GRADE FOUR CAMP

Step Back in Time
TO SOVEREIGN HILL, 1850
Special Events Next Week

Monday 8th June
Queen’s Birthday—Public Holiday

Tuesday 9th June
Grade 2-6 Tennis

Wednesday 10th June
Lunchtime Chess
AFL Player visit (Carlton)
School Council Meeting 7.00p.m.

Friday 12th June
Interschool Sport

STUDENT LEADERS

Nemesha Collins & Kale Bayley
Kale Bayley and Nemesha Collins continue as our Student Leaders for the next week.

Our School Values

Respect - having regard for self, others and the environment
Inclusion - sense of belonging
Integrity - being honest and fair
Responsibility - being responsible for your actions & words
Personal Best - striving for excellence
In Term 2 our focus is on Respect.

PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

Reconciliation Ceremony

Last Friday, I attended the Campaspe Shire reconciliation week flag raising ceremony with students Emma-Lee Tobias and Thomas Draicchio. At the ceremony, Ricky Ronnan & Pastor Joe Day spoke about the importance of building positive relationships between the wider Australian community and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people for the benefit of all Australians. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a tasty morning tea.

Regional Cross Country

On Tuesday, I attended the Regional Cross Country Carnival in St. Arnaud. We had four students who qualified for this event after excellent performances at the Zone Carnival in Echuca; Lara Urbaniak, Max Childs, Asha Gray and Dakota Monigatti. All of the students ran well and enjoyed the experience, including the bus trip over with all of the other Echuca runners. After completing the course the students told me that it was quite challenging because it had a lot more hills than they were used to. The distance for 9/10 year olds was 2km and for everyone else it was 3km. The official results are as follows:

Lara Urbaniak: 49th (16:26), Max Childs 49th (15:28), Asha Gray 42nd (15:56) & Dakota Monigatti 61st (10:24)
Dakota, Lara, Asha and Max at St. Arnaud

**Prep/ One Zoo Excursion**

From all accounts, the Prep/One excursion to the zoo was a roaring success (pardon the pun). The students have been telling me lots of stories about their trip and they have been visiting my office to read me their recounts. Witnessing the students so engaged in the writing process reinforces the value of our extra-curricular activities program.

Jarred Spedding, Kobey Allsop, Max Childs, Melissa Brooks, Chloe Peterson, Kirsty Nichol, Lucy Williams, Imogen Tall, Alice Davidson and Abbey Brooks.

**Interschool Netball Competition**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the netball tournament last Friday particularly our Grade 5 mixed team who won the grand final in their division. I would like to thank Viv Collins and Melissa Brooks for volunteering their time to coach a team on the day

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**STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD**

**Grade Prep A - Jack Mundie** for being a great bus traveller to the Melbourne Zoo. Jack abided by all the bus rules that he has learned at school. He stayed in his seat, talked quietly to his partner and enjoyed the journey. Great remembering Jack.

**Grade 1B - Nikita Green** You may have broken your right arm, but it hasn’t stopped you forging ahead with your work and using your left hand to write. I have been very impressed with your recent work efforts. Keep it up!

**Grade 2/3 C – Charlette Davison** for the fabulous progress you are making in reading. You have a great understanding of the books you read and are able to talk clearly about them. Well done Charlette!
**Grade 4D - Alicia Callander** for an outstanding piece of writing about ‘Blood on the Southern Cross’ at Sovereign Hill. You have a real talent for writing! Well done, Alicia.

**Grade 5E - Raya Gallimore** for her positive attitude at school. She has a real love for literacy. She reads with beautiful fluency and expression. She has also been working really hard on writing her speech this week. Well done Raya!

**Grade 6F - Gabriel Gallimore** for the time and effort he put into the making of his 3D model of a ship for our Australian History Unit.

### CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade 5: for valuing diversity and maintaining positive relationships with people who have different interests and points of view.

### MY SCHOOL TOO

**Olivia McKay** for including someone who was feeling left out.

**Ryder Johnson** for making a super effort in PE and improving his skipping skills so much.

### HOUSE OF THE WEEK

Stratton is House of the Week. Well done.

**Points:**

- Stratton - 2035
- Millewa – 1750
- Watson – 1830

### MUSIC/INDONESIAN WORKER OF THE WEEK

**Blake Harding** for his enthusiasm and helpfulness in all the Indonesian and music activities. Well done.

### SPORTS STAR OF THE WEEK

**Ryder Johnson** for making a super effort in PE and improving his skipping skills so much.

### SCIENTIST OF THE WEEK

**Zahli Fleming** for having impeccable manners, being helpful and asking interesting questions.
Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities. If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be: $125 for primary school students.

How to Apply: Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef. You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26th June 2015. Healthcare/pension cards will need to be sighted by the school office. For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

KIDS IN THE KITCHEN

**Honey Soy Noodles**

**METHOD**

1. Turn the frying pan on and turn the dial to 8. Leave to warm.
2. Chop the meat and vegetables up
3. Spray the pan with oil
4. Add the meat and cook until browned. Then remove.
5. Add the garlic and vegetables and fry until softened (approx. 5 mins)
6. Return the meat to the pan and mix.
7. Add the noodles to hot water and separate. Then drain.
8. Add the soy and the honey to the frypan and mix.
9. Turn heat to low and cook for a further 2 minutes.
10. Divide and serve hot.

**INGREDIENTS**

- 1 Packet of Singapore noodles
- 3 tablespoons of soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons of honey
- Vegetables of your choice
- Meat (optional)
- Spray oil
- 1 teaspoon of garlic (optional)
- Hot water

**EQUIPMENT**

- Frying Pan
- Sharp knife
- Chopping board
- Teaspoon
- Tongs
- Serving plates x 4
- Bowl for soaking noodles
JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

Students have been busy learning new skipping skills this term. We would like to invite parents and friends along to our jump off day on Thursday 18th of June from 9:15 - 11am. Students will rotate around different skipping stations in multi-age groups. To conclude the jump off Grade 5/6 will perform some fantastic skipping routines to showcase their skills. To raise money for the heart foundation we are asking that all students bring in a gold coin donation on this day. We hope to see you there!

ECHUCA WEST PRIMARY SCHOOL CENTENARY—SATURDAY 15TH AUGUST

Save the date in your calendars—Saturday 15th August, 2015 for our Centenary Celebrations. The day will begin with the opening of the Time Capsule at 10.00am. There will be displays of memorabilia throughout the school, a BBQ lunch and more. Gates will close at 2.00p.m. Celebrations will continue with a dinner at Rich River Golf Club on the night. We will be producing a School Book continuing on from the 1990 75th Anniversary Book up until 2015. We are seeking past students and teachers who would like to join us to celebrate the Centenary. If you would like to register your interest in purchasing the book or attending the Centenary or if you have old school memorabilia to go on display please contact Echuca West Primary School on 03 54822263 or by email on Echuca.west.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Mr Watson and Mrs Chandler who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.

REMINDERS

Lunch Orders are Monday, Wednesday & Friday. Lost Property Box is in the Undercover area. Student Banking Day is Thursday.

ADVERTISING SPACE

If you would like to sponsor our newsletter and advertise your business in this space we would love to hear from you. This will cost $20 each week to include your business card or logo in our weekly newsletter. If you are interested please contact the school on 54822263.

FUTURE DATES

Wednesday 17th June
Lunchtime Chess

Thursday 18th June
Jump Rope for Heart Jump off day
Friday 19th June
Interschool Sport

Wednesday 24th June
Lunchtime Chess
Friday 26th June
Last Day Term 2—dismissal 2.10pm
**Grade Prep A:** We had the best time ever at the Melbourne Zoo. The Preps travelled well and coped with the big day out. They chatted all the way home on the bus about what they saw when I thought they really should be having a bit of a sleep. Thanks for all your help getting them ready for the day. We have written lots of recounts about our day and a mini project. The Preps writing is zooming along and it is so pleasing to see them all have a great go. In Maths we have looked at ordering numbers in sequence with playing cards. We learnt that if a number was not there, we had to look for the next biggest number, tricky work. We looked at ordinal number from 1st to 16th. The balance scales and pan balances were out yesterday as we were finding heavier and lighter items. Enjoy your long weekend.

**Grade 1B:** This week we have been reading and learning about our eight legged spider friends. We used our prior knowledge and some non-fiction texts to collect eight facts each and turned these into creative spiders. We practiced reading fluently in phrases and also learned that sometimes we can read with our eyes and then say it out loud with our voices. This can make a huge difference to our fluency. In Maths we have explored addition and subtraction together. We’ve had to think carefully as sometimes we had to add and then suddenly subtract! We also started looking at the features of 3D shapes and explored Australian currency. We are looking forward to another long weekend and will no doubt have lots of stories to share next week. Mrs B and her fabulous first graders.

**Grade 2/3C:** We really have gone gold crazy this week! Our classroom has been transformed into the gold mining town of “Goldwest”. Our desks are the streets and we are each setting up our own businesses to sell the products we have made. We have lots of different businesses such as a Candle makers (run by Charli G), a Butchers (run by Jett and Jayda) and a Bank (run by Riley and Charlie B). We even have a trooper (Braydyn) to maintain law and order in the town. Everyone also has their own claim of land where they can dig for gold and possibly strike it rich! If you have time, please come and visit our town, we would love to see you.
**Grade 4D:** We have been very busy in this short week, trying to finish off our On Demand testing and other assessments. In Literacy, our focus has been on oral language. We have been writing speeches, so we can work on our public speaking skills and publishing a lot of our Sovereign Hill work. We were curious last Friday when Mrs Chandler asked us to rearrange the tables for something that was going to happen this week. On Wednesday we discovered the reason. In our Integrated Studies time, a few days a week, we stepped back into the gold rush days. We started a role play game where we each created an 1850s character and a new name for ourselves. We had to come up with a shop or business so that we could trade and try to make money. We were allocated pounds to spend according to the role of a dice and we were presented with a set of rules and prices for everything that we would need, including our mining licence. Best of all we have our own mini ‘claim’ and each day we get to dig in our claim with tweezers or toothpicks to see if we can find ‘gold’. Somehow, each day, some of us actually find gold, which is taken to the bank and exchanged for money. The 2 troopers in the game are very annoying and keep harassing us about our licences! All in all, it is very rowdy and a lot of fun. What’s more, we are learning heaps about life on the goldfields in the 1850s! Have a great long weekend, everyone.

**Grade 5E:** Grade 5 have had a busy week completing assessments. Students are glad it’s over but also excited to sit down and look at their results and growth since the start of the year. We have also worked hard on finishing up our oral presentations. Our Australia projects are also coming along as students investigate the different aspects of our history. Students are reminded for the next two weeks their homework is to complete aspects of their Australian homework that add up to a minimum of 5 points. We have also explored percentage in shopping looking at savings and final cost of products. Students have started filming for the entries to the “Movies Matter” short videos. Grade 5 hope everyone enjoys the Queens Birthday long weekend.

**Grade 6F:** It’s been a quick, short week this week in Grade 6. We are continuing reading our new novel ‘Two Wolves’ and working on our visualising skills. Each day we have sat an On Demand test, one in Reading, Spelling and Maths. As well as that we have been finishing off our George Booker tests in Maths. You could say we are quite sick of testing! But that’s what you get towards the end of the semester. In PE we are working on completing our skipping routines for Jump Rope for Heart, and in Art we have started an artwork on contour line portraits. Friday we are off to Echuca East School to compete against them in Netball, Football and Softball as part of Interschool Sports. Go Westies!!!
Years 5 & 6 Students from Schools in your area will be participating in the Somers Camp.

From: 03 NOV 2015 To: 01 NOV 2015

FURTHER INFORMATION WILL BE SENT SOON

www.somerscamp.vic.edu.au
Community Events & Volunteering Workshops

The Shire of Campaspe, together with the Bendigo Volunteer Resource Centre are presenting two FREE Community Events & Volunteering Workshops.

Wednesday, 10 June
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Pyramid Community & Learning Centre
21-25 Lake Road, OTHBRCRAM

Wednesday, 8 July
6:00pm - 8:00pm
Shire of Campaspe Function Room
Cnr Hart & Hastings Sts, ECHUCA

Community Events happen every weekend in our community and require a great deal of ‘behind the scenes’ work including pre-planning, organisation and promotion.

This workshop will provide you with a guide and templates to assist with developing your pre-planning processes including an event action plan, a guide to engaging volunteers, tips for promoting your event and the importance of managing risk to ensure a successful community event.

To register, contact Rhonda Owen, Event Support Officer on 5412 2600 or email r.owen@campaspe.vic.gov.au

Winter Blues Festival
24th, 25th, 26th July 2015
Paint and Decorate a Guitar Competition!

HOW TO GET STARTED.
Collect your blank plywood guitar from Echuca Heritage
Sweet Company, 606 High St, Echuca
$5.00 per guitar

**ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 17th July**

COMPETITION CATEGORIES
- 6 Years and Under
- 7-10 Years
- 11-14 Years
- 15-17 Years
- 18 Years +

GUITAR COMPETITION EXHIBIT
Tuesday 21st of July 6-7pm at the
Customs House, Leslie St Echuca
Prizes Awarded on the Night

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

ALL GUITARS WILL BE DISPLAYED ALONG HIGH ST AND PONT PRECINCT BUSINESS