From the Principal:

This week we are looking forward to catching up with all parents to discuss your children’s progress and make plans for the next months ahead, particularly after our Semester 1 reports. It shouldn’t be long until NAPLAN reports are out for Years 3 and 5 students – we were hoping they’d be here by now, so see us when they arrive if you wish.

This week we are planting some native shrubs (and more) in the front gardens. Next year it should all look abundant despite looking a bit sparse at the moment. If you are able to help with a bit of weeding that would be terrific thanks.

Make sure you keep 23rd August free for the Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic Exhibition- it should be wonderful.

Our school has subscribed to an e-magazine called JETSETTERS which showcases student work. It was established 39 years ago with Educational Department approval in all States. The aim is to boost the self-esteem of students by providing a rewarding outlet for students work outside the school boundaries. SIX Jetsetters are published over 12 months of the subscription so teachers and students will be preparing students’ work that has been completed in class. Jetsetter publishes students’ short stories, poems, art, photos of craft and other newsworthy articles. Many schools use Jetsetter as a book for reading classes or home reading........................so keep an eye out for them as we’ll make them available when they’re published. (The publication is not on the internet or any website and is only available to participating schools after mailing directly to the Principal).

I’d like to ask you all to ensure that if your children are absent from school for any reason, to phone in advance, send a contact form from the website (goes to the school email), send a text to my mobile number at the top of this newsletter or fill in an absence note. For that purpose I have attached some absence notes so you have some spares at home. They are available at the office. Thanks to those who already do this.

Have a great week everyone,
Jude Porteous (Principal)
FROM THE CLASSES:

**F-1**
Good on you Alyssa for achieving the Oxford first 100 spelling words. Your home practise effort has been excellent over the last few weeks and has really helped you to learn the words fast! Well done to these children for home reading effort this week- Rafferty for 100 nights and Clare for 175. Harrison and Jasper both receive Class Achiever awards this week for independently producing great information reports about horses. Many children received Reading Eggs certificates today for efforts over the past few weeks.
This week, we are learning to count on in Foundation maths and Grade 1’s will be learning about sharing (dividing). Our reading focus this week is using expression to add meaning. You may like to play with this idea during home reading this week, showing how changing your voice can change the meaning.
I am looking forward to checking in with parents at interviews this week where we can celebrate your child’s progress and discuss the next set of learning goals.
If you haven’t returned your child’s learning journal yet, please do so as soon as possible
Have a great week,
Mrs East

**WANTED:-** Shoe boxes needed for F/1 history project and newspapers for Art please

**Grades 2-3**
Congratulations to Blake Ryan for receiving the classroom award this week for his fantastic effort he put into his Sovereign Hill writing last week. Keep up the great work Blake! Well done to Summah for reaching 75 nights home reading, Lukey for 100 nights and Spencer for 125 nights. Lastly well done to Anna for receiving a Bronze Reading Eggspress award. This week in writing we are continuing with our Sovereign Hill recounts and will hopefully finish our good copies by the end of the week. So look out for next week’s newsletter where some of the students writing will be published. In Maths we are continuing to look at chance and will be focusing on tossing a coin and rolling a dice and working out their probability.
Still waiting on some learning journals to be returned. If you still have yours at home please return it ASAP. Thanks.
Have a great week everyone.
Miss Fisher.

**Grades 4-6**
Congratulations to Clay, James, Peter and Carisa (2) for their Reading Eggspress awards, particularly Carisa who is the first to earn a Silver Award. Well done Clay, Carisa and James for achieving a Mathletics award last week and to Miranda (100), Jazmin (125) and Peter (150) for achieving Reading Nights’ awards.
Miranda and Jazmin had some exciting news at assembly today - their Dunnstown Under 12 team were runners up in the CHNL Lightning Premiership in which there were 18 teams. Well done girls - exciting news!!
Today we’re thinking of Beau who’s playing in the Primary Schools’ Golf tournament at Buninyong. Fantastic that he entered and we have our fingers crossed for him.

Our Student Achiever Award this week goes to Jack Murley who shows real improvement in reading, spelling, writing and Maths through being more determined to do a good job – you will see some of his work later in this newsletter. We have been writing Information Texts, from generating ideas, planning, research, drafting and publishing. Everyone chose a topic and needed quite a bit of help with structure and research. Each person had to include an introduction , a linking sentence, at least three sub-topics each with some sort of graphic (photo, graph, diagram, flowchart etc) specific to that subtopic. Next time, each student will be much more independent after this first supported exercise. Plans for the next one will be related to Sovereign Hill, something we’ve all experienced recently. We’ll also be writing more than one or two sentences in a paragraph by working on elaboration of ideas.

**Ms Porteous & Mrs Lyons (PaL)**

**Performing Arts Classes:**
Our 3 - 6 classes are studying an abridged and adapted version of Macbeth. This week, we investigated the script closely as a character study. We looked at the lines the various characters said and how that could inform the way the character should be played. For example, in the year 3/4 class we discussed the fact that King Duncan compliments Lady Macbeth on the meal she has served and says 'I must get that recipe'. From
that, we decided that King Duncan liked his food and that it would become a theme in each scene he was in. There were a lot of laughs as the students added bits and pieces to the characterisation. We have also added in some lines where the students have improvised and it has really added to the meaning or humour of the scene. We are looking forward to performing our version of Macbeth to you in Arts Week!

Prep - 2: The students have continued to experiment with puppets. They have become used to changing characters by exchanging hand puppets every few minutes. The best examples are when the students can change their voices to suit the puppet. We have also been creating short narratives for different groups of puppets. Each week the students have been given a different prompt. They may have to incorporate an item from the playroom, or I might tell them that their narrative has to have a sausage in it somehow. We have been giving the groups feedback when they have performed and the students have identified that projecting your voice is really important (but quite a challenge) when performing with puppets. Over the coming weeks, the students will work on creating short skits to perform in Arts Week.

Mrs Lyons

WINTER SPORT begins this Friday. We will leave school by 12:40 for Warrenheip PS, where the Year 3-6 students will play football, hockey, soccer or netball. Thank you to those who have offered to take other students as car-pooling really saves us hiring a bus. All students will need their sports gear, a warm change of clothes if it’s wet and a towel. We will leave Warrenheip at 2:30pm and be back at school before 3.

SCHOOL LIBRARY BOOKS

We still have a number of students that have overdue Library books. Please ensure that your child returns Library books, so they can borrow books during their regular Library session. Thank you to the students who return their books when they are due. Overdue slips will be sent home in due course.

Interested in Juniors and Seniors Tennis??

Navigators Tennis Club is trying to find male and female tennis players to compete in the Buninyong Association (A3 grade) on Saturday mornings and afternoons, starting in October 2015 to end March 2016.

If anyone is interested please phone Leesa Inglis on 0403 980 751

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YENDON RECREATION CENTRE  2pm MONDAY 17th AUGUST Contact: Jill Filmer  5331 2389/ 0400 936 574

Homeless People  by Jack Murley

If you see homeless people they might ask for money and need help. They might be sleeping on streets or abandoned buildings.
There are many reasons why people are homeless and here are the reasons: No job or money and natural disasters and stress.

If people do not have a job they have no money and they couldn’t afford to pay their rent or for food and water. Then the owners take the house off them, then they have nowhere to live and they become homeless.

It is surprising that 47% of homeless people are adult males but it’s even more surprising that Under 12s and 25-34 year olds are the largest groups of homeless people.

Many people are homeless because of natural disasters like fires, floods and tornados. In fires, the house might burn down to the ground and cyclones wreck everything. Some people can find emergency accommodation but some can’t.

Some people are homeless because of stress. When they split up with their partners and then they get angry, sometimes they run away. They have no family support and can become homeless.

A HOLIDAY IN THE PHILIPPINES
by Carisa Gabriel

Everybody loves a holiday. People like to have fun, people love shopping on their holiday, finding new places and going out having tasty food. Getting around in the Philippines is a breeze. In the Philippines there is delicious food and interesting language and culture.

In the Philippines traditional dance is important. The dancers wear colourful costumes and sometimes carry umbrellas or big baskets.

In the Philippines people eat lots of rice and noodle dishes and chicken, pork and vegetables.

People in the Philippines are speaking an interesting language called Tagalog, and many other dialects like in Cebu.

Naka tira ako sa Manila means ‘I live in Manila’.

Pollution Needs to Stop!
by James Inglis

Pollution is a big problem for us and the environment. People need fresh air to breathe. We can stop it. The entire world is talking about pollution and climate change. Tony Abbott and some others don’t believe in Climate Change and Australia is not taking much action. It’s only an opinion. Everyone has an opinion.

Why is pollution a big problem? The three biggest problems are air pollution, sea pollution, and river pollution.

Factories and cars cause us to get sick because factories spit out carbon monoxide out of flues and old car exhausts. The city looks dirty and disgusting. Look at the black disgusting clouds every time you drive around the big cities such as Melbourne and Beijing. There’s about 5,500,000* chemicals coming out of factories this year.
Littering is not just bad for us, it’s bad for the environment especially animals. They could get caught in plastic bags and fishing lines. Chucking litter is extremely bad, especially on the beach. Animals suffer from littering.

Polluting rivers occurs when pollutants are directly or indirectly discharged into water bodies without adequate treatment to remove harmful compounds like chemicals or oils. It is also bad because the waterways get blocked up and fresh water can’t reach animals who are suffering to survive. Eating plastic objects, like bags, can make animals choke. It’s not good for the animals’ health and wellbeing.

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**PARENTS CLUB**

Thanks to all those who filled out their names on the Hot Lunch roster. We still have one space for Wednesday and one for a Thursday – please pop your name on the list in the office if you can help.

**Fathers’ Day Stall**

This month’s Parents’ Club meeting will be held this Friday 14th August in the Playgroup room – all are welcome.

The Parents’ Club will be holding a **Fathers’ Day Stall** at school on Thursday 3rd September, 2015 (we’re away at the Literacy Trail on Friday 4th).

Children will be able to purchase gifts for Dad at $4 each. Please fill in the slip below and return to school with money by Friday 28th August, 2015. This will ensure that we have enough gifts for the children to choose from. Thank you.

**Fathers’ Day Stall 2015 - Order Form**

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