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Pathways to the future

Thursday 15th October 2020

Hi Everyone,

We have had a fabulous start to the term – students and staff were excited to return to school as near to normal as we can be at this stage.

We have a number of exciting things happening this term:

15 Mile Creek Camp

The grades 2 – 6 are excited to be going to 15 MCC on Wednesday 11th to Friday 12th November. They will come to school on Wednesday (casual dress) and leave for camp around 3pm. They will be leaving camp on Friday around 2pm. To keep costs to a minimum, we will be asking for parent volunteers to transport the students to and from camp. If you can help, please let me know. Medical and permission forms to be returned to school by Monday and money by 6th November.

Parent Opinion Survey

Each year the Department conducts a parent opinion survey. This survey is completely confidential and the results of this survey will be used to inform and direct our future school planning and improvement.

I ask you to please take the time (about 15 - 20 mins.) to complete this survey. It is conducted on line and I will send you our school's unique log in and pin number via Dojo. Survey is open now and closes on 13th November. Please note that only one parent/carer from each household to complete the survey.

New Logo

We have been planning for a while to change our school logo as it is a bit outdated and also to change our colour from royal blue to navy blue as the navy is easier to obtain. Black Venom has been sent our new school logo and they will print this new logo from now on. The new logo will be printed on our new signs to be erected at the school. The yellow will be printed on windcheaters and hats and the navy on our yellow t-shirts.

Love Me Love You

Love Me Love You is an interactive and engaging program that challenges the views and stigmas surrounding mental health. The program is specifically designed to relate to the relevant demographics, creating an engaging experience. Delivered in schools, sporting clubs, community and corporate organisations, all of our programs are built on the Love Me Love You mission to create positive change in the mental health and wellbeing outcomes of our community through awareness, acknowledgement and action programs and initiatives.

Love Me Love You workshops and presentations are based on real life experiences and are delivered by trained facilitators. The content of Love Me Love You programs are specifically designed in collaboration with mental health professionals, to ensure the highest standard. The programs are very personally and honestly delivered, creating a highly impactful experience that gives participants a greater understanding of mental wellbeing and how they can live a happy and more fulfilling life.

We are extremely lucky to be able to participate in four sessions, beginning on Monday 16th November.

Stay safe and happy for the fortnight.

Wendy

Junior Room

We have started Term 4 really well. The students haven't forgotten entirely everything so that's a great start.

In English we are learning the reading strategy "Skippy Frog." This strategy encourages the students to skip the tricky word, read to the end and then go back and try it again. In writing, we are writing recounts of what we did on the weekends and in spelling we have started looking at 'digraphs' (two letters making one sound.)

In Maths we are looking at ordinal number, revising the processes and beginning division (sharing).

Senior Room

The return to school in the Senior Room has been exciting. Whilst some enjoyed remote learning, getting back amongst friends has been a highlight of Term Four so far. During the first fortnight, Senior Room students have been working hard at improving their understanding of fractions and decimals. Students have been able to identify equivalent fractions and use strategies to help them work out different problems.

With the weather heating up, Senior Room students have enjoyed PE lessons outside. On Wednesday they were introduced to a new game, Barry. This game sees students on two teams, trying to steal a ball from the other side. All of this while they try to avoid being tagged.

This week we have briefly discussed a new project we are going to begin working on in the coming weeks. In this project, the students will be promoting their favourite part of the school in what will end up as a virtual tour for the school's website. Stay tuned!

Finally, a huge thankyou to everyone that has made me feel welcome at the beginning of Term 4. A great first impression of a fantastic little school. Looking forward to speaking with you all soon.

Jacob



Volunteers Needed

Thanks to our volunteers for breakfast club -

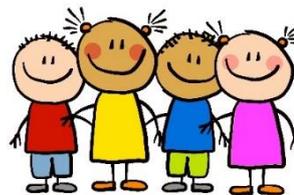
Bec, Faye and Jono - we still require one more volunteer. Tuesday mornings (fortnights) beginning at 8.20am and ending at 8.50am. We would love to hear from you.

Book Club

Due: 29th October



A reminder - Hats for Term 4



Kids' Council News

Hot Dogs

Look out for your hot dog form next week. Hot dogs will be available every second Thursday.

Zooper Doopers

Zooper doopers will be available for purchase for 40cents each Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

Footy Colours Day

Footy colours day will be held next Thursday 22nd October. You will be able to wear your team's colours to school. Go Blues!! Gold coin donation will go to the Kids' Cancer Council. Lunch of party pies and cocktail frankfurts will be free.

Dates for your calendar:

20th October - Breakfast Club

22th October - Breakfast Club

Footy Colours Day

ART

23rd October - AFL Grand Final Day holiday

27th October - Breakfast Club

29th October - Breakfast Club

Library

Book Club due

Hot Dogs

2nd November - Curriculum Day - No Students

3rd November - Melbourne CUP DAY holiday - No students

5th November - Breakfast Club

ART

Outdoor Classroom Day

10th November - Breakfast Club

11th November - 2021 Foundation Transition 9 - 12

11 - 13th November - 15 Mile Creek Camp (2 - 6)



It was absolutely wonderful to see almost everyone for Art last week. The junior students created bright and colourful

works of art using coloured paper and repetition. The senior students drew their designs for their skateboard decks which they will paint over the next couple of lessons.



Does your child need to boost their self esteem and confidence, foster independence and responsibility, or improve their coping skills?

Corowa Medical Centre has a program for 0-12 year old children to help:

- build resilience
- adapt to change
- create empathy
- build lasting relationships
- communicate effectively



Speak to your GP now to get a referral into a no out-of-pocket cost program.

This service is supported by funding from Murray PHN through the Australian Government's PHN Program. The program will run until June 2020.

Changes, challenges and opportunities for families and schools
Parents Victoria online Conference 2020



**BRAVE
NEW
WORLD**

PV Online Conference: Monday 19 October

Our Annual Conference is going online this year, and as usual we're bringing you expert speakers on current issues in education. We encourage all parents, School Councillors and school staff to attend. Having staff and parents from your school at the same conference, hearing the same messages and discussing the same issues, is a great community-building activity for your school!



Rural City of Wangaratta

6 October 2020

Media Release Building Community Resilience

Communities impacted by the January bushfires are encouraged to participate in initiatives aimed at building resilience. The Rural City of Wangaratta's Community Resilience and Recovery Program is currently delivering a variety of community driven programs and activities for bushfire impacted people and businesses. Denise Pirko has been appointed to the role of Community Recovery and Resilience Coordinator and said the communities she had spoken to were keen to reconnect and plan for the future. Three current initiatives being support by Council are; Business Continuity Planning workshops, a seminar on understanding insurance and preparing for disasters; and a community connections program. The Business Continuity Planning online workshops begin on Monday, 26 October and are designed to help people plan for disruptions to their business. They are being delivered by Council in partnership with AgBiz Assist. The Insurance Council of Australia will deliver an online seminar on dealing with insurance after a disaster, which Ms Pirko said was one a major source of stress following a disaster. "In the seminar we'll talk about what people can do to prepare from an insurance perspective, what the common issues after a disaster are, and how to deal with insurance claims in these situations." Another initiative being supported is the Community Connections program, which encourages those in bushfire affected areas to connect with each other by using Council-supplied vouchers for local shops. "I keep hearing that people have been missing their connections with their neighbours and community, and that rural businesses are having a tough time," Ms Pirko said. "The connection program will provide residents of the bushfire impacted areas with a voucher for a local business and encourage them to reach out and have a coffee and a chat with someone who they haven't been able to catch up with during Covid. "It's all about checking and making sure people are holding up okay, and supporting local business at the same time." For more information on any of the above, please visit www.wangaratta.vic.gov.au/emergency/bushfire-recovery or contact Ms Pirko on d.pirko@wangaratta.vic.gov.au For further enquiries regarding this media release, please contact Steven Burke, Media and Communications Coordinator on 03 5722 0862.

1 October 2020

Media Release Something to Yarn About!

A collaborative effort is bringing out the best in the close-knit Wangaratta community. The initiative is giving local seniors the tools and materials to complete a knitting or crochet project, that will then be distributed to families in need. Using a grant from the Victorian Government's Seniors Festival Re-imagined, the Rural City of Wangaratta's Aged and Community Care and Events teams have combined with Wangaratta Library and West End Lotto and Wool Shop. Together some 120 care packages will be provided, complete with everything needed to complete a knitting or crochet project! These packages will be delivered by Aged and Community Care workers to many vulnerable and isolated seniors in the local community. Finished garments will be donated back to the library to be distributed to the various local charities that help families in need. Council's Director of Community Wellbeing Jaime Chubb said it was a great example of how groups could work together to keep seniors connected. "For some of our isolated seniors, having a project and knowing that whatever they choose to knit be it a scarf, beanies, booties or a square it will go back to helping families in need," she said. "We're so excited to see some of the wonderful creations our local seniors can come up with." Certified by the Chief Executive Officer in accordance with section 55D of the Local Government Act 1989. For further enquiries regarding this media release, please contact Steven Burke, Media and Communications Coordinator on 03 5722 0862.



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