Pathways to the future

Tuesday 12th May 2015

Mother’s Day
To all those mums out there, we hope you had a very happy Mother’s Day and enjoyed the gifts you received from your children (Yes. Even the used texta!) We raised a total of $95.00. Thanks to Lisa for organising this.

DOXA
A great camp was had by everyone. The kids were fantastic and should be congratulated on their beautiful behaviour. We saw lots of awesome Melbourne attractions and we gained much more confidence in navigating our way around. A huge thankyou to Mrs B and Lisa who very kindly gave up their time away from their families to supervise the kids on camp. In the next couple of days we will put photos of the camp on our website. Please take the time to have a look.

New Student
A new student has joined our great school at Springhurst Primary. His name is Charlie Kafarela and he is in grade 2. We would like to give a warm welcome to him, his mum Sue, his dad Mark and his little brother Tommy. We hope you are happy here Charlie.

NAPLAN
Today was the first day of Naplan testing for our grade 3 and 5 students. The students completed language conventions and writing today with reading tomorrow and maths on Thursday. These tests are not meant to stress the students out. They are designed to take a snapshot of learning of students in years 3, 5, 7 and 9 across all of Australia. This is by no means the only test we use for our assessments – we don’t find out the results of these until much later in the year. We use a number of assessments during the year to inform our teaching. We like to include all the students in these tests – it gives them practise and we look over the tests which provide information for our planning.

Students of the Month
Congratulations to Roman and Ollie for achieving our outstanding award of student of the month for April. Well done boys – keep up the fabulous work!

Cluster Day & Cross Country Run
Attached to today’s newsletter is the permission form for our cluster day on Thursday 21st May at Whorouly Primary School. The presentation is based around the resilience project. The presenters will work with students to explore Professor Martin Seligman’s Positive Psychology Framework. With a combination of engaging presentations and thought provoking activities, students walk away from the program with practical strategies to help them develop their resilience: Positive Psychology Framework - A pathway to resilience -gratitude
- positivity
- empathy
- kindness
- mindfulness

There will also be a parent session later that evening. (see flyer attached)

**Venue:** Wangaratta High School
(Enter via Edwards Street)

**Time:** 7:00 – 8:30 pm

*Please bring a slice to share as supper.*

We will be leaving the school around 9am and returning around 3pm. As one of the activities we will be conducting our annual cross country run against the other schools. We will be having cross country practise (weather permitting) over the next week. Could children wear or bring their runners each day?

**Program Achieve Awards**

Congratulations to Tilly and Katelyn (absent) for achieving all our five keys to success.

Awesome job girls!

**Education Week**

Next week is Education Week. We believe that every week is education week at Springhurst Primary!

As a part of Education week, you are cordially invited to attend the cross country run at Whorouly Primary School.

**Bluearth**

We have a fantastic couple of weeks with Bluearth for our Physical Education program. Due to Bluearth being on Wednesdays, Japanese is now on Monday afternoons, unless otherwise arranged.

**Building Works Up-date**

Our disabled toilet and shower have now been completed and we have a new set of cupboards in the corridor. It looks fantastic. There are still a couple of little things to finish off, the splashback to the sink and some new lino in the corridor will be finished in the next week or so. Thanks to Greg Ellis at region for arranging for this building works to be done.

**5/6 Transition**

Rutherglen High School is having their transition afternoon for our grade 5 and 6 students on Wednesday 20th May from 12.30 – 3.00pm. The students will be able to return to school by bus but arrangements will need to be made to get the students there. Even though your child may not be going to RHS, it is the experience of secondary school life that is the aim of the afternoon.

**Catering**

We had a very successful catering night at the hall. The soup and hotdogs proved to be a real hit. Thanks to all the parents who helped prepare, cook, serve and clean up on the night. It was great to see all the Grade 5 and 6 students there helping out.

We raised a total of $675.00. A huge thankyou to the families who donated their time and ingredients for the food. Without the help of volunteers, we would not be able to do half as much as we do.

**Junior Classroom News**

Last week we welcomed Charlie (Year 2) to our school and classroom and the children soon ‘took him under their wings’ and made him feel quite at home.

This week Foundation children are learning the letter/sound and cued articulation ‘h’. All Foundation children took home a letter chart last term so that they could practise the correct letter formations at home. I would also like to make special mention of Tayla’s handwriting which has improved enormously over the last few weeks. Well done, Tayla! Each child will take home a list of ‘sight words’ that they need to practise spelling. Could you please encourage and assist your child to learn their words in readiness for a test. When your child thinks they are ready, they will be tested at school. All Foundation students have only four high-frequency words to learn; (is, the, my, to). All other children...
have their own five individual spelling words. The only other homework that parents are asked to monitor is reading. Please ensure that your child reads to an adult at home each night and has their book signed.

In Maths we have been practising addition and Year 2 children have been learning formal addition with regrouping. We have also used the story of ‘The Very Hungry Caterpillar’ to assist Foundation children to learn the sequence of the days of the week and made caterpillar calendars to put on our tables each day. In Science we have also watched the metamorphosis from caterpillar to butterfly on You Tube. This week we are studying the life cycle of a frog.

**Senior Classroom News**

Now we have returned from camp we are “using our helpful thoughts” and doing our best in our NAPLAN tests this week.

We are continuing with our focus on spelling in literacy and are highlighting doing our very best and having high expectations.

We have borrowed some microscopes and magnifying glasses so will be looking at lots of living things up close and personal...and will be classifying.

In maths we are focusing on consolidating the four processes and applying them to real life problems.

**Kid’s Council News**

**Hot Dog Day**

A reminder that all hotdog orders need to be back to school by tomorrow for our hotdog day on Thursday. Last fortnight we raised $58.00. A great effort.

**Biggest Morning Tea**

Our Biggest Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 28th May from 10.30 to 11.00 at the school. The children will be putting on a skipping display as a part of our healthy, body awareness program. A gold coin donation would be great and could all families bring a plate to share? All monies raised will go towards cancer research.

**Dates for your calendar:**

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