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15<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

CALENDAR

JULY

Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Bunnings BBQ fundraiser  
Thur 22<sup>nd</sup> Marc Van  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting 6pm  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> Book Club orders and money due

AUGUST

Thur 5<sup>th</sup> Curriculum Day  
9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> School Camp (Grades 3-6)  
Tue 27<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting – 6pm

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

**We need YOU!**

**BUNNINGS BBQ - HELP**

**NEEDED – If you can help, please put your name in the time slot of your preference on the roster.**

**A reminder that parents, carers, and visitors can enter school grounds, however they must check in using the QR codes.**

**Hot Lunches** will be available on **Wednesdays & Fridays**. Students can bring along food that can be heated in the pie warmer. All food must be wrapped in foil with your child's name on it.

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Welcome to Term 3. Mrs Gosney is still away enjoying a week of well-deserved long-service leave. We hear she has been having a great time, despite not being able to visit the Northern Territory as planned due to the COVID break-out. We look forward to seeing her back next week and hearing all about her trip.

It has been wonderful to come back to school and see the transformation of the oval. The students have been excited and have responded reasonably to the fact that it cannot be used straight away. It will probably be the end of term before the turf is ready to be played on. The students agree that it will be worth the wait. Luckily, Mrs Gosney brought in her table-tennis table and that has been a novelty for the students while the oval is not to be used. There has also been enthusiasm for the gaga pit and some tightly contested games have been held.



Today, we had a visit from the school dental van. This was a great opportunity for students to have their teeth checked without parents needing to drive into Ballarat. I am somewhat regretting the choice of novel for the senior class earlier this year – Demon Dentist!

This Sunday we have a major fundraiser, the Bunnings Sausage Sizzle. The volunteer roster is on the office door and a copy of the available slots was posted to Class Dojo this week. If you are able to fill one of the vacant spots, you can just text me or post to the Dojo page and we will write your name in. Thanks so much to those people who are able to help out, and especially to the parents helping to organise the event.

We would like to inform parents that we have had a case of lice. Please be vigilant in checking your child's hair and treat if lice are found.

Lastly, we have many exciting plans for this term, including school camp and a concert. Obviously, we are monitoring the COVID situation, and will need to be flexible about the possibility of last minute changes to our plans. We will keep you posted.

Mrs Lyons – Acting Principal

### EUREKA CLASS – GRADES P – 3

Welcome to term 3 everyone.

Congratulations to Tex, our class achiever this week for showing increased effort in reading. Well done Tex. Well done also to those children who have earned Reading eggs certificates during the holidays- Harry, Dahlia and Lachlan. Well done to Taj who has read for 75 nights.

In Literacy, children are exploring the literature of Julia Donaldson- The Gruffalo, Zog, Room on the Broom. Her use of descriptive language, rhyme and engaging story lines make these books perfect for digging into deeply. Children are working hard on fundamental literacy skills such as identifying phonemes (sounds), graphemes (written units of sound) and being able to separate and blend sounds in words. We will also have a particular focus on sentence writing this term, as they are the building blocks of great writing, and can be crafted in increasingly complex ways as children develop their language and understandings. Now that they have fundamental understandings about letters and sounds and how they make words, Preps are being introduced quickly to the remaining alphabet sounds. There will be new books of increasing complexity coming home to be read this term.

In Maths, children are exploring the mathematical process of sharing/dividing. This will involve lots of use of materials and manipulation skills to share collections in different ways. Some children are working more abstractly with numbers to do this.

***We are all looking forward to our first 100 days of school party on Tuesday August 3rd. This event celebrates the Prep's first 100 days of school and is a fun opportunity to do a lot of work around numbers to 100. Our theme this year is for children to come dressed as a 100 year old! Walking sticks, hats and old clothing come to mind for dress-ups, and these can be improvised from home. Mrs Gosney tells me that there are props on this theme - wigs etc at Kmart at reasonable prices if you prefer to go this way.***

Thanks to Prep/one families for returning the I-pads post-holiday. Please make sure that there are no spare chargers or password keyrings hanging around at home. There seem to be a few missing at school.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs East

## LALOR CLASS – GRADES 4 – 6

We have had an absolutely great start to Term 3 in the Lalor Class. The students have been really focused and hard-working.

Congratulations to Ruby, our Star of the Week, who has been very focused and productive.

We have started the term with a unit on poetry. The students have enjoyed exploring a range of poetry types, both rhyming and free-verse. We have explored the theme and mood of different poems and have explored descriptive writing techniques. There is so much to learn through poetry.

In Mathematics we have embarked on multiplication as our topic. We are focusing on understanding factors and multiples of different numbers and will be trying to become more fluent with our multiplication and division facts.

Our new area of study in Inquiry is 'Caring for country'. Students will investigate ideas around sustainability and threats to the environment. In particular, we will be learning about the Australian savanna and making a model of this amazing part of our country. Did you know that the savanna takes up one quarter of Australia's land? Included in this unit will be traditional indigenous practices such as cool burning.

Mrs Lyons.

### **POETRY**

#### **Sad Sparrow**

*Sad little sparrow*

*Drying its feathers*

*In the evening light*

*Perched on a branch*

*Spreading its wings*

**By Columbus Barton**

#### **Day by Day**

*The soft morning wind blows*

*And the warm river flows*

*The birds singing along*

*With their morning song*

*The sunlight slowly dies*

*As the moonlight starts to rise*

*Then, goes away*

*At the end of the day*

**By Billie Donald**



## STUDENT REFLECTION

We have started to practise our school concert which is based on Covid-19 and it has been very fun. It's about kids doing virtual classroom and the politicians (I am acting Donald Trump).

The teachers are doing a little item about how it was for them trying to teach us kids.

In writing we are doing poetry and there are some poems for you to read in the newsletter. There are lots of different types of poems - some rhyme some don't. There are even nonsense poems.

My favourite so far is personification - it is very fun.

In Inquiry we are focusing on the Aussie savanna and all the animals there.

We have recently got a new oval and it looks amazing. We are not allowed on it yet because the grass has to set. There is also a path to the tennis court that looks good.

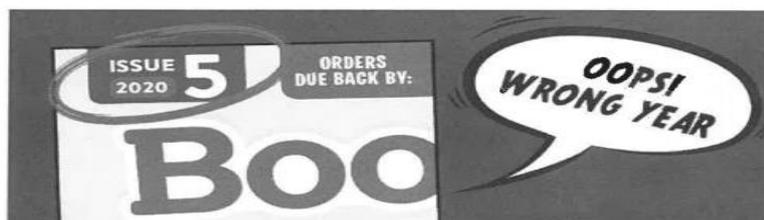
By Billy Rhys Murley

## Book Club issue 5

# Attention

Oops, we printed the wrong year on  
our Issue 5 Book Club.

Rest assured the catalogue is filled  
with the latest Book Club hot titles from 2021.



 SCHOLASTIC

## Stars of the week

### Eureka Class

#### Congratulations to:

Tex Bowman for showing increased effort in reading.



### Lalor Class

#### Congratulation to:

Ruby Klerks for being very focused and productive.



*To those who celebrate their Birthday this week.*



Sophie 20/7

## BUNNINGS BBQ FUNDRAISER .....**HELP!**

**We need**  
**YOU!**



On next major fundraiser will be the Bunnings BBQ on **THIS** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

We will need lots of support with running this event. A roster has been placed on the office door. If you are able to help, please put your name in the time slot of your preference.

**We still need quite a number of helpers to fill in time slots to run this event, if you are able to volunteer some of your time, please let the school know as soon as possible.**

## MARC VAN

A friendly reminder that all Marc Van library books should be brought to school each fortnight. Please have a hunt around for any Marc Van books and return to school as soon as possible.