Dear Parents,

**PICNIC AT THE BOTANICAL GARDENS**

At last week’s School Council meeting it was decided to hold a Parents and Children’s picnic at the Castlemaine Botanical Gardens as a way of welcoming new families and a chance for all families to connect in a casual manner. This will be held on Thursday March 10th from 5:30pm until 7:00pm. BYO everything (including seats). This is planned to be a very casual evening, with no formal activities organised.

**WELCOME TO COUNTRY**

This Monday we held a “Welcome to Country” ceremony to welcome all new members to our school. This ceremony was held by local Koorie elders with support from our Student Koorie Leadership team. It was a very moving ceremony with many parents and friends coming along to be part of the ceremony. Thank you to Uncle Rick, Auntie Julie, Auntie Kath and Auntie Dakota for their support.

**PARENTS/CARERS and FRIENDS CLUB MEETING**

We are looking to kick start our Parents Club for 2016 with a meeting to be held on Thursday March 3rd at 9:00am in the school kitchen. At this meeting we will be electing office bearers for 2016 and discussing the role of Parents Club at our school. We need your energy and enthusiasm for this to work. Please come along.

**COMING EVENTS**

**TUESDAYS - SCHOOL BANKING**

**FEBRUARY**

Thurs. 25th

Softball.

Fri. 26th

School Assembly – Grade 4/5W.

**MARCH**

Thurs. 3rd

Parents Club Meeting – 9:00am

- S.A.K.G. Kitchen.

Thurs. 3rd

Softball.

Fri. 4th

Schools Clean-up Day.

Fri. 4th

Ride to School Day.

Fri. 4th

School Assembly – Grade 3/4H.

Tues. 8th

School Cross Country.

Tues. 8th

Ballot for School Council Nominations closes at 4:00pm.

Thurs. 10th

Softball.

Thurs. 10th

Family Picnic – Castlemaine Botanical Gardens – 5:30 to 7.00pm.

Fri. 11th

School Photographs.

Fri. 11th

School Assembly – Grade 4/5F.

Mon. 14th

PUBLIC HOLIDAY – Labour Day.

Wed. 16th

Interschool Cross Country.

Thurs. 17th

Softball.

Fri. 18th

Schools Earth Hour.

Fri. 18th

School Assembly – Grade 2M.

Sat. 19th

National Earth Hour.

Mon. 21st

Harmony Day.

Tues. 22nd

Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Wed. 23rd

Parent/Teacher Interviews.

Thurs. 24th

Special Assembly.

Thurs. 24th

Final Day Term 1 – 2:30pm Dismissal.

Fri. 25th

GOOD FRIDAY.

** Prep Students not required at school on Wednesday February 24th.
FUNDRAISING NEWS

Last week a group of interested parents and staff members met to plan a fundraising schedule for 2016. All monies raised this year will go towards new furniture for our building program and to support the school music program.

EASTER RAFFLE

We are seeking donations for our “EASTER HOLIDAY ACTIVITY RAFFLE”. We are asking families to donate items which could be used to support school holiday fun. Games, vouchers, books, pencils, etc. are all welcome. This is a unique raffle designed to comply with our School Healthy eating philosophy and which replaces an Easter Egg Raffle. Please send donations to the school office. All families will be given some raffle tickets to sell towards this fundraiser.

STONEFIELDS “OPEN GARDEN” DAY – HELP NEEDED

Our school is privileged to be able to hold a fundraising stall at the Stephanie Alexander Open Garden at Stonefields - Paul Bangay’s famous garden situated between Daylesford and Woodend. This event will be held on Saturday April 16th and Sunday April 17th. We are looking for volunteers to assist with our stall, and who are happy to talk to the members of the public about the Stephanie Alexander Program. If you are able to help please send a note to the school office with times and days which suit. http://www.paulbangay.com.au/news-events/

We are also looking for people who can help by making batches of preserves - we hope to be able to supply the fruit (if you have excess fruit please let us know!).

If you are able to assist by knitting or crocheting red poppies, or baking ANZAC biscuits, to sell on the day, it would be greatly appreciated. (Keep an eye out for further information.)

Have a great week. 
Mary-anne Rooney, 
Principal.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK  Week Ending – 19/02/2016

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<td>Bailey W</td>
<td>Caring for the environment by always looking to clean up after himself and others in the classroom. Great job Bailey.</td>
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<td>Iris D</td>
<td>Caring for the environment by cleaning our ‘Care for Area’ in her playtime.</td>
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<td>2M</td>
<td>Hannah O</td>
<td>Caring for others by always helping her friends and having lots of fun. Well done Hannah!</td>
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<td>Inny S</td>
<td>Caring for others by following directions with lightning speed! This means he fits in lots of learning experiences.</td>
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<td>Alex B-Z</td>
<td>Caring for others by including them in group work and being kind and considerate. Well done!</td>
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<td>5/6B</td>
<td>Ella D</td>
<td>Caring for others by being an excellent group leader in S.A.K.G. Program; managing to include everyone, keep things organised and on track in a cheerful, friendly and inclusive manner. Thanks Ella!</td>
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CHEF OF THE WEEK: 
Grade 4/5W – Kyuss A and Solene G. 
Grade 5/6O – Pearl P and Alex B-Z. 
Grade 5/6B – Henry T-D, Gabe McC, Kowen W-L and Miro V. 

GARDENER OF THE WEEK: 
Grade 4/5W – Victoria Grace R and Solene P. 
Grade 5/6O – Fionn K and Charlie H. 

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOCUS:
This Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is: Showing care for self by following instructions straight away. 
The Winners were: Charli H, Brock C and Dean F. 
Next Week’s Positive Behaviour Focus is: Showing care for the environment by helping keep the classroom and school clean and tidy. 

CUMALONG CUP WINNER:
The week’s best attendance was Grade 5/6B.
What’s Cooking this Week in the Kitchen?

- Zucchini and Herb Slice
- Rosemary Flat Bread
- Ratatouille
- Poached Peaches with Homemade Ice Cream
- Poppy Seed Dressing
- Preserving.

**STEPHANIE ALEXANDER KITCHEN GARDEN**

A big thank you to everyone at Loddon Prison who helped build our awesome steps and benches. Both are made from recycled pallets and other materials. They will be a great help for the smaller students to do art at Creekview and put food scraps into the worm farm.

**Reminders**

- Coffee - $10.00.
- School Banking every Tuesday.
- Lunch orders available on Wednesdays & Fridays only.
- School commences – 8.55am.
- Recess – 10.55am to 11.25am.
- Lunch – 1.35pm to 2.15pm.
- Dismissal – 3.15pm.

**RIDE TO SCHOOL DAY**

*Friday 4th March*

Next Friday, the 4th of March is National Ride to School Day. **PLEASE** ride, walk scoot or skate to school.

Students that ride, walk, scoot or skate to school will be counted for each House and the winner will be announced at Assembly.

It will still count if you walk from the crossing.

Good job to everyone who rides, walks, scoots or skates.

**Asthma Kids**

Looking for a way to help your child understand more about their asthma or about a friend with asthma? Asthma Kids is an online, interactive tool to help primary school aged children understand what it’s like to have asthma and what they can do to help. Watch one of the introductory videos then take Chester’s Asthma Trail.

There are prizes to win too! www.asthmakids.org.au

**WINTERS FLAT ‘POP-UP’ OPPORTUNITY SHOP**

- **MONDAYS - 2:30 – 3:30pm**

Located in Room 3 of the Administration Building (walk past the office, down the corridor on the right). Please come and say hello and check it out.

We have lots of great stuff that will be sold at very reasonable prices.

**** WANTED ****

CLEAN JARS and BOTTLES (with lids and no labels please)

For preserves

Please drop off at the school office.
Russell Drysdale
(1912 – 1983)
Walls of China
1945

GRADE
4/5W