Learning......................Integrity.........................Freedom with Responsibility
.............Tolerance, Inclusion and Respect....... 

**CALENDAR**

**Nov**
- Wed 18th  K-F Transition morning 9.00-11:30
- Thur 19th  School Council 4pm
- Fri 20th  F/1 Camp-out (sleepover)
- Mon 23rd  Responsible Pet program
- Wed 25th  **Sports Tips and Tricks!**
  - Book Club orders & money due
- Fri 27th  K-F Transition day 9:00am-2:00pm
- Mon 30th  Proposed report-writing day
  (pupil-free day)

**Dec**
- Tues 8th  Yr 7 Orientation Day and K-F Transition day 9:00am-2:00pm
- Thur 10th  School Council
- Mon 14th  Year 6 activities/family dinner
- Thur 17th  School Christmas Party/Presentation night
- Fri 18th  Last day of school year 2pm finish

**From the Principal**

I’m hoping everyone had a great holiday Friday and I imagine some had fun at the Ballarat Show. There are only 5 weeks till we break up so it’s action-stations as we write reports, continue our transition days and work hard to complete our curriculum for the year (including testing).

This week the principal selection panel meets and begins reading applications, preparing to shortlist for interview next week.

Last week it was lovely to have our 2016 Foundation students here for their first transition. You’d have thought they’d been here all year because they were so comfortable and excited about school. Having the playgroup here certainly helps them get used to school quickly and prevents tears. This week they will be here again on Wednesday and will have special time with their year 6 (2016) Buddies, who did a great job helping them feel cared for last week at recess.

F/1 PARENTS: DON’T FORGET TO SEND BACK YOUR FORMS TODAY FOR FRIDAY NIGHT’S SLEEPOVER. We are currently checking fire restrictions for a campfire, and if we have the go-ahead, would like each family to bring some logs please (We won’t be burning our ‘burning pile’ as it’s a bit large and has glass and other things in it). Speaking of fires, last week I attended the Lal Lal fire Meeting at the Soldiers Memorial Hall – a very informative session with a few ideas for Council to ponder at our meeting this week.

Have a great week everyone- Jude Porteous (Principal)

**Headlice:**

If your child is scratching,
- please check thoroughly for headlice
- treat with an approved product if you find live lice or eggs- this will kill the live lice but you will need to remove every egg with your fingers so they don’t hatch
- check daily
- LET US KNOW
- We will check others in that class and family members (we will then check each week until none are found)
- Tie up long hair in plaits or buns please, rather than loose ponytails which flick around too much.
### Grades F-1

Our class achiever this week is Lane for working hard on reading word family words. Well done also to Celia for reaching 150 nights of reading. Our maths award goes to Ruby for being showing how well she understands doubling.

In maths this week, we will be revisiting subtraction in its many forms, starting with a game of skittles. It is the perfect way to learn subtraction from ten facts. Grade 1’s will be aiming for quick subtraction re-call of subtraction facts from 20. We will revisit letter writing and get some letters off to the North Pole this week.

Our reading focus continues to be thinking about what we have read and be able to re-tell it in our own words. Children are looking forward to the camp-out at school this Friday.

Have a great week everyone,

Mrs East

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### Grades 2-3

Congratulations to Jake Gear this week for receiving the classroom award for remembering to use paragraphs in his narrative writing. Well done to Jessica, Jake, Spencer, Mangatea, Anna, Lukey, Flynn and Dexter who all achieved Mathletics awards last week. Lastly, well done to Lukey for reaching 150 nights home reading. In Maths this week students are looking at money and will be counting and ordering coins and notes and will be focusing on giving correct change. In Literacy this week we are writing narratives and will be focusing on writing a beginning, middle and an end with great descriptive words and in reading we are continuing to focus on our comprehension of different types of texts.

Have a great week everyone.

Miss Fisher

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### Grades 4-6

Congratulations to Luke Inglis for his Reading Eggspress award- the only award this week. The students will be working hard on their Mathletics and Reading Eggspress to complete their tasks in time for reports and also trying to put in their best with their home reading. Already some students are well over 200 nights because they read each day, in the holidays too. FANTASTIC!! Our Geography topics for the next couple of weeks are: Years 3/4 – Sacred and Special Places in Australia; Years 5/6- Australia’s Connections with the World.

Mr Reid in the Year 4/5/6 class is back for his last day today and Mr Hon will have only one more day next week, probably Tuesday 24th.

Occasionally during term 4, the behaviour of senior students gets a bit unruly in the playground, as it did last week. Please stress to your children the need for a calm end to the year without getting restless and testing the boundaries.

Ms Porteous & Mrs Lyons (PaL)

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### 3-6 ART

If you have a glass jar or bottle that may be suitable for making into a vase or candle holder, please send it along for Art on Wednesday.
Performing Arts
Focus on Prep - 2

As part of our composition unit, we have been investigating instrumentation and the different effects that can be created in a soundscape composition. Which instruments could sound like an elephant? A snake? Wind? How can we make a story by just using instruments and no words? We are also using rhythms we know to compose short pieces. How many ways can we perform ta, ta, ti-ti, ta? On a drum, using vocal percussion, stamping etc. This week we will try to make our rhythmic performances longer and incorporate more rhythms in the pieces.

Mrs Lyons

JUNIOR SCHOOL COUNCIL

This Friday and every Friday we will have Zooper Doopers for sale for 50c each. No credit!

Parents’ Club

Don’t forget!! Parents’ Club meeting on this Friday 20th November, 2015, at 9:00am in the playgroup/Music room. All Welcome!!

Student-led Community Projects

Sports Tips and Tricks!

As part of our community project we are holding an active program called Sports, Tips and Tricks. We will be getting together on every Wednesday during the month of November where we will be growing our skills to make us better at different sports and activities. The Sports, Tips and Tricks program will start at 3:45pm and finish at 4:45pm. The cost of the program will be $2 a week and this money will be donated to The Heart Foundation. Everyone is invited, parents too, and is asked to bring a piece of fruit to be cut up and shared at the end of the session to support being active and eating healthy! Parents are welcome to join in and assist our group.

Wednesday, November 18
Week 3 – Cricket Skills
Skills developed: throwing, catching, hitting, passing, bowling.

Wednesday, November 25
Week 4 – Basketball Skills
Skills developed: bouncing, dodging, throwing, dribbling, shooting.
(Dylan and Miranda group leaders- with Carisa, Jack, Clay and Summah)

Last week’s Tips and Tricks session was Football Skills. Last week James stood out his kicking and listening and Hannah stood out in marking. We did kicking, handballing, catching, bouncing, movement, running. Please come along again as we had fun. Remember to bring fruit.

Dylan.