Hi Everyone
It has been fairly quiet at school over the past week or so with five of the senior students enjoying themselves at Somers Camp. A group of parents ventured down to Somers on the weekend for a visit. By all reports the children are having a ‘ball.’ Not missing home at all ... well not too much anyway. We are very pleased they are enjoying the experience.
Please save the date in your diaries for our school concert. It will be held in the hall on Thursday 27th October.

Have a terrific fortnight.
Wendy

Pathways to the future
Wednesday 17th August, 2016

Rutherglen Primary School
Concert Rehearsal
Next Tuesday – 23rd August we are lucky to be invited to Rutherglen Primary School’s concert rehearsal. This will take place in the Rutherglen Memorial Hall. We will be leaving school at 12pm and returning to school approximately 2.15pm. Please sign the permission form and send it back to school by Friday. There will be no cost involved. Thanks

Goodbye Mrs B
Welcome back Mrs Presti
Mrs B’s last day will be on Friday 26th August before she flies out to holiday in Europe. We hope she has a fabulous time.
We welcome back Mrs Presti on Monday 29th August from her trip to America to see her new grandchild. We hope she had a lovely time visiting her family.

Book Week Activities
Next week is Book Week. We are planning a Book Week Celebration on Friday 26th – “Stories of Australia”- being the theme. We will be having a ‘snag on the barbie’ at lunch time for the students, (there will be no charge for the sausage sizzle) followed after lunch by activities based around Australian Literature.

Parents are more than welcome to come along and join in the activities. These activities will begin at 12pm and run until about 1.30pm. We would love to see as many families as possible.

Resilience – Hint No. 8
Teach the skills of Self-esteem
Families that work well seem to praise one another a lot. Compliments are made, positive efforts are commented on. Optimism is in the air. Even in these families, teenagers still shrug and say, “yeah Mum” or “yeah Dad” whenever a compliment is made.
Teaching the skills of self-praise is useful. One way of doing this is to ask questions extensively about any achievement or accomplishment. Ask questions like “How did you do that?” “How come you did so well at that test?” “What did you do?” and “Have you been doing homework behind my back?”

School Council News
Our next meeting for School Council is the 30th August at 5.30pm. The minutes of the last meeting and the agenda for this meeting will be sent home next week.

Cluster Day
Our next Cluster Day is on Thursday 1st September. We will be travelling to Milawa to see Sean Choolburra: Indigenous Performance. Dance – stories – painting – fire creation – didgeridoo playing; all are presented with a wonderful array of artefacts, from fishing nets to hunting shields. Charismatic, vibrant and captivating, Sean fuses his engaging energy and humour with historical facts, spiritual wisdom, depth of ancestral understanding and knowledge; he is one very exciting and talented cultural ambassador.
We will be leaving school at 9am and returning around 2.30pm. Please complete the attached permission form and return to school.

Junior Room
What an exciting time to see how quickly our little kids are progressing. Last week I had time to do some running records and all of the children tested displayed the strategies that good readers do and went up a reading
level. Thanks so much to all families who support your child with their reading at home, it really makes a difference. In writing we have been looking at expositions and now we have been learning how to write descriptively and differentiate between fact and opinion. The kids have been collecting chrysalis from our school ground so we have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly and learning some really big words, such as “metamorphosis”...wow! In maths we are now consolidating our understanding of place value and 2 digit numbers; we are developing an understanding of number lines and ordering of numbers. We have also been learning about capacity and estimating the capacity of various shaped containers.

**Senior Room**

It has been a very quiet week since the children have been at Somers. For those of us who have been back at school, we have worked on our Olympics activity book. We have practised our multiplication and research skills, and completed some word finds and comprehension activities. In maths we continue to practise our tables. Some of the students are now saying their tables within 30 seconds. Great work! We have had a break from homework whilst Somers Camp has been on but we will be back into it on Monday. The students will be bringing home their scripts for our concert. Please encourage them to practise their lines – with the weeks zooming past, there is not much time left.

**Program Achieve**

Congratulations to Ebony, Eli, Emilea, Oli and Ellie for achieving all the ‘keys to success.’ Well done kids!

**Kids Council**

A reminder that we have hot lunches of hotdogs on Friday this week.

**Dates for your calendar:**

- 18th August – ART
- 22nd – 26th August – Book Week
- 23rd August – RPS Concert Rehearsal
- 23rd August – Music with Tim
- 23rd August – Phys. Ed. with Josh
- 25th August – Library
- 26th August – Book Week Celebration
- 26th August – Mrs B’s last day
- 29th August – Mrs Presti returns
- 30th August – School Council
- 30th August – Music with Tim
- 30th August – Phys. Ed. with Josh
- 1st September – Cluster Day Milawa
- 6th September - Phys. Ed. with Josh
- 6th September - Music with Tim
- 8th September - Library

**Artists of the Week**

The kids were fantastic in Art last fortnight. Artists of the week were: Aidan for his wonderful leaf painting and Jack for his sensational feather he painted using ink and watercolours. Well done boys! Mrs Earles.