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

CALENDAR

May
Fri 22\textsuperscript{nd} First Aid in Schools – free sessions, 10:15 onwards
Sun 24\textsuperscript{th} Working Bee 10am
Mon 25\textsuperscript{th} Visit from the Mayor of Moorabool Shire Council
Wed 27\textsuperscript{th} Book Club orders and money due
Thurs 28\textsuperscript{th} Parents’ Club Hot Lunch
Thur 28th/Fri 29\textsuperscript{th} – Ms Porteous at Rural School’s Principals Conference – Melbourne.

June
Fri 5\textsuperscript{th} Report writing day – Pupil free day
Mon 8\textsuperscript{th} Queen’s Birthday holiday
Wed 24\textsuperscript{th} The Very Hungry Bear performance – (Grade F-2)

Student Banking Day is Wednesdays

From the Principal:

From last week’s School Council meeting it was agreed that we will have a WORKING BEE this Sunday 24\textsuperscript{th} May, beginning at 10am and probably finishing round 1:30pm. We hope you can attend to help with the following jobs:

- Cutting, removing and burning dead blackberries
- Shifting gravel and soil
- Fixing gates
- Pruning shrubs and gardening..................................... and I’m sure we’ll find a couple of other jobs

Please bring barrows, spades and shovels, gloves, secateurs- and we need one person with a chainsaw

We’ll have morning tea and later a BBQ – hoping for a fine day!!

Well done to all the Year 3 and 5 students who completed NAPLAN tests last week in Numeracy, Reading, Writing and language conventions (Spelling and Punctuation) with other students from all across Australia. We know you did your very best and will now wait a couple of months until results are ready. NAPLAN tests are just a small part of our annual testing program here at LLPS, however they are the only tests which compare students nationally over 4 distinct years (3,5,7,and 9).

Congratulations to all our long distance runners (Summah, Anna, Dylan, Luke, Jazmin, James and Carisa) who competed at Victoria Park last Friday in the 2km and 3km cross-country events. We’ll have to wait to see if anyone gets into the next level, but Miss Fisher suspects that one or two may have made it. She was very surprised to see that some athletes in the competition treated the 3km run as a sprint!

Congratulations to James Inglis also and well done for attending the next level of selection for the Football trials group on Sunday. Unfortunately he didn’t make the next level this year, but I’m sure his skills will continue to develop over the next few years.

Yesterday, along with over 100 other teachers, I had the privilege of receiving my 40\textsuperscript{th} year Service Award, from the Minister for Education and deputy Premier, the Hon James Merlino in Melbourne. I was touched by his speech and felt truly honoured as he spoke of all the changes, our ability to adapt to the changing times and our contribution to the children (many of whom are now adults – I won’t even say young adults anymore!!) of Victoria. I certainly reflected on my personal highs and lows, the challenges and the great successes, feeling fortunate in my choice of a rewarding career and happy to have
felt that I have been a positive influence in the lives of children I’ve taught. I wish I could personally convey my thanks to all the staff, the students and the families I’ve met for their contributions to my life. While watching a slideshow presentation about those early years, it hit me just how long I had been teaching when I remembered that my first year at Teachers’ College was the year man walked on the moon and that soon Gough Whitlam was our Prime Minister, soldiers were finally withdrawing from Vietnam and the Westgate Bridge collapsed........ I know, long before you were born!

Have a great week, Jude Porteous, Principal

Grades 4-6

Congratulations to Carisa, Peter and Beau for passing their next level on the Lexia (Core5) Reading program. It’s Carisa’s fourth level and Peter’s fifth!! Wow, one level achieved in just one week. It’s great to see the enthusiasm for the learning this program offers- if students say “it’s hard”, they only have to listen, learn and practise. If they really get stuck, we have an individual lesson to consolidate understanding.

This week Wiremu and Clay both earned a Mathletics award (bronze), with 1000 and 1030 points. Great persistence to work through your tasks so well in a short time.

The wonderful dioramas produced by the years 3-6 students as part of our geography classes are now on display in the senior classroom:

- Years 3/4 - supporting and depicting their research about significant geographical features of Australia
- Years 5/6 - supporting and depicting their research about significant geographical features of an Asian country

We will be investigating Historical stories (5/6) and Indigenous Australians (3/4) and exploring different Historical skills for the rest of this term. Gathering information, recognising and using Primary/Secondary sources, discussing bias, asking questions and making cultural connections are just some of these skills.

Have a great week, Ms Porteous

Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Jake Gear for receiving the classroom award this week for his excellent writing last week. Well done to Spencer for reaching 75 nights’ home reading and Anna for reaching 100 nights. Keep up the great reading everyone. This week in Maths students will be learning about time will be telling time to the quarter hour using the language of past and to. They will also learn that there are 60 minutes in an hour and 60 seconds in a minute. In English this week students will be using reading strategies to work on their goals and will also be focusing on editing their writing using spelling strategies.

Well done to James, Carisa, Jazmin, Luke, Dylan, Anna and Summah who all participated in the Districts Cross Country last Friday. All students gave it their all and showed fantastic running skills.

Have a great week everyone.

Miss Fisher

F-1

Congratulations to Harrison on achieving your next Lexia level. Celia has reached 50 nights of reading and Gus 100, fantastic efforts! Our class achiever this week is Jasper who consistently shows a great attitude to learning. Well done Jasper! Outstanding in maths last week was Clare who quickly started and completed the data activities, showing a good understanding of this topic.

This week in Foundation maths we are learning about numbers to 20-writing, making groups, ordering and predicting. Grade 1’s are exploring fractions. Foundation children will be having a focus on early high frequency words this week and the Grade ones will continue to explore sentence structure.

Have a great week,

Mrs East
Last week, the F - 2 music class focused on rhythm and how each syllable in a word is a sound that can be clapped. The students can try clapping and saying words, with one clap for each syllable. How many claps in your name?

The 3 - 4's improvised dance moves and learnt a dance routine with Mr Webb, the student teacher.

In year 5 - 6, the students focused on improvisation. We started with rhythmic improvisation by clapping, tapping and stamping. We then moved onto untuned percussion instruments and finally began to experiment with melody by using xylophones and keyboards. Over the remainder of the term, I will be encouraging students to think about what makes a good melody.

Mrs Lyons

DISPOSING OF ASSETS:
School Council agreed to dispose of 2 keyboards, 2 computers (ACER) and 2 netbooks (the original netbooks used by students in our school) that are rather old. If you would like them, please let me know.

We also have a small shredder that is surplus to our needs. If you are interested, please come in to check it out. It will be for sale by tender, so leave your offer in an envelope at the office – offers to be finalised by May 29th.

Thanks, Jude

THE VERY CRANKY BEAR

We are planning an excursion to a performance of The Very Cranky Bear at Her Majesty’s Theatre on Wednesday June 24th at 10.30am as part of our F-2 Language and Literature study. The performance is based on the fantastic picture book of the same name written by Nick Bland.

We will share the experience with Mt Egerton junior children and extend an invitation to any Lal Lal parents who wish to bring siblings along.

Tickets are $10 per child and $22 per adult. We may be able to get tickets a bit cheaper, depending on the group size.

If you are interested in bringing your younger children along, please see Mrs East by this Wednesday (if you haven’t already) so we can finalise numbers.

Last week for 5¢ for NEPAL. Please round up your spare change and contribute to our donation. Thanks