Excellence..................Teammwork................Support..................Effort

CALENDAR

March
Fri 27th  BBQ lunch/ icy-poles at lunchtime
         Last day of term – casual dress day
Late lunch for BBQ at 1.30pm
         School Pickup from 2pm

April
Mon 13th  First day of term 2
Thu 16th  Transition activities at Mount Clear for Yr 6 (9:30-1pm) / Parents’ Club Meeting 9.30am
Fri 24th  Athletics Sports – Llanberris Reserve (full day)

May
Fri 1st  Cross Country - Little Bendigo PS

Student Banking Day is Wednesdays

From the Principal:

What a wonderful term it’s been – we’ve all really enjoyed celebrating the students’ successes especially with their reading and maths but also so many small gains elsewhere, as with writing, swimming and their determination to improve and be fair. It’s great to see many have achieved their goals, so we’ll be setting new ones next term. I hope the holidays are a relaxing time for you all and if you’re at home, that you’re able to keep an eye on our school please.

We are looking for someone to care for the canaries, so if you don’t have a cat and can put them up out of the way somewhere sheltered, that would be terrific. Please come to see me. Mrs East will care for the hens again and the fish is holidaying at Porteous Palace with my other two.

Thank you so much all the parents who organised and helped out at the corn pick BBQ on Sunday – what a huge effort put in by all involved. Thanks Mandy O for responding quickly to the request for providing the BBQ.

We had a great treat at Monday’s assembly with the choir singing a beautiful song with music backing. Well done all choir members for your commitment and to Mrs Lyons whose lunchtimes spent training the choir have been a great addition to our school program.

This is a reminder about the Mount Clear College Cluster Transition Day on Thursday April 16th-first week of term 2. The day will begin at 9:30am and finish at 1:00pm. A BBQ lunch will be provided and this will be at 12:30pm. The day is for grade 6 students from our schools and relevant staff members.

Changes to smoking laws near schools and other like places:

- From 13 April 2015, smoking will be banned within four metres of an entrance to all primary and secondary schools in Victoria, and within the school grounds, under an amendment to the Tobacco Act 1987.
- A similar ban applying to the entrances and grounds of Victorian childcare centres and kindergartens will be introduced at the same time.
- While smoking was banned on the grounds of all Victorian Government schools by the Minister for Education in 2009 via a Ministerial Ban Order, the new bans are enshrined in legislation and will also apply to Catholic and independent schools in Victoria, thereby ensuring a consistent approach across the government and non-government sectors.
- It is a legislative requirement that each school installs suitable ‘No smoking’ signs at all entrances to the school premises.
- Signs and other communication materials, such as posters and brochures, will be available to order free-of-charge from the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) from late March 2015. These can be ordered from the Tobacco Reforms website: www.health.vic.gov.au/tobaccoreforms.
All of our best wishes to Elyse Murnane (who’s been in hospital) for a speedy recovery – I hope everyone takes good care of you over the school holidays.
Have a great break, Jude Porteous, Principal

F–1

Congratulations to Clare Inglis, last week’s Class Achiever for working hard at listening and following instructions. This week the award goes to Lane Camplin for becoming more independent at tidying his table. Well done also to Rafferty Bowman, Celia Klerks and Hudson Bennet on receiving their first reading award for 25 nights of reading. Harrison received the first Lexia certificate for the school… great job, and many children also received Reading Eggs certificates for attaining higher map levels.

In maths this week children are exploring patterns in maths—making patterns with sounds, shapes, numbers, objects and colours. We completed an exploration of the picture book, Belinda by Pamela Allen. Check out the Lallalps website (kid’s page) for a report on this unit! Our theme this fortnight is ‘People who help us’. We are sharing books about various occupations and building vocabulary for speaking and writing. We are also working intensively on handwriting skills at the moment.

Thanks for catching up at parent-teacher interviews. Having shared understandings about your child’s education is vital to good progress.

Have a great week everyone,
Mrs East

MISSING JUMPER

Rafferty is still looking for her brand new jumper which went missing in the early weeks of this term. It is very clearly named with a white sewn-in label. Please check closets at home in case it has been mistakenly taken home to your place.

2–3

Congratulations to Blake Ryan this week for receiving the classroom award for his excellent effort he has been putting into his writing this term. Keep it up Blake! Also well done to Summah, Hannah, Anna and Nick for receiving home reading awards this week. Lastly congratulations to Hannah, Anna and Harry for achieving a level up on Lexia reading.

Can’t believe it is our last week of Term 1 already! This week students will be reflecting on their learning and completing some small assessments to see what they have improved on for this term.

Grade 3/4

The grade 3/4 science class has some homework to do over the break. Their homework is to keep their bean seed alive for the whole 2 weeks. They must ensure they water it the right amount and also make sure it is getting some sunlight. We will continue to investigate seeds and plants next term so it is very important that they look after their plant!

Have a great week everyone and a safe and relaxing holiday break.
Miss Fisher

4–6

Congratulations children on the way you have worked this term, especially to the Year 6 students who have been wonderful role models in class. Your enthusiasm and focus is just brilliant. Mrs Lyons tells me you work with great focus during her classes too on Mon/Tues. Well done to Jazmin McMahon for earning the Student achievement award this week for always being very keen to do her best and take advice to improve her skills. Congratulations to:

- James, Brionie, Carissa, Beau, Jack, Blayzz, Peter for their Mathletics awards
- Siane, Peter, Beau, Clay and Dylan for 25 nights’ reading this term
Max, Brionie, James, Carisa, Luke and Jazmin for 50 nights’ reading this term

| Great work from Miranda, James, Luke and Clay who passed a Lexia level last week and to Beau, Peter and Jack for passing it this week. I’m proud of how keen you have been to learn new concepts and succeed. Champions!! |

Relax, enjoy your holidays and see you back here very soon,
Ms Porteous

Chinese award
Congratulations to Hannah Cairns and to Jasper Hamilton for receiving the awards this term.
Miss Chuang

Mrs Lyons & Music

Choir News
The choir performed a song ‘I am the Earth’ at assembly on Monday. They have been working hard to learn how to sing this song in two parts. We have also been learning ‘Tomorrow’ from Annie, as the recent movie release has re-ignited interest in this classic story.
I had been promising the students a party in the last week of term if every member attended every week (apart from those who were absent from school of course!) It is to the credit of all members that they succeeded in this and so a party was held on Monday at lunchtime with a variety of treats and games.

Performing Arts Classes
We concluded the Drama unit with some group performances, where some of the students showed promising skills in performing to an audience. All of the classes have been learning songs as part of the Music unit and consolidating knowledge of rhythm and beat.
Next term, we will focus on Dance, which will involve the students learning some dances as well as choreographing their own dances. The students might like to bring music to class that they would like to use in their choreographed pieces. In the Music component, we will be learning the skill of improvisation, as well as continuing with singing and studying the elements of music.

TIOQBIZ
This is an app that the school is trialling, it allows quick access to school information and allows messages to be sent to and from school. We would like to see more families using this app, we only have 8 out of 24 families using it. Calendar reminders of upcoming events are sent 24 hrs before the event to remind you about the event.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015

- A reminder for casual dress day on the last day of term, bring a gold coin donation.
- We are still selling icy-poles for 50c. We will be selling icy-poles only this Friday. If you owe us 50c from last week and haven’t paid, you won’t be able to have one this week.
- Also please keep sending your mobile phone.

Parents’ Club News

Parents’ Club Meeting
Thursday 16th April at 9.30am
All Welcome

Local Farm Open Day
Huge thank-you to Leeanne, Jodie, Peter, Donna, Natalie & Laikin for their help & support throughout the whole day.
We have quite a few frozen sausages left over from Sunday.
If anyone would like to purchase some frozen bulk packs, please see Mandy Oliva at School or phone Mandy on 53417889 or 0419 872290. Cheers, Mandy.
Hot Lunch Day
The first hot lunch day will be Thursday 16th April – Sausages in bread – $1 Sausage. Orders due by Tuesday 14th April.

Clothes Drive
On the 22nd & 23rd April we will be holding the clothes drive in the playgroup room. Please bring along any unwanted clothing on Wednesday 22nd to allow time for people to sort and choose from over the 2 days.

Welcome to our 2015 Bungaree Football/Netball Club Auskick Season,

Let's make this year bigger and better!!!!

Our new facilities are complete, which brings loads of excitement among everyone....

You may already know but Registration has changed, you now need to register online, which includes completing the registration form and making your payment via a credit card, if this becomes difficult please let me know and we can make another arrangement.

This year rather than having a registration day set aside to meet our coach, being Michael Steenhuis, we are going to incorporate this into our first training session.

Go to www.aflauskick.com.au and register today!!!!

Our Auskick training session will be held at the Bungaree Football/Netball Club Oval and will commence Friday the 17th of April at 5.00pm. Please bring along your registration receipt.

For those also interested, dinner will be available after Auskick in our new facility. Check out our website www.bungareefnc.com.au to view further dates, menus and pricing. Or visit Facebook: Bungaree Football and Netball Club.

If you have any questions please contact myself Mick on 0428 151 420 otherwise see you then.