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

CALENDAR

May
Wed 27th  Book Club orders and money due
Thurs 28th  Parents’ Club Hot Lunch
            Parents’ Club meeting – 9:30am
Thur 28th/Fri 29th – Ms Porteous at Rural Schools’ Principals’ Conference – Melbourne.

June
Fri 5th  Report writing day – Pupil free day
Mon 8th  Queen’s Birthday holiday
Wed 10th  Earth Education –Mt. Clear College (10AM – 2PM) Grade 3-4
Thurs 18th  School Council (proposed)
Wed 24th  The Very Hungry Bear performance – (Grade F-2)

Student Banking Day is Wednesdays

From the Principal:

Firstly I must thank the families who came to the working bee yesterday- to John Elford with Lester, Carisa & Dexter; Lauren with Hudson; Sue with Celia; Mandy with Mark and Peter. You put in a massive effort and even though it all seems a bit bare at the moment, the place is trim and terrific. You all made a huge difference with the front garden, the veggie garden and the blackberries. I’m about to light the burning pile for the last time, before we extend the carpark and am very happy to see those blackberry canes and bracken (especially) go up in smoke!

This week I will be away Thurs/Fri at the Rural School Conference (Melbourne) run by the Country Education Project, which I’ll report on next week. I will be available though, if you should need to contact me while I’m away through the mobile number at the top of this newsletter.

School Councillors- If you’ve checked the calendar above, you’ll notice I’ve changed the School Council date to June 18th as I can’t be there on the 11th. If this presents a problem, please let me know and maybe we can make another date.

This morning the Mayor of Moorabool, Mr Paul Tatchell, and his assistant Paula, visited to speak to the Year 4-6 students about the consultation project called 2041- Envisioning Lal Lal in all those years ahead and helping create ‘a road map’ to plan towards it. Apparently Moorabool Shire predicts there will be 3X as many people living in the Shire then. Imagine 120 students at our school, a shop, maybe some aged-care units, a footy club- or will we all be into lawn bowls?! Amongst other things I reminded him of our request to have the Mobile Library started again, our need for the carpark extension and the ever-present issue of the need for barriers along Lal Lal Clarendon Road in parts where it abuts the walking track. If you wish to email the Mayor/the shire please send it to info@moorabool.vic.gov.au

Enjoy the week everyone,

Jude Porteous, Principal
Grades 4-6

Congratulations to Luke Inglis (bronze) and Anaru Wilson (silver) for their Mathletics awards last week and to Dylan Anderson and Clay Donald for achieving their next Lexia level through being determined and persistent. Beau Gear reached 50 nights’ reading and Max Barton 125 - what a great achievement.

My Student Award was given to Carisa Gabriel who made such a fantastic contribution at the working bee yesterday – she worked so hard for most of the 3-4 hours we were here, digging in the garden and clearing away prunings. Thank you Carisa.

Over the next two weeks we will be conducting online testing in English and Maths for all Year 3-6 students as well as repeating another Reading test to evaluate the effect of the Lexia program. We’ll look for extraordinary gains after 14 weeks of Lexia - and then decide whether we’ll continue to subscribe.

I am collecting 1000’s of different coloured plastic bottle tops – tops from juice, milk, cream anything else- for a project later in the year. The more colours, the merrier! I have placed a box for them in the office, so start saving them please.

Have a great week, Ms Porteous

Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Hannah Cairns for receiving the classroom award for always being helpful in class. Well done to Summah, Jake and Nick for achieving home reading night awards and lastly well done to Harry, Summah, Spencer and Anna for receiving Lexia awards this week.

This week in writing students will begin to write in their Writer’s Notebooks. These notebooks are students private writing where they can write about anything they like. For example, stories, events, facts about animals or things, their feelings. They can also bring in things to stick in such as photos, letters, stickers, stamps, postcards etc. In Maths we are continuing to focus on telling time and will be learning how to read quarter to and quarter past on analogue and digital clocks.

Have a great week everyone.

Miss Fisher

F-1

Reading nights awards this week go to Jasper and Lane for 50 nights and Hudson for 75. Our class achiever this week is Hudson who is consistently showing a great attitude towards reading at home and at school. Gus receives our maths award for persisting with revision of counting patterns.

We enjoyed having the Mount Egerton children over to play and learn with us. The First aid training was useful. Children will have brought home a special card on which to fill in Emergency contact details. The idea is that you discuss it with them as you fill it in and display it in a place where it can be easily accessed in the case of an emergency.

This week in Foundation maths we will continue learning about numbers to 20-writing, making groups, ordering and predicting.

Grade 1’s will be extending their concepts and skills in subtraction. In literacy, we will be exploring why people write and having a go at writing procedural texts. Reading will focus on factual texts and the skills good readers use to comprehend them.

Have a great week,

Mrs East

Mrs Lyons & Music

Mrs Lyons is away ill today.
PARENTS’ CLUB NEWS

A big THANK YOU to everyone that donated clothes and time to the Clothes Swap. The left over items were donated to Ballarat Quilt Grans to be distributed to those in need. We have received a lovely card from them thanking you all and expressing their appreciation.

There will be a Parents’ Club Meeting on Thursday 28th May, 2015 at 9:30am in the Playgroup room. All Welcome!!

DISPOSING OF ASSETS:

School Council agreed to dispose of 2 computers (ACER) 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

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NATIONALLY CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA ON SCHOOL STUDENTS WITH DISABILITY

‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability. All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jude Porteous on 53417580 or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

* For more information on Schedule 3—Amendments for the collection of data on students who are persons with a disability Australian Education Regulation 2013 see: