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

CALENDAR

March
Thu 5th       Parents Club Meeting at 9:30am in the playgroup room - all welcome!
Fri 6th       JSC icypoles for sale at lunchtime
Mon 9th       Labour Day
Tue 10th      Moorabool Cluster Network Staff Conference (students not at school)
Wed 11th      Book Club Orders and Money Due

Walk, scoot, skate and ride to school

Thu 12th      School Council Meeting 4pm
Fri 13th/20th/27th     JSC icypoles for sale at lunchtime & Visits from Mt Egerton PS students (early lunch)
Mon 16th–Fri 20th Parent-Teacher Meetings
Tues 17th     Buy, Swap and sell
Fri 23rd      Last day of term – casual dress day

April
Fri 24th     Athletics Sports – Llanberris Reserve (full day)

From the Principal:

School Council elections
Thank you and congratulations to the following parents their nominations to School Council – 2-year positions: Sue Klerks and Melissa Donald; 1-year positions – Mandi Oliva and Leesa Inglis said they would both take another term; Teacher vacancy – Trudy East (Patricia Grixti remains on Council until this time next year - great!) Thank you everyone. Still one vacancy....... please get your nomination form before next Thursday. We will expect you all at the next Council meeting on March 12th at 3:45pm. As it’s the Annual/General Meeting we will send out our Draft Strategic Plan 2014-2017 beforehand so you can read through it for refinement (and endorsement at the meeting). Belinda Gear is willing to be a co-opted member again.

Each Friday afternoon, starting this week we are having a visit from the 8 Mt Egerton PS students and 2 staff who will arrive at lunchtime for some social time, F-2 will study Values with Mrs East, 3/4s will explore an animation program called Claymation with me and 5/6s with do some movie making with Miss Carlton, Principal of Mt Egerton (also a qualified movie-maker). It will be a great opportunity for friendships begun in the pool to extend.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all the parents and staff who helped to transport children to an from the pool almost every day or just now and again. Special thanks to the Baileys, Lauren Bennet, Jodie-Anne Cairns, Patricia Grixti, Fiona Caruana and the teachers who took students most days. We usually have a $2 a day fee to pay the driver but I didn’t see that happening much this year. We may have to change the system next year. I’ve booked us in for the same time next year.

Please support the Junior School Council’s activities and take note of their article this week with a few new updates.

Have a fantastic week ahead and don’t forget there is no school next Monday or Tuesday.

Jude Porteous, Principal
This week we have resumed a full program. A reminder that library borrowing happens on Wednesdays for F-2 students so they will need to bring a library bag on that day. Books can be returned at any time into the returns tub in the Library.

In maths this week, Foundation children are learning about the numbers 4, 5, 6 and how to write them correctly. Grade 1’s are focussing on odd and even numbers through playing lots of games that consolidate their understandings. In reading, we are practising the skills of retelling a story through a variety of ways. Grade 1 children will be commencing the Lexia reading program today for the first time. In writing, Foundation children are continuing to develop their fine motor skills to support writing readiness. Grade 1 children are learning how to form their handwriting correctly using dotted thirds paper as a guide. The classroom is feeling incredibly busy this week! Every day I am noticing growth in children’s independence and confidence in many small ways.

Have a great week everyone,
Mrs East

This week in Reading students have been learning about synonyms and antonyms and have been playing many games where they have to give examples of them. In writing students have been typing up there narratives showing great keyboard and Word skills. In Maths we have been focusing on mental strategies for addition and are learning to round numbers to the nearest 10, recall addition facts for single digit numbers mentally and develop mental strategies such as count on, build to 10 and doubles.

For the next four weeks in PE we will be focusing on our athletic skills, getting ready for Athletics Day in early term 2. We will be focusing on running, long jump, shot put, discus, target throw, javelin and triple jump.

Please ensure that all students have appropriate footwear for PE.

Have a great week everyone,
Miss Fisher

Congratulations this week to Wiremu and for earning our Student Achievement awards – for being focussed on improvement and getting stuck into any task with enthusiasm. Congratulations also to Carissa, Luke, Owen, Kristy, James and Miranda for their 25 nights’ reading awards. A great effort was put into Mathletics last week with many students showing Mastery of some topics after initial difficulties- Bronze awards to Brionie, Carissa, Jazmin, Luke, Beau, Blayzz, Anaru, and Siane for earning bronze Mathletics awards, to Kristy, Jack and Clay, a silver and to Wiremu, a gold. You receive a certificate if you score over 1000 but Clay scored a massive 8094 points – he’s flying along!!!

We’re very proud of you Clay.

Today we began working on our understanding of how to write persuasive texts (in preparation for NAPLAN tests in May) with just the introduction to the texts written today. It’s very hard to stop students from mentioning arguments for or against something in an introduction. Tomorrow we’re writing another introduction, this time to “Why my Parents deserve hero awards”. Again they will have to forget about the reasons but just explain what a hero is …… It’s fun.

We’re very interested to see how the Core5 program is going to rocket our students towards improving their reading and understanding of phonics/phonemes/syllables/rhyme/fluency/comprehension and many other areas we commonly see as parts of reading. Almost everyone has completed their placement tests. See the attached sheet about supporting it at home if you wish (2 extra 20 min sessions are meant to allow quick catch-up of skills)

Have a great week, Ms Porteous

Please remember to pay for your child’s netbook instalment and any outstanding fees. If you require a payment plan, please see Belinda or Jude.

Clay Donald – 8094 points last week. Champion Mathlete at LLPS
ART SMOCKS!
Many children still not have an Art smock. Smocks are compulsory for any form of messy art. Children who
do not have a smock will not be able to participate in art activities that involve paint, clay or glue.
Please ensure your child brings a named smock to school ASAP.

ART HELPER NEEDED
Due to growth in school numbers, our weekly years 3-6 Art class has 25 students in it. We would love to have a
regular volunteer to come and help with set up and pack up for this class, as activities like painting require time to
prepare so that children can make full use of their weekly hour session. This session will be from 2.15-3.30 each
Wednesday. Helping in a classroom is another great way to be involved with your child’s education and art is such a
fun activity!
If you able to help please see Mrs East or Ms Porteous.

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL 2015
- The JSC bulb drive is on again, orders need to be collected and returned asap. Please
  sell to as many friends and family as you can.
- The school has just got some new sand pit toys. Please do not run over the sand pit
  because all the buckets are getting broken. We also got a new cricket set with two
  new cricket stumps and two bats.
- JSC has decided that Buy, Swap and Sell is on March 17th. The Foundation children’s
  buddies will help them out. Bring things to sell & trade or money to buy
- We are still selling icy-poles for 50c. We will be selling icy-poles for the rest of the
  term. If you owe us 50c from last week and haven’t paid, you won’t be able to have one
  this week.
- On the 11th of March we will have a walk, scoot, skate and ride to school. We will be
  giving out free stickers to everyone.
- We also still need old mobile phones to save the gorillas.

From Kristy, Carissa and Brionie

Parents’ Club News
Parents Club Meeting – Tomorrow, Thursday 5th March at 9:30am in the playgroup room - all welcome!

Clothes Drive
In Term 2 we will be holding another “Clothes Drive” (date to be confirmed).
During the school holidays go through your unwanted clothes and bag into sizes please.
What happens is, your clothes come in and are put into sizes then you are able to go through what other people have
left and take what you may want.
Anything left at the end of the week are donated to a charity.

Cape Clear Primary School reunion 21st March – see flyer on office window.
The LEXIA program: Lexia (Core5) is a new component of our reading curriculum which we are trialling until the end of term 2

Lexia provides explicit, systematic, personalized learning on fundamental literacy skills for students of all abilities, and delivers norm-referenced performance data and analysis without interrupting the flow of instruction to administer a test. This research-proven, technology-based approach accelerates reading skills development, predicts students' year-end performance and provides teachers data-driven action plans to help differentiate instruction. To check out how you can be involved at home, go to http://lexialearning.com/lexiasupport/school-to-home/

TIQBIZ
Please find attached a flyer about an app called Tiqbiz.

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 without the cost of text messages.

Eventually if the app is continued with after trial, permission slips may even be sent this way with electronic signature for instant reply.

Please reply with any comments about the app via the app, this will allow us to see how things are communicated from the admin area.
Student- Parent –Teacher meetings (“3 way conferences”), Term 1 2015:

| Teacher: Mrs East  
| Student Name: |
| Mon 16th March | 2:30pm | 2:45pm | 3:00pm | 3:15pm |
| Tues 17th March | 3:30pm | 3:45pm | 4:00pm | 4:15pm |
| Thurs 19th March | 2:30pm | 2:45pm | 3:00pm | 3:15pm | 3:30pm |
|              | 3:45pm | 4:00pm | 4:15pm |

| Miss Fisher  
| Student Name: |
| Tues 17th March | 12:45pm | 1:00pm | 1:15pm | 2:30pm | 2:45pm |
|                | 3:00pm | 3:15pm | 4:00pm | 4:15pm |
| Wed 18th March | 4:15pm | 4:30pm | 4:45pm | 5:00pm | 5:15pm |
| Fri 20th March | 12:45pm | 1:00pm | 1:15pm | 3:30pm | 3:45pm |

If you require a meeting with Mrs Lyons, please make an appointment with Mrs Lyons herself.

| Ms Porteous  
| Student Name: |
| Mon 16th March | 9:30am | 9:50am | 10:10am | 10:30am | 11:30am |
|                | 11:50am | 12:10pm | 3:30pm | 3:50pm | 4:10pm |
| Tues 17th March | 9:30am | 9:50am | 10:10am | 10:30am | 11:30am |
|                | 11:50am | 12:10pm | 3:30pm | 3:50pm | 4:10pm |
| Wed 18th March | 3:50pm | 4:10pm | 4:30pm |