone Swimming Sports (Bendigo)
Monday 9th March
Public Holiday
Tuesday 10th March
Annual School Council Meeting
Wednesday 11th March
Book Club Orders and Money Due
Friday 13th March
Tennis – 5/6H
Monday 16th March
Young Leaders Day 2009
Tuesday 17th March
Community Morning Tea – 5/6H

STUDENT LEADERS



Tyler Small & Tom Poskitt
Congratulations to Tom Poskitt and Tyler Small who are our new School Leaders for the next two weeks. Outlined below are Grade Reports.

Grade Prep A - If you want to know how tall you are then you will need to come in and be measured on our height chart. You will be able to see who is the tallest person in Prep and who is the shortest. You can also see our eye colour graph. Do we have more brown or more blue eyed preps? The sound 'm' was checked out this week and lots of mail was written and posted. Next week 's' and 't' will be given the Prep treatment. Don't forget to keep checking for head lice as there are still one or two cases popping up. No more rest days for the Preps. I hope we do not get too tired. Thank you for coming to Prep interviews. It was a very valuable and worthwhile time. Enjoy the weekend and roll on Autumn.

Grade 1B - Students have enjoyed listening to stories on the listening post during reading this week. We have looked at how punctuation marks help us to read better. We have also gone over some of the reading strategies we use when there is a new word. Children have created new verses for our big book. On Tuesday the group had lots of fun spending time with their buddies in 3/4D. On Wednesday the class participated in their first R.E. session with Mrs Ansell. We talked about friendships and some nice things to say to each other then we had a dance and wrote positive comments on our classmates' cards. The class has been doing very well with the months of the year and we have discussed the seasons and temperatures.

Grade 2C - This week we have written descriptive poems concentrating on making our animals come alive. We have used lots of words describing what our animal's look and feel like. In maths we have continued to look at numbers, adding and subtracting these numbers. We played a new game called 'Greedy Pigs'. It has been a lot of fun and helps us add up as well!! In buddies we made a space shuttle that had to protect its astronaut (a real egg). This was a lot of fun and it was interesting seeing how the groups worked together to decide on their shuttle. Launch time came and only a few astronauts survived the landing. In Science we designed our own bubble makers and found out lots of interesting things such as the shapes of bubbles. We definitely have settled into our routines and are working very hard. Thanks, once again to all those who have popped in to help in the class. Hope to see you again!!!!

Grade 3/4D - The greatest. This week Grade 3/4D has been rounding off in Maths 4's and we have been using five and six digit numbers. Some people in writing have been doing bird's eye views of their bedrooms. We have been doing guided reading. In guided reading we have a new website called 'Into the Book'. We have also been doing partner reading and these are the different types we use.

1. check for understanding

Use one book, one person reads while the other checks for understanding, then switch.

2. I read, you read

One book, one partner reads; the other partner reads the same part of the story.

3. Read two different books

Two books, partners read two different books and check for understanding.

By Grace Monigatti and Nick Phillips.

Grade 3/4E -

Mrs Cleary is in Melbourne today and Mrs Portwine is taking our class. Mrs Cleary is working very hard on a Statewide working party looking at developing the best possible curriculum and teaching and learning policies for our early years of education.

Grade 3/4F - The weeks are speeding by! On Tuesday it was our last day of swimming. We have all had a good time at the pool and you should see how our skills have improved. We have started reading groups and everyone is working well. We have also been writing about ourselves. We wrote letters and decorated them for the children from Strathewen Primary School to let them know we were thinking of them and to cheer them up. We hope they like the letters. Yesterday we had a fire drill so that we know what to do if there is a danger. For the drill we had to go outside and line up on the oval. As the Echuca Celtic Festival starts

tomorrow, Mrs Martin taught us some Scottish dances. We did the 'Flying Scotsman'. It was really good fun! In Indonesian, we had cooking. We made tomato tarts. They were really yummy! This week has been exciting. By Renny and Morgan

Grade 5/6G - Wow this week has been fantastic. Monday we went to swimming and it was great. On Tuesday it was the last day of swimming, some groups got to play volleyball and it was exciting. In Art we finished off our shoes, they look great. In cooking we made puff pastry open tarts. We used tomatoes, zucchini, corn, parsley and cheese and then we put them in the puff pastry and cooked them in the oven. They were nice. We also did our practice fire alarm. Today we had Mrs Irving. It was great, we had to do word trees for spelling. We did our mental math and some people went on the computer and did their times tables. We are all trying to beat Jessie-Lee with 21 seconds. Wow. Our week was great!!!

By Renee & Amber.

Grade 5/6H - This week we had cooking with Mrs Meakes and we made cheese, corn, tomato and herb tarts. They were YUMMY!!! On Tuesday we finished our swimming lessons for the year. On Tuesday we also had our first lesson of B.T.N. It was very interesting. We elected our new student leaders and they are Tom and Tyler. On Wednesday we had ART and R.E. In R.E we learnt about peoples' differences. On Thursday the grade 5's met their Buddy's. By Bec and Tyanah

EMERGENCY PLANS

On Wednesday a bushfire emergency plan was included in home school journals of the eldest children in the family. Please take the time to read this plan. We have practised our response to an emergency and all children are aware of their roles and responsibilities.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

We still have a couple of vacancies for positions on our school council. Nomination forms are available at the office. Please consider being part of our school council as we need to have a balanced representation from our parent community.

BOOK CLUB

Book Club brochures were given out today. If you would like to purchase some books, please have your order and money back to school by **Wednesday 11th March**. Thanks.

INFORMATION NIGHTS

Thanks to all the families who participated in our information nights. Staff are currently preparing Individual Learning Plans for children whom they consider 'At Risk' – that is achieving below or above expected level. Individual Learning plans may also link to supporting children's behavior. If your child has an Individual Learning Plan then the class teacher will contact you to arrange an interview in the next couple of weeks.

PREP REST DAY & INTERVIEWS

Prep children attend for the full week beginning on Monday 2nd March.

ZONE SWIMMING

We have two students competing in the Zone Swimming events at Bendigo on Friday 6th March. Good luck to Dayne Wales and Corey McGrath on the day.

HEADLICE

There have been more cases of headlice this week. Please check your child's hair. If your child does have headlice they must be treated and all eggs removed. Treatment must be repeated every 7 to 10 days until clear. Please check your children's hair and treat accordingly.

Check every day – treat every 7 days.

HOUSE OF THE WEEK



Millewa is House of the week. Well Done.

Points:

Stratton –	12340
Millewa –	13100
Watson –	11550

BUSH FIRE DONATIONS

Today is the last day of collecting for the bush fire appeal. We will let you know totals in next week's newsletter.

This week we completed and posted our letters to the students at Strathewen Primary School. The letters were fantastic. Children spent a great deal of time making the letters interesting whilst at the same time expressing their concern about the recent tragedies. There was a great article in the Riv on Wednesday with some pictures of grade 1B writing their letters.

FUNDRAISING



SOCK IT TO YOU is our next fundraising venture. Brochures are included with this newsletter for you to browse and purchase from. The school raises various amounts depending on products purchased. If you would like to order please have orders and money back to the school office no later than Friday 20th March. Any enquiries to Charmaine on 54823464.

Tonight, Friday 27th February is our raffle night at the Caledonian hotel. Just pop in and support our school.

Our next fundraising meeting is on Thursday 19th March at 8.30am in the office. All Welcome.

VEGIE GARDEN NEWS



For our first cooking session this year we cooked open tomato tarts with herbs, cheese, corn and puff pastry. Thank you very much for the extra vegetable donations which enabled us to use and sell fresh local family produce when our vegie garden does not have quite enough for all our needs.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Under the new Education Tax Refund, parents and others who are eligible can now claim 50% of their eligible education expenses up to \$750 for primary students and \$1500 for secondary students. This means you could receive a refund each year of up to \$375 for each primary and \$750 for each secondary school student in your care. For more information visit www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone the Tax Office on 132861.

WORKING BEE

Tomorrow, Saturday 28th February we have planned a working bee at the school. We have lots of things to complete. A list was included in homes school journals on Wednesday.

Activities include:

Painting,
Gardening,
Pruning,
Cleaning,
Mulching.

Please bring along trailers and suitable tools.
Thanks.

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK



There are no birthdays in the school this week.

ADVERTISING SPACE

If you would like to sponsor our newsletter and advertise your business in this space we would love to hear from you. This will cost \$20 each week to include your business card or logo in our weekly newsletter. If you are interested please contact the school on 54822263.

THIS WEEK OUR SPONSOR IS

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REMINDERS

- Lunch Orders are Monday, Wednesday & Friday.
- Lost Property Box is in the Undercover area.
- Bank Day is Thursday
- Newsletter folders to be returned by Thursday.

Attachments

Sock it To You Brochures

FUTURE DATES

Thursday 19th March

Fundraising Meeting

Friday 20th March

Sock it To You Orders & Money Due

Friday 3rd April

Last Day of Term

Saturday 4th April

Sausage Sizzle - Safeway

Tuesday 21st April

Whole School Photos

COMMUNITY NEWS.

ECHUCA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION I SATURDAY NETBALL REGISTRATIONS

Registrations are available now to All PRIMARY & SECONDARY Students grade 1 to year 12. Enquiries Netball Office 54801725. Registration forms available at school office.

Closing date Wednesday 18th March.

NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

ECHUCA & DISTRICT NETBALL ASSOCIATION Representative Squad Selections 2009

Selection dates Sunday Feb 15th, Feb 22nd, March 1st.

13/U 9.00 – 11.00am. 15/U & 17/U 6.00-8.00pm. Players must attend two selection dates to be eligible. Notice to be submitted in writing for any non-attendances addressed to Rep Team Convenor P.O. Box 559, Echuca.

All enquiries to the Netball Office on 54801725.

ECHUCA MOAMA HOCKEY CLUB

Registration/Sign Up Day

Sunday 1st March from 11:30am

BBQ Social Day at the Onion Patch, Echuca.

(follow the signs past the info centre, behind Aquatic Reserve)

Further info contact: Mick Gulson 0408145752

Renee Davison 0409 434868

LET'S HAVE A GIRLS NIGHT OUT....BOYS CAN COME IF THEY WANT TO!

Fundraiser for - Lead on Echuca/Moama - Supporting our youth!

Movie "Confessional of a Shopaholic"

Drinks and nibbles at 6pm Picture starts at 7pm.

Tickets \$20.00

Look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you

Fiona Brown

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