**Excellence...............Teamwork......................Support......................Effort**

**CALENDAR**

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**Student Banking Day is Wednesdays**

**From the Principal:**

Over the last two weeks of term there are a number of special events on for staff so we’ll have a few CRTs here while we take part in a few administrative projects. It will also be Mr Haase’s last two weeks before he finishes his Masters of Teaching.

Our Writing coach Joy Pike will just have the next two Tuesdays with us, finishing up an extremely valuable project for staff with the project centred around improving student achievement. We’ve all learned so much and have had time at our meeting at the end of the day to work together learning more, collaborating on assessment of writing and fine-tuning the school’s Literacy Provision Plan.

For all those children who are reading books for the Premiers’ Reading Challenge, I hope you’re working away steadily reading the wonderful books from our tubs. There are some really great titles in there this year. Of course F-2 students may read their 30 titles WITH their parents, or even have them read to them......Year 3-6 students have a bigger job reading to their parents or themselves.

This week Siane and Beau are at Woorabinda camp and right now I guess they’re excited but a little nervous as they won’t know anyone on day 1, however, come Friday it will be a very different story. They’ll meet new friends who they’ll come across again in our cluster, when they go shopping and at Secondary School. This will be the same for those who attend Somers Camp next year.

Yesterday I attended a wonderful concert organised by Sing Australia to assist Aussie Action Abroad, an action group run by Graeme Kent from Buninyong to help build schools and support communities in Nepal. At that concert we were publicly thanked for our donation of 5c (and other) coins, which totalled $54.00, so thanks for your generosity everyone. The concert raised $7000, so that along with some other fundraising done, there’ll be enough to build a school in Nepal - only $10,000!! Mrs Marilyn Kent who helped us organise our concert a few years ago, is Sing Australia’s conductor. I’m sure everyone will remember her as well as Sean Best marching around in a kilt and the children all singing and dancing as they visited different countries of the world in their wonderful costumes.

We’re still collecting plastic **bottle tops** – don’t forget to drop yours into the box in the office and also to save them over the school holidays.

Enjoy the 2<sup>nd</sup> last week of term,

Jude Porteous (Principal)
Grades 4-6
This week once again we have only one student who has earned a Mathletics award and that person is Carisa Gabriel. Well done Carisa, you showed great focus to get to 1000 points when we were really busy.

Luke Inglis showed great determination over the weekend to complete Level 18 of Lexia. He has completed 6, yes, 6 levels since we started in March- this means that after his placement test, which placed him at Beginning year 4, he’s done each level to the end of year 6. Wow! Luke has that steely determination which has always shown out during sport/athletics, but he’s certainly shown that with Lexia.
A few other students have nearly finished a Lexia level and because we only have 2 weeks left on the trial, I’m hoping those students complete their levels before the holidays. Miranda Harris achieved a reading award last week for 75 nights’ reading. The student achievement award goes to Miranda as well. She’s put in a fabulous effort this term with her music (choir, recorder and piano), her homework and improvements in reading, writing and spelling. Well done Miranda.
Congratulations to all the year 5 and 6 students who were selected for Wathaurung sports teams to play at Llanberris, the new Ballarat soccer centre and Victoria Park this Friday. Good luck, have a great time.

In these last 2 weeks, we’re going to be working hard on our times tables up to x 10 so that by the end of term almost the whole class will be quick and accurate and know them forever. Please help out a bit if you can at home. Ask your children 6s, 7s, 8s and 9s in particular. We’re also having a bit of a ‘blitz’ on some writing goals (mostly focusing on punctuation).

Enjoy every day, Ms Porteous

Grades 2-3
Congratulations this week to Nick Barton for receiving the classroom award for always participating and having a go at questions in class discussions. Well done to Aedan and Jessica for achieving Lexia awards and to Flynn, Jessica and Spencer for receiving Mathletics awards. This week students will begin revision on everything they have learnt this term and will be finishing off any uncompleted work. We will also be focusing on new reading, writing and maths goals that they will work towards next term.

Well done to all the Grade 5/6’s who went along and tried out for the sports teams last Thursday. You all did an excellent job and gave 100%. Congratulations to those Grade 5/6 students who were chosen for the football, netball and soccer teams. You will compete this Friday in Ballarat against other schools. More details to come.

Have a great week everyone.
Miss Fisher

F-1
Great Lexia learners this week are Gus and Alyssa who have both passed the next level in the program. Jasper has achieved his first Mathletics award. Well done all! Our class award goes to Rafferty for being so great at making WOW pictures. Great pictures support great writing, so well done Raff!
This week in maths we will be exploring transformation- building spatial awareness by manipulating shapes. In literacy, we will continue discussing what makes good writing and children will be looking for these features in their own and other’s writing. In reading, we are focussing on developing reading stamina and learning about looking after ourselves and our bodies in preparation for Healthy Harold’s visit next week.

CRANKY BEAR PERFORMANCE -HELP NEEDED
We are a bit short of parent transport for this excursion on Wed 24th. It is not too late to get a ticket if you would like to come. We have managed to get very reasonably priced adult tickets for $10.
If you are able to provide transport, please see me Thanks.

Have a great week everyone, Mrs East
**DRESS UP DAY**

To celebrate the last day of term 2, Mrs East’s class will be having a dress-up day on Friday 26th June and the other two classes have decided to join in as well. Children can come dressed as their favourite superhero, animal, book character.....whatever they like. It will be fun!

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**Music**

**Recorder Group**  Congratulations to Miranda and Jazmin, who performed two pieces at assembly on Tuesday. We are now learning some new notes and pieces to add to our repertoire.

**Improvisation**  In the year 3/4 class, we discussed the fact that improvisation occurs in all three of the Performing Arts disciplines: Music, Drama and Dance. In our class, we improvised on un-tuned and tuned percussion and took turns to create moves to a dance, which everyone copied. Then, we had a lot of fun with a drama improvisation activity. We placed a toy phone on the chair and students took turns to improvise a pretend conversation. One student pretended he was ringing triple zero to order a pizza! Very funny!

Have a great week

Mrs Lyons