

## Respect.....Resilience.....Kindness.....Effort

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### CALENDAR

#### AUGUST

19<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> Book Week

30<sup>th</sup> Aug – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept School Camp – (Grades 3-6) **CANCELLED**

#### SEPTEMBER

Thur 2<sup>nd</sup> Marc Van

Tue 7<sup>th</sup> School Council Meeting 6pm

Thur 16<sup>th</sup> Marc Van

Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Last day of Term 3

#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

This morning before school there was a great buzz of excitement in the school grounds as the students showed off their costumes. People were madly guessing who was dressed as which characters and there was lots of chatter about books. Everyone then joined in, and we had a very entertaining parade. The students then worked with their buddies on some very engaging book week activities. Thank you, parents, for assisting the students to come along dressed up as such amazing characters. As a parent, I dread book week every year, but seeing the joy on the student's faces this morning, makes it all worthwhile. In these uncertain times, it is important that we provide the students with these delightful experiences, which will become lifelong memories. (I still recall and have photos of dressing up as Mole from Wind in the Willows).

This week I received notification that we were successful with our Lal Lal Windfarm Grant, which was very exciting. The grant is for another two split system air conditioners to be located in the art and music rooms. This is such welcome news, especially for playgroup who has been freezing lately. The grant is also for some more music equipment for the drum beat program and our already outstanding music program.

The way that the year is whizzing past, it will be Christmas before we know it. Now is the time that we start thinking about 2022 (scary I know). If you know of any new families to the area or friends who are thinking about enrolling at our school, please encourage them to give us a call to enroll their child. Unfortunately, we are unable at this stage to do school tours.

**Please, if you are interested in accessing after school care next year you will need to complete the survey today to enable me to complete the grant application tomorrow. It appears that it will only cost around \$5.00 a night for care after the childcare subsidy. Only 3 families have completed the Parent Opinion Survey. With this few numbers it makes it difficult to obtain workable data and allow our school to grow and develop. It will only take about 15mins to complete the survey, but it will provide us with some fantastic insights. I am happy to resend the link if you can't find it.**

Yesterday, it nearly felt like pre-covid as the senior students participated in SSV Winter Sports. The students participated in netball, football and soccer and were all located across Ballarat. It was great for

#### REMINDERS/NOTICES:

#### URGENT NOTICE ~

**After School Care:** If you are interested in having your children in after school care for next year, please complete the survey by **TODAY**.

**Parent Opinion Survey:** Could all parents/carers please fill the Parent Opinion Survey as soon as possible.

**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.**

the students to be finally back doing what they love and more importantly mixing with their friends from other schools.

I was super proud to hear stories back from the coaches to say our students displayed wonderful sportsmanship and our school values. The mixed netball team which Billie and Adelaide played in continued to grow in skill across the day and finished on top of the ladder, which means that they will go on to play in a final next week. Congratulations. Thank you also to Mrs. Lyons and the parents for assisting with transport.

As you would have noticed from the newsletter calendar, we have cancelled our camp to Melbourne. I am busy trying to secure other camp options regionally. Depending on Covid restrictions, we may have very short notice to attend camp, but we will make it all work, as we always put our students first. I appreciate your support in this matter.

Our first day of our DET School Strategic Review will take place next Tuesday. This is an opportunity for the school to reflect on how it is operating from our results in teaching and learning in the classroom, to staff and student interviews. In previous years the School Review has been on-site, and the panel has been able to walk around the school and feel the vibe of the school. However, this year due to restrictions we are having to meet via WebEx. Prior to the review, staff and School Council worked on four highlights since the last review four years ago. David Mann the reviewer is very disappointed that he is unable to come and meet the staff, students and walk around our beautiful grounds and facilities.

The final day of the review will take place on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> of September and the panel would like the opportunity to chat to our wonderful parent/carers about their experiences and thoughts about the school. I invite all families to attend this session to ensure that you have a say in the future direction of our school. The session will be held at 9am for around 30-45mins.

On behalf of the students and staff I would like to wish Mrs Lyons all the best for next week as she takes sick leave. We wish her a speedy recovery.

Yours In Education,  
Mrs Siobhan Gosney, Principal.

### EUREKA CLASS – GRADES P – 3

Congratulations to this week's Class Achievers, Taj and David. These two have been working particularly hard on their sentence writing. Well done also to these great home readers- Chevy and Lachlan 100 nights, Matilda and Charlie for 125.

In Maths, younger children continue to explore the ways to split numbers into two. For example- 8 is 2 and 6, 4 and 4, 3 and 5 etc. These understandings are important foundations for operating mathematically. Older children are exploring what a fraction is and what makes fractions equivalent.

In literacy, younger children are finding out about word families like -at words (fat, rat, cat) and -ug words (bug, slug, mug). Older children are building word and sentence knowledge using the 'or' grapheme. We continue to explore the theme of dogs and are now exploring what working dogs do. Children have written and published short pieces about their pet dog. Thanks to parents who have sent in photos of the family dog: it's still not too late to add to our display.

Enjoy the weekend,

Mrs East



## LALOR CLASS – GRADES 4 – 6

Congratulations to our Star of the Week, Clare, for achieving her goal of extending her vocabulary.

As a result of reading the students' descriptive writing pieces, I decided to review the skill of paragraphing. We investigated the reasons for beginning a new paragraph, and how a paragraph usually explores one or two closely related ideas. This led us to looking at the author's purpose in fictional texts. What is the author trying to show us in each paragraph? Are they building suspense? Are they describing a character's appearance or personality?

In Mathematics, we have been reviewing number and making sure the students understand prime and composite numbers, as well as factors and multiples. Students are encouraged to practise their multiplication tables at home (just working on one at a time), so if you have time to ask them some questions in the car, or while cooking, it would be much appreciated.

This week has been busy with special events. On Wednesday, we had most students involved in Winter sports. On Thursday, we had our Book week parade and buddy activities. Some of our students have reported on these events. Read on:

Mrs Lyons

### STUDENT REFLECTION

Winter Sport was a great day. I played soccer, and I made quite a few friends. My whole team and I won two games and lost three. Altogether, we scored 19 goals. I learnt that I was better on the field than being a goalie. One of the students from another school, Phoenix, was a great player. It was a lovely, sunny day.

**By Ruby**

Winter Sports was a mad day. We travelled to Ballarat to play five different games. We only got half hour breaks in-between. A highlight for me was when I got two goals in the third game. I also got one goal in the second game. I enjoyed tackling other players. It was great to play with friends from school.

**By Benji**

Yesterday, we went to Alfredton to play Winter Sports. Adelaide and I played netball with people from other schools. I scored a couple of goals and so did Adelaide. Our team played four games and we won three. We finished on top of the ladder. I really enjoyed playing with people who weren't from our school.

**By Billie**





# THE WHOLEHEARTED PARENTING MANIFESTO

Above all else, I want you to know that you are **LOVED AND LOVABLE**. You will learn this from my words and actions – the lessons on love are in how **I** treat you and how **I** treat myself.

I want you to engage with the world from a place of worthiness. You will learn that **YOU ARE WORTHY OF LOVE, BELONGING, AND JOY** every time you see me practice self-compassion and embrace my own imperfections.

We will practice **COURAGE** in our family by showing up, letting ourselves be seen, and honoring vulnerability. We will share our stories of struggle and strength. There will always be room in our home for both.

We will teach you compassion by practicing **COMPASSION** with ourselves first; then with each other. We will set and respect **BOUNDARIES**; we will honor hard work, hope, and perseverance. **REST AND PLAY** will be family values, as well as family practices.

You will learn **ACCOUNTABILITY AND RESPECT** by watching me make mistakes and make amends, and by watching how **I** ask for what **I** need and talk about how **I** feel.

I want you to know **JOY**, so together we will practice **GRATITUDE**.

I want you to feel joy, so together **WE WILL LEARN HOW TO BE VULNERABLE**.

When uncertainty and scarcity visit, you will be able to draw from the **SPIRIT** that is a part of our everyday life.

Together we will cry and face fear and grief. **I** will want to take away your pain, but instead **I** will sit with you and **TEACH YOU HOW TO FEEL IT**.

We will **LAUGH AND SING AND DANCE AND CREATE**. We will always have permission to be ourselves with each other. **NO MATTER WHAT, YOU WILL ALWAYS BELONG HERE**.

As you begin your Wholehearted journey, the greatest gift that **I** can give to you is to live **AND LOVE WITH MY WHOLE HEART** and to dare greatly.

**I** will not teach or love or show you anything perfectly, but **I** will let you see me, and **I** will always hold sacred the gift of seeing you. **TRULY, DEEPLY, SEEING YOU**.

from *Daring Greatly* by Brené Brown



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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.

*Karí O'Gorman*

**MARC Teacher- Outer Western Region**

Base School: Balliang East Primary School, VIC



## Stars of the week

### Eureka Class

#### **Congratulations to:**

Taj Portelli and David Wasden  
for working particularly hard  
on their sentence writing.

### Lalor Class

#### **Congratulation to:**

Clare Inglis for achieving her  
goal of extending her  
vocabulary.

*To those who celebrate their Birthday this week.*



*There are no birthday's to celebrate this week.*