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

CALENDAR

**June**

- **Wed 10th**  
  Earth Education – Mt. Clear College (10AM – 2PM) Grade3-4 (Free bus)

- **Thurs 11th**  
  Netball, Soccer and Football tryouts Years 5/6 – Warrenheip 1pm-2:30pm
  Parents Club hot lunch 12:30pm
  Ms Porteous in Melbourne at the TEAL launch

- **Fri 12th**  
  Regional Cross Country event for Jazmin – Warrnambool

- **Thurs 18th**  
  School Council

- **Fri 19th**  
  Wathaurung teams sports (those selected Thurs 11th)

- **Wed 24th**  
  The Cranky Bear performance – Grades F-2

- **Thur 25th**  
  Life Education Van
  Parents Club Hot Lunch 12:30pm

- **Fri 26th**  
  Last day of term - Fancy dress – reports go out
  2pm finish

**July**

- **Mon 13th**  
  First day Term 3

**Student Banking Day is Wednesdays**

*From the Principal:*

Less than three weeks to go till midyear now. It’s always heartening when we pass Winter solstice and we know that the days are getting longer even though it’s cold and wet. I remember the first year I came here when we didn’t have the undercover area- just the covered way outside the two classrooms- very grim on a wet day.

This week we have a couple of special events – our Writing coach will be working with staff each Tuesday until the end of term (instead of Thursdays), the year 3/4s are going to the Earth Ed Centre on Wednesday on a free bus and year 5/6s will try out for 3 Wathaurung sports teams at Warrenheip on Thursday. Good luck to those trying out.

All of the students have done a great job with their half-yearly tests ready for reports which teachers have been writing over the last week. Each report takes about 1½ hours to write, before checking/editing. This week, Students will be writing their own reports- an important time to reflect on achievements they’ve been proud of and goals for the future.

- The Lal Lal Moorabool Photographic exhibition is on again this year - 23rd August, for one day only. If you wish to enter a photo, pick up an entry form from the office. All students will enter a photo in one of the following categories:
  1. Portrait/People  
  2. Landscape/Seascape  
  3. Macro (closeup)  
  4. Flora (plants)  
  5. Fauna (wildlife)  
  6. Pictorial  
  7. Black & White

- At the Lal Lal Farmers’ Market in October, our school will be running a car-boot sale on the oval. Perhaps we’ll also have a sale of our own *bricabrac* in the undercover area. Start collecting your unwanted goods either to a. sell for yourself or b. donate to the school to sell (books, furniture, potplants etc)

On Thursday I am attending the launch of the new TEAL – Tools for Enhancing Assessment Literacy for Teachers of English as an Additional Language. **Please note, there is no School Council this Thursday as I am away. School Council next week instead.**

Enjoy the week everyone,  

Jude Porteous (Principal)
Congratulations Carisa for earning a Mathletics award last week and being determined to achieve it by completing it on Friday, a holiday. Well done to our Reading champions this week- Jazmin for 100 nights; Luke and James for 125 nights - brilliant. It’s great to see everyone working away on entering their reading into their diaries, especially those who are developing a habit of readers for life- those who read 6-7 nights a week. The students who earned certificates for passing their next levels in Lexia are Kristy, James and Luke.

Our Student Achievement award this week goes to Jazmin McMahon who takes great care with her work, editing writing, learning her spelling, asking for help with her maths and is even heading off on a 3 hour drive this Friday to run 3km- great participation and endeavour Jazmin. Congratulations all.

Earlier this year Year 2 to 6 students took part in a pre-test so that we could assess growth in reading after our post-tests (PAT Reading tests) to see if our Lexia program made a difference. Some students made HUGE gains in the 3+ months, especially those who put in extra time at home. We’ll be discussing any possible future commitment to Lexia or Reading Plus at School Council and among the staff in the next week.

I’m still collecting bottle-tops so I’ve put a box in the office for you to load your bags of them into. Thanks. Maybe you could ask your friends and family to save up for us? I’ve posted on my Facebook site and expect to collect bags of them.

Have a great week, Ms Porteous

Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Aedan Bamford this week for receiving the classroom award for always having a go and trying his best with his learning each day. Well done to Dexter, Anna and Jessica for achieving home reading awards and to Flynn, Spencer and Harry for receiving a Lexia award this week.

This week in Maths students will continue to focus on shapes and will be looking at 3D shapes and their faces, edges and corners. In Reading this week we are looking at fluency and how we can improve reading aloud to someone through expression and tone with our voice. In writing we are continuing on with our narrative stories focusing on describing words (adjectives) to make our writing more interesting and exciting to read.

Grade 3/4 Science Excursion

Students will be picked up from school by a bus at 9.30 and taken to the EarthEd Centre in Mt Clear. The program for tomorrow requires students to bring a small sample of soil from home as they will be doing some tests on it. The last part of the program the students will travel to Mt Buninyong to look at the land formations and have their lunch, so warm water proof attire is suggested.

Have a great week everyone.

Miss Fisher

F-1

Reading nights awards this week go to Alyssa and Ruby for 50 nights. Gus has achieved the milestone of being able to spell the Oxford first 100 words for writing. Great job Gus! Our class award goes to Alyssa for being so productive in contributing to the class ANZAC book we have been making over the term.

This week in maths we will be exploring the language of chance: what might, will or won’t happen, what is impossible and what is certain. In literacy this week we will be discussing what makes good writing and apply these observations to set some individual writing goals for next semester.

At the end of term, children will bring home their learning journal, which contains samples of writing and other learning they have completed over the semester so we are also busy collecting and finishing work for the journals.

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 as well. Children can come dressed as their favourite superhero, animal, book character…..whatever they like. It will be fun!
Music

Today, the Recorder Group performed two pieces at assembly: The Lal Lal Echo and Misty Jazz. They will now start learning some new notes and new repertoire.

I am pleased to have quite a few new children interested in joining the choir. Unfortunately, we missed choir practice this week due to the Queen's Birthday holiday.

This week, we will be continuing with learning about how to improvise in music. We improvise, (making something up on the spot) in all of the artistic disciplines: Music, Dance and Drama. The key to improvisation in Music is to understand about what makes an effective rhythm and melody. This week, we will be furthering our understanding of tonality, or key in Music. So, if we improvise a melody in the key of C, then C is the home note. Basically, we start at home, wander away and then come home again. If we don’t come back to our home note, the song can sound unfinished. Xylophones and marimbas are a perfect way for students to learn about this as they can see the letters in front of them. We can also remove keys if we want to simplify things.

Have a great week
Mrs Lyons

We’re pleased to inform you that we have just purchased the school app. after our trial period. The school will be using the app to send out the school newsletter, general updates, reminders, events and much more! The app is called Tiqbiz and is available on iPhone, iPad, iPod, Android Phone, Android Tablet and Windows phone devices. If you don’t have a mobile device, there is also an app available for computer, both Mac and PC.

We kindly ask that you, if you haven’t already, download Tiqbiz to one of your devices, register a free account then find and tick the school. When you are ticking the school boxes, please make sure you tick on “Whole School” and the specific grades/years that apply to your family. and if you’re on School Council there’s a part for you too.

You’ll receive all the information with a push notification – much like a text message directly to your device. Any last minute changes or reminders, we’ll be able to can reach you to keep you completely informed and up-to-date. The app has some great features that will allow us to get information through easily and quickly, you’ll be reminded about important calendar dates 24 hours before!

You will also be able to submit student absence via the app now, authorised by your signature, electronically signed straight onto the screen with your finger! We’re hoping you may be able to sign some excursion permission forms too- we’re still looking into that.

We hope you will enjoy using this great communication tool.