**Pathways to the future**

*Tuesday 1st September 2015*

Hi Everyone
We had a fantastic day last week to celebrate book week. It was a great sight to see so many children (and parents) dress up in their favourite costumes from the various books they have read over time. Parents continually give and give, and when you take the time to support your children as you do, it says a lot about your love and commitment toward them. I’m sure for many children and adults some of their favourite childhood memories are from reading a favourite book just before bedtime with their Mum or Dad. It’s a great tradition in most families and studies have shown this practise has lots of positive long term results for those students who are regularly read to at night, in the morning, or on weekends as a family. **Well done to you all!**

*Have a great week!*

Wendy

**Book Week – Books Light Up Our World**

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**Curriculum Day – next Monday**

Our next curriculum day is next Monday 7th September. We will be working on our school self-assessment ready for our review in October. Students are not required at school this day.

**Hall Catering Friday 28th August**

Great to see so many parents on Friday night to help with the catering. We served pizzas with garlic bread and for dessert we served chocolate barvarian and ice-cream. We also conducted a raffle with prizes of vegie/fruit boxes (donated – a big thankyou) and a meat tray. We raised a total of $315.00. Well done everyone.

**Kid’s Council News**

**Hot Dogs – note change of day!**

Attached to this newsletter is the order form for hotdogs for this **Friday**. Please note change of day. Could you please complete and return the form to school by Thursday.

**Footy Colours Day**

Footy Colours Day is planned for the last day of term 3. Footy Colours Day is a day organised to raise money to fight cancer. Gold coin donation please. A can of soft drink can be purchased for $1 and kids’ council will provide free party pies. **C’mon blues!**

**Foundation Transition Days Term 4**

The dates for our foundation transition days in term 4 are:
- Monday 12th October 9am – 11am
- Monday 26th October 9am – 11am
- Monday 9th November 9am – 11pm
- Tuesday 8th December 9am – 3.30pm

If you know of any friends or family thinking about enrolling their child for next year, can you please remind them to contact the school office to either arrange a school tour or receive an enrolment pack.

**School Council**

Our next school council meeting is on Wednesday 9th September at 5.30pm.
**Students of the Month – August**

Students of the month for August were Eli and Jackson. Great work boys – keep up the fantastic effort!

**Junior Classroom News**

Foundation students have been learning ‘at’ words and this week will focus on ‘am’ words. Most children are making great progress with their spelling homework. These words are taken from their own personal writing and are words that they often use.

In Numeracy last week we incorporated ‘Area’ as part of our unit on Perimeter. The students created shapes on a grid and had to work out the Area and Perimeter of each shape. They were also asked to create shapes with the same Area but with a different Perimeter. This week we will be focusing on ‘Location’ and describing paths on simple maps and following directions. We will also be focusing on ‘division’ and the term we use is ‘shared between’ so we will be doing lots of sharing!

**Indigenous Day**

Next Tuesday we are looking forward to a special day to celebrate the Indigenous Studies that we have focused on this term. The students will be involved in making damper, wattle seed Anzac biscuits, indigenous pizzas and lemon myrtle drink. They have already made kangaroo burgers that will also be on the menu. All students will be lucky enough to enjoy the special luncheon and we have two guests visiting us and they will be helping the kids paint an indigenous mural on canvas. Families are more than welcome to come along and join in the fun from 11am onwards.

**Senior Classroom News**

Our senior students are now at the stage where they are applying their knowledge of decimals to problem solving tasks. They have learnt how to convert units of measurement, position decimals on number lines, calculate money problems, round off to the nearest decimal point and more. We are now going to focus on equivalent equations that will include using all four operations with fractions and decimals.

In Literacy our students have now all completed their Dream Time Stories. Next time you are visiting the school it would be a great opportunity to have a look at your child's published stories. They have done a fantastic job. The children are now in the process of bringing their Dreamtime Story to life in the form of a Claymation. We are working hard to have these completed for our indigenous day next Tuesday!

We are also focusing on punctuation, with an emphasis on talking marks and direct and indirect speech. When your child is reading, it would be great if you could draw their attention to the punctuation used by the author to support them in their learning.

**Building Resilience in School Communities**

Our school was fortunate enough to receive funding to support us in building resilience in our students. We are beginning the project this term and the first step is for senior students to take part in an online survey. We have sent home the permission forms for parent consent. Could all parents please complete and return forms by the end of this week. Thanks

**School Photos**

School photos are planned for the first Tuesday in term 4. Please put this date in your diaries. Thankyou to Robyn Bird who has kindly offered to take them again this year.
Heroes to the rescue
We had a bit of a problem last Thursday. Our library van got bogged! But, never fear! Our heroes came to the rescue! Pictured in this photo are our heroes – Simone, KA and Terry.

Rocks needed
We need rocks for the garden. The mound near the front of the school is looking very bare. We have difficulty growing plants as the soil is not retained. We plan to use rocks to help retain the soil so plants will grow there. If you have any rocks at home, could you please contact the school and we will arrange a pick up. Ta.

Saver Plus
Saver Plus is here once again this year. Attached to the newsletter is a flyer with information regarding eligibility. For more information contact Saver Plus – North East Victoria. 0457 849 112.

Program Achieve

Bunnings Visit
We were lucky enough to have a visit by Lucy from Bunnings. Lucy brought along kits for the students to make Fathers’ Day gifts. Fathers’ day is this Sunday and we wish all the dads a happy Fathers’ Day. Cheers!

Working Bee
Our next scheduled working bee is the first Saturday of the school holidays from 9.00am to 12.00pm. We hope this day is convenient as the last Saturday of the school holidays is grand final day. Some jobs we hope to complete are replacing the surrounds of the big play equipment, putting up the backboards on the basketball court and placing rocks on the mound at the front. I will send out a reminder in the last week of term.

Safeway Stickers
Originally we were not collecting the safeway stickers as the amount we could collect would be at a minimum with the number of our families we have. However, we have had a substantial donation of stickers which should get us a fair amount of goods. So, if you have any stickers could you please send them along to the school and we will add to our collection. Thanks.

Congratulations to Emily, Tilly and Eli for gaining all of the program achieve keys to success. Awesome kids! Well done!!
Come and try little athletics. Information night/come and try night will be held
ON:  Monday 7th September
Where: The Rutherglen Showground’s.
TIME:  4:15pm
Season commences 14th of September at 4:15pm
Online registrations from 22nd of August 2015 at
www.lavic.com.au
Enquiries please contact Ruth Weller 0419508135 or
Bec Jones 0409364961.
More information on the come and try night!
We would love to see you there!

Dates for your calendar:
2nd September - Bluearth
3rd September - MACC
4th September – Hot Lunches – Hot Dogs
7th September – CURRICULUM DAY
8th September – Indigenous Food Day
8th September – Grade 6 Transition
Wahgunyah Primary School.
9th September – School Council – 5.30pm
9th September – Bluearth
10th September – MARC
14th September - Japanese
16th September - Bluearth
17th September – MACC
18th September – FOOTY COLOURS DAY
18th September – Last day Term 3
19th September – WORKING BEE 9 – 12
5th October – First Day Term 4
5th October - Japanese
6th October – School Photos