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CALENDAR

AUGUST

Fri 13 th	Mini Olympics Day
Wed 18 th	Winter Sports (selected students)
Thur 19 th	Marc Van
Thur 19 th	Book week dress up day
19 th – 27 th	Book Week
30 th Aug – 1 st Sept	School Camp – (Grades 3-6) TBC

Happy Birthday
Mrs East

SEPTEMBER

Thur 3 rd	Marc Van
Tue 8 th	School Council Meeting 6pm
Fri 18 th	Last day of Term 3

REMINDERS/NOTICES:

Tissues - Could all families please send along a box of tissues for class use.

A reminder that parents, carers, and visitors can enter school grounds only if necessary. Everyone must check in using the QR codes and wear a facemask.

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.

Breakfast Club will be held every Monday and Friday morning from 8:25am. Students will need to bring their own bowl, plate, cup, and cutlery.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Remote and Flexible Learning

What a sudden change of events on Monday just after we had pivoted so successfully back into Remote Learning. Every day presents new challenges and opportunities that we need to embrace and make the most of. The students are very appreciative of being at school and being surrounded by peers and their teachers.

Our remote learning program doesn't just happen. There is a considerable amount of planning that goes into it. Our staff continue to refine and improve their approaches constantly after seeking feedback from students, parents, and School Council. Thank you to our fantastic teaching staff who work hard to ensure that we have a high quality remote and flexible learning program.

The reason our remote and flexible learning program is high quality is the support that we receive from our school community. By working together as a team with the child at the centre, we are able to achieve so much more and really support the children. Thank you, parents, for everything you do in these uncertain times.

On Tuesday my bucket was filled with the students returning back on-site, seeing their lovely smiles and hearing their laughter and voices in the yard. Then I was overwhelmed to be presented with a gorgeous bunch of flowers from the students and staff. I was so grateful to receive a beautiful handmade card and then to receive the flowers really topped the day off.



Congratulations

Once again, I have the privilege of congratulating one of our amazing year 6 students for getting into the SEAL (Selected Entry Acceleration Learning) program at Mount Clear College for 2022. Congratulations to Celia Klerks for all the hard work she has put into her application and interview process. Celia continues the tradition that every year we have a student accepted into the program. Thank you to Mrs. Lyons for assisting the students to be so well prepared for the testing and interview process through your wonderful teaching. We wish Celia all the best in this program.

Olympics

Tomorrow is going to be take three on the Olympics after we had it planned for last Friday at school and then at home on Wednesday. All students are invited to come dressed in green or gold to represent Australia or another country. The students will participate in a range of activities tomorrow afternoon. This is one of the opportunities that we need to embrace and allows the students some joy.

Book Week

Next Thursday the students will be celebrating Book Week. We have decided to celebrate it earlier to coincide with the MARC van. I look forward to seeing everyone dressed up as their favourite book character. If you choose not to get dressed up, you will be required to wear school uniform on the day. More details are given later in the newsletter. Please don't go and buy anything expensive as often the best costumes are homemade.

NAPLAN Training

Yesterday morning Mrs. Lyons and I went through 3 hours of NAPLAN training to assist the school to undertake NAPLAN on-line. Next year all schools will undertake NAPLAN on-line. In term 4, the senior students will undertake a practice test to ensure that the school is organised, we know what to do and the system will not crash.

Camp

With Melbourne extending lockdown for another week camp is looking more and more unlikely. Camp notes haven't been sent home, as I am holding off. If camp does have to be cancelled, I will endeavour to reschedule or hopefully find somewhere else for us to go.

Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Survey

Each school family has been invited by email to participate in the 2021 Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). NOTE: Only one parent/caregiver/guardian from your family is invited to complete the survey. The survey is open until Sunday 22 August 2021.

Covid Update

- Restrictions on access to the school site for anyone other than immediate school staff, DET employees or staff delivering programs for student learning and of course our students.
- All visitors coming on-site must sign in using our QR code and wear a face mask.
- Practise good hygiene. All staff, students and visitors to school should undertake regular hand hygiene, particularly on arrival to school, before and after eating, after blowing their nose, coughing, sneezing, or using the toilet. Staff should direct or supervise young students where required.

This year, we are celebrating **Book Week** on Thursday 19th August, and we would like to invite you to join us in helping your child to make the most of this special occasion.

Each year, schools and public libraries across Australia spend a week celebrating the joy and value of books.

As part of the celebration on the 19th of August teachers will conduct activities relating to a story book to highlight the importance and joy of reading.



The theme for this year's Book Week Celebration is 'Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds'. On Thursday 19th August we would like to invite children to come to school dressed as their favourite book character, author or as an expression of this year's theme.

The costume can be as simple or as elaborate as you like! You can find some costume ideas on sites such as Pinterest or by doing a Google search.

Yours In Education,
Mrs Siobhan Gosney, Principal.

EUREKA CLASS – GRADES P – 3

My head was spinning when I heard Monday's snap announcement about returning to school. After all the preparation that we did for the coming week last Friday, now we had to flip back into class! I imagine that parents and children also experienced a range of emotions. Time and time again we have all shown how adaptable we can all be when we need to. This doesn't mean that it doesn't affect us in a variety of ways. I have noticed that most children seem happy to be back, but many seem a bit emotionally worn out by all this change and in need of a bit of extra TLC. For those children who have actually enjoyed the feeling of security that comes with learning from home, a sudden change can be particularly hard on them. We will continue to provide a feeling of safety through predictable routines and reassurance, but if you have any particular concerns about your child, please don't hesitate to see either myself or Mrs Gosney.

Congratulations to our Class achiever this week, Lachlan. Lachlan is great at being where he needs to be, when he needs to be and ready to learn. Well done everyone on such regular home reading. That extra one on one practice each day really makes a difference over time.

This week, we continue to develop fundamental skills in sentence writing through using connectives such as 'and, but or because' to communicate thinking. We have explored some background on the Paralympics and generated some questions about this new topic. Our theme of 'dogs' will continue for several more weeks, so please send me a photo (via text if possible) of your child and their dog for our display wall. It would be great to make a photo wall of children with their pets. It stimulates talk for writing. We are reading many fiction and non-fiction texts about dogs to build a bank of language skills and knowledge.

In Maths, we are nearing the end of our exploration of multiplying and dividing (making and sharing groups). When you have the chance, please ask your child to help out with tasks at home that require grouping and sharing such as making up lolly bags for a party or dividing cards equally for a game. Children embed concepts of what these terms mean by solving practical situations.

If your child has a school spray jacket, please check for their name tag. There has been quite a mix up of jackets recently and one child still does not have theirs.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs East



Mrs East's Birthday celebration

LALOR CLASS – GRADES 4 – 6

Congratulations to Billie Donald for her improved results in Multiplication. We have spent some extra time consolidating our learning in this important unit. Today we played a game like the TV show Jeopardy, on the topic of Factors and Multiples.

Our focus in Literacy has been sentence structure, and students have been asked to identify and write different types of sentences. Today, they submitted a writing task that they have been working on for a week. Some extracts from these pieces of writing can be read below. Enjoy!

Mrs Lyons

Mine carts going up to the surface and back, grinding against the rusty iron rails, irritated the miners. The miners were wearing hard hats, no shirts and shorts because of the immense heat causing them to sweat like it was a very rainy day.
By Waka

Marie was so confused she nearly fell out of her hiding spot. Who was this man? How did she not know about the secret gates? Was she the missing Elera Jacks? Questions floated around her.
By Ruby

Abigail stood staring in amazement. Being the 9 year old girl she was, she instinctively pushed the door with all her might, without thinking, and knocked herself out. 5 seconds later she awoke. Blood dripped from her cut on the back of her head.
By Clare

The odour was growing stronger the more I proceeded. It was so bad that it made a skunk that had recently eaten garlic, showered in sweat, rolled in fresh poop, and covered in my dad's threadbare socks, smell like roses.
By Celia

It was a dark bluestone palace with a rickety wooden door that fell down a lot. When they stepped inside the palace they looked at the place. It had cold stone walls with a tinted window. In the middle of the room there was a wooden table with blood stains over every square centimetre.
By Patrick

CHAPLAIN CHATTER

We now come to look at Parenting Tip #5. Whether these tips have been 'new' or 'a friendly reminder', I hope you've been enjoying them, and finding them helpful in your family. It is without doubt one of the most challenging and rewarding journeys that we can embark on. My wife and I are 15 years down this parenting road, and really appreciate all of this information and encouragement. All 10 tips can be found at: <https://www.parentingforbrain.com/how-to-be-a-good-parent-10-parenting-tips/>

#5: Communicating and Integrating



Most of us already know the importance of communication. Talk to your child and also listen to them carefully. By keeping an open line of communication, you'll have a better relationship with your child and your child will come to you when there's a problem. But there's another reason for communication — you help your child integrate different parts of his/her brain.

Integration is similar to our body in which different organs need to coordinate and work together to maintain a healthy body. When different parts of the brain are integrated, they can function harmoniously as a whole, which means less tantrums, more cooperative behaviour and more empathy.

To do that, talk through troubling experiences. Ask your child to describe what happened and how he/she felt. You don't have to provide solutions. Just listening to them talk and asking clarifying questions will help them make sense of their experiences and integrate memories.

If you have any questions/comments or would like to discuss your child's wellbeing needs, please don't hesitate to either contact the school on 5341 7580 or my work mobile on 0432 308 587.

All the best

Michael Lewis - Chaplain

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.

Kari O'Gorman

MARC Teacher- Outer Western Region

Base School: Balliang East Primary School, VIC



Stars of the week

Eureka Class

Congratulations to:

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Lalor Class

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To those who celebrate their Birthday this week.



Megan Pearce - 17/8