**Pathways to the future**

*Wednesday 12th October, 2016*

Hi Everyone
Welcome back Mrs B and Mrs Nash from their overseas jaunts. We have missed them and we hope they have come down to earth at Springhurst ready for Term 4.

Well, we have had a very ‘dramatic’ start to the term. It was all happening on Friday when I arrived at school to discover our water tank pumps had been stolen and water was gushing from the tanks. Donny and KA came to the rescue and shut off the water.

I called the police to report the theft and the plumber to install a new pump as one of the tanks was the toilet tank.

To cut a long story short, the police caught one of the thieves and we got our pumps back. All back to normal.

*Have an awesome fortnight,*

*Wendy*

### 15 Mile Creek Camp

Attached to this week’s newsletter is information about 15 MCC. This is being held for the 3 – 6 students from Tuesday 7th November to Friday 11th November. A Parent/Student book is attached for your information. Could we have medical, permission forms and payment returned to school asap. The cost of the camp is $100 per student. Travel will be paid by the school via a donation from Tigerturf. Some families are eligible for payment through their CSEF application. Please contact the school if you require further information. More information can be found on the camp website: [http://www.boec.vic.edu.au/category/15-mc-campus/](http://www.boec.vic.edu.au/category/15-mc-campus/)

### Catering

Our next catering gig at the hall is on Friday 21st October. Simone has taken on the organising of this with a planned BBQ. More information regarding this will be put on facebook in the coming week.

### Concert

Our concert is fast approaching and we still need to complete a few activities. We have planned a sewing bee on Monday 17th October @ 10.00am to get stuck into making the students’ costumes. We need sewers, cutters and threaders of elastic. If you could help out, you are most welcome to join the ‘fun’. If you have a sewing machine and scissors that cut material could you please bring them along. Hope to see you here!

### School Photos

Robyn Bird has kindly offered to take our school photos once again this year. She will be taking them next Wednesday 19th October. Information regarding ordering will be available shortly. She will be taking both individual and family photos – a great Christmas present!

### Resilience – Final

Perhaps the most important feature of parents in healthy families is that they realise that all of the past ‘hints’ are desirable but not always possible. So they look at how to promote good functioning while not wasting energy on blaming themselves for the times when things don’t quite work out as they have planned. 

Andrew Fuller’s book *Unlocking Your Child’s Genius* (Finch Publishing) was published in July 2015.

### Curriculum Day

Our next Curriculum Day will be held on Monday 31st October. We will be looking at the Victorian Curriculum – particularly the changes from AusVELS. Students are not required at school this day.

### Zone Athletics

Congratulations to Brialeigh and Jack K for representing our school cluster in the Zone Athletics held last Friday. Both made it to the finals of their events. We are very proud of you. Well done!

### HATS

Wide-brimmed hats are to be worn outside at all times during Term 4.

Remember – No hat – No play!!
We have started our ‘Walk to School’ program which will take place in the month of October. This is a VicHealth initiative that encourages children to have 60 minutes of physical activity per day.

We have taken a tally each day of the times students walk to and from school. All students are encouraged to walk to school. Those students living out of town and bus travellers have been encouraged to walk two laps of the oval when they get to school and two laps of the oval at the end of the day. If the oval is too wet, students have been walking around the basketball court.

Each Friday, the students are supplied with a piece of fruit to eat. We also have a bag of mixed fruit and vegetables that a student can ‘win’ for participating every day for the week. We put the names of those students who have participated all week in a bowl and pull out a lucky student. This student’s family win the bag of fruit and vegetables. Week 1 winner – Darby Parr. Congratulations.

We hope you support this initiative to improve your child’s physical health.

**Program Achieve**

Congratulations to Darby for achieving all the keys to success.
Well done Darby!

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**Senior Room**

The students have settled back into the routine of the school really well for Term 4.

In English, we will be studying procedural text in writing and the strategies of Identifying Author’s Purpose and Interpreting Figurative Language in Reading.

In Maths – Number and Algebra – we are working on division and its relationship to multiplication and in Measurement we are working on Time – including 24 hour time.

We will be continuing working on our Concert – not long now!!!

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**Book Club**

Attached is Bookclub. If ordering, please return orders to school by 21st October.

**Kids Council**

Kids Council will be selling Super Doopers during Term 4. These will cost 30cents. These will be on sale every Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

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**Junior Room**

This week we are excited to welcome back Mrs Bowers and Mrs Nash from their overseas holidays. We also welcome Sharee, a student teacher from La Trobe University, who will be assisting in our classroom over the next four weeks. We hope she enjoys her time with us during this busy term.

Our writing focus over the next few weeks is on how to write a procedure and so last week we made Chocolate Spiders as an introduction to the topic. We will also be revising and consolidating other forms of writing this term as well. Please continue to assist your child with their home reading and personal spelling and also their lines for the school production of Ali Baba.

In numeracy we are revising skip-counting number patterns, identifying where numbers belong on a number line and place value. We will also be revising familiar time patterns that connect with the time of the year: seasons, months, days of the week. We will be consolidating our understanding of analogue and digital clocks.

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Save the Date!!
School Concert
Thursday
October 27th
Cricket

Cricket season is about to commence. The Rutherglen United Cricket Club has the following Options for Junior Players in 2016/17.

**Under 12 Cricket**
Players Under 12 on 1/9/2016 can join the team to play on Saturday Mornings in a traditional cricket format. Matches are played between 9am-11:30am on Saturday Morning. Training 4:30pm Thursdays at Barkly Park Rutherglen.

**T20 Blast**
Rutherglen will enter a team in the Corowa Centre to be held on Wednesday Night. This is an exciting modified form of Cricket with music and a Uniform. Wednesday 4:30 at Ball Park Corowa. Registration Day Friday October 7th 4:30pm at Barkly Park Rutherglen or contact Wayne Cooper.

**Milo IN 2 Cricket**
Milo IN 2 Cricket is a great way to introduce your child to the game. Modified Drills and games for 5-8 year olds to be held on Friday afternoons. Registration Day Friday October 7th 4:30pm at Barkly Park Rutherglen or contact Wayne Cooper.

**Melbourne Stars Girls Cricket League**
An exciting new competition for girls will commence in Wangaratta this season, to be held on Tuesday Nights. A Twenty 20 Competition for Secondary School Students

For more details on any of the above teams please call Wayne Cooper 0439494027

Regards
Wayne Cooper
Secretary
Rutherglen United Cricket Club