Grade 2

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Special Events Next Week

Monday 29th February
Sporting Schools—Martial Arts

Tuesday 1st March—Monday 7th March
5/6 Swimming Program

Friday 4th March
Geelong Footballers visit

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STAR OF THE WEEK AWARD

Grade Prep A— Georgia Wiltshire. Well done Georgia for a great start to Prep. You are showing super listening skills which helps you learn. We all love your beautiful pictures that make your work so neat and interesting to look at. I can’t wait to see what you create in Art. Good job.

Grade 1B— Parkar Zeven. Parkar you have been on “FIRE” this week in the classroom. I can see how you have been focusing to make sure you listen attentively and follow directions quickly. I am loving how self-sufficient you have been within the classroom, giving all your work your very best effort. Most of all, I was very excited to see you become our very first 10 point Dojo Champion in Grade 1. A tremendous effort!

Grade 2C— Ryder Johnson for your fantastic attitude towards all classroom activities and the way that you treat all other students with respect. You always put great effort into your work and try your best everyday. Keep up the great work. Well done Ryder!

Grade 3D— Mason Bayley for the enthusiasm that he brings to school, and the way in which he applies this enthusiasm to all tasks. He also showed great determination during all On Demand testing over the last two weeks.

Grade 4E— Brodie Millen for the fantastic effort you have been making with all aspects of your learning. I particularly like the focus you have shown when practising your spelling sorts and checking your punctuation when writing. Well done Brodie, keep up the terrific work!

Grade 5F— Jacob Collins for the fantastic way you’ve been applying yourself with your learning. You always give it your all and try your very hardest. You’re setting an excellent example to your classroom peers and have been a pleasure to teach. Keep up the great work. Well done!

Grade 6G— William Geltch. He has settled in to our school community really well. He works hard and is very keen to improve and learn. Well done Will!

Gabriella Carmellotti. She is a kind and caring member of the classroom. She always has a smile on her face and has a positive attitude to learning. Well done Gabriella!

CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week’s Class of the Week is Grade Five: For
1. Displaying better sportsmanship during lunchtime soccer games.
2. Being more inclusive when skipping and allowing everyone to join in.
**CONVEYANCE**

Families who transport their children to school may be eligible for a conveyance allowance. To receive this students must attend their nearest government school and must reside more than 4.8km from that school or 4.8km from the nearest bus stop to school. For the first time this year parents of new children to the school need to also hold a **healthcare card** to be eligible for conveyance. Eligible parents need to fill out an application form at the office. Applications are due today.

Parents who have previously applied and have not changed their residence do not need to reapply.

This allowance does not apply to families who live in the city of Echuca.

**SPORTING SCHOOLS PROGRAM (formerly known as Active After Schools Program)**

**Sporting Schools Program in Term 1.** Our Sporting Schools Program has commenced and will run for 6 weeks. We are running sessions between 3.30pm and 4.30pm on Mondays. This term the activity is Martial Arts.

**Monday 29th February—Martial Arts—Session 2**

Because of the late start and a long weekend this term Martial Arts will continue into next term. Interested children can pick up an enrolment form from the office. Children will be given a snack straight after school. Please make sure that you pick your child up at 4.30pm. School policy requires students to be picked up at the front of the school after finishing the Sporting Schools Program.

**CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

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 today. 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

**PREPS**

Preps attend school for a full week starting next week.
EARN AND LEARN FUNDRAISER

The Preps are pictured above with all the fantastic reward items the school received for our efforts in the Woolworths Earn and Learn promotion last year. We received lots of outdoor items and sandpit toys. Thanks to everyone who supported our school with this promotion.

CENTREPAY FOR SCHOOL PAYMENTS

CentrePay is a free direct bill paying service available to customers who receive a Centrelink payment. The deductions can be used to pay school charges, camps, swimming, uniform etc. The minimum amount you can have deducted is $10 per fortnight. A one off payment or fortnightly deductions can be selected. If interested, application forms can be obtained at the front office.

Book Club brochures have gone home this week with students. Orders and money are due back at school by Tuesday 8th March. Thank you.
**BIRTHDAYS IN THE SCHOOL THIS WEEK**

We would like to wish a happy birthday to Georgia Wiltshire, Molly Rix and Nikita Green who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We hope they have a great day.

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**REMINDERS**

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

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**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.

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**TERM DATES FOR 2016.**

- Term 1—Thursday 28th January to Thursday 24th March
- Term 2—Monday 11th April to Friday 24th June
- Term 3—Monday 11th July to Friday 16th September
- Term 4—Monday 3rd October to Tuesday 20th December

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**THURSDAY 24TH MARCH**

- School Photos
- Last Day Term 1—dismissal 2.10p.m.

- **Monday 11th April**
  - Term 2 starts

- **Monday 11th April—Wednesday 13th April**
  - Grade 3/4 Camp

- **Wednesday 13th April**
  - State Swimming

- **Thursday 19th April**
  - Grade 5/6 Twisted Science Excursion

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**FUTURE DATES**

- **Tuesday 8th March**
  - Book Club Order and money due

- **Wednesday 9th March**
  - School Council Annual General Meeting 7.00pm

- **Thursday 17th March**
  - Regional Swimming Carnival—Swan Hill

- **Friday 18th March**
  - Family BBQ

- **Wednesday 23rd March**
  - Grade 6 Leadership Day at Moama Bowling Club
  - Grade 3/4 Special School Buddies

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**GRADE REPORTS**

**Grade Prep A:** Thank you to the Prep/One/Two parents who came to our Information Evening on Monday. It is a great way to see a snapshot of our plans for the year and a way to find out some more about our programs. The Preps have completed their rest days and so next week will be a full week for them. Art will begin on Wednesday so expect a little paint here and there which seems to happen even though we have Art smocks on. Summer finished with its last hurrah of heat and stickiness. We had a few lunch times inside our rooms due to the implementation of the Hot Weather timetable. It is great to see most of the Preps remembering to bring back their Library books on Thursday. The Riverine Herald took the Preps photo today so keep an eye out for them in the paper soon. In Maths we have continued counting carefully, studied the order of numbers, practiced writing them and looked at rectangles with the attribute blocks and geoboards. Enjoy your weekend and the lovely season of Autumn.
**Grade 1B:** We have been learning about informational writing this week. We have started a short teddy bear theme and created a venn diagram to compare teddy bears against real bears. We also learned some interesting facts about brown bears and black bears, which we recorded on our graphic organiser. We revisited the importance of correctly labelling our bear diagrams.

Here are some of our interesting facts that we learned this week.

Black bears run fast. Montana
Black Bears hibernate. Stevie
Brown bears eat fish. Parkar
Cubs learn from their mothers. Serena
Brown bears eat salmon. Tomy
Black bears can run. Jack
Brown bears have sharp claws. Olivia
Black bears eat berries. Ben
Cubs are baby bears. Loxley
Brown bears carry their cubs. Caiden
Brown bears have fur. Chris
Black bears live in forests. Zahli
Black bears are omnivores. Miley
Brown bears can go in water. Taylor
Wolves are neighbours to Black bears. Norah
Brown bears hunt for food. Mia

**Grade 2C:** This week has been another successful week in the grade two classroom. We have just moved into our Teddy Bear Inquiry unit and we are loving the bear themed activities this week. We learnt about Black Bears this week and wrote up some interesting facts about them that are now displayed in the classroom. This week our big book focus, along with the grade ones has been Sebastian Lives in a Hat. We have all enjoyed reading this story whilst we work on our CAFE skills and wish we could have our own pet Wombat! Our focus in Maths this week has been strategies for addition. We have learnt we are able to save ourselves time if we are smart with our addition! Everybody is loving Friday afternoons when the grade 2, 3 and 4 students get together for their buddy groups, and participate in a variety of teamwork activities. Everyone is working together wonderfully. Looking forward to another fantastic week. Have a great weekend everybody.

**Grade 3D & 4E:** It’s been another busy week in Grade 3 and 4. Everyone has settled really well to our classroom routine of both our grades working together. In Literacy, we learnt how to use “stop and think” lift the flap sheets to write down all the great thinking we have been doing when we read. We also started our spelling rotations, which included practising our skills using Spelling City on the computer. In Maths, we focused on place value where we worked with some very big numbers. We also did our last two On Demand tests. It was great to see everyone trying their personal best and giving each of the tests their best effort. On Tuesday, we were cooking with Mrs Mathers, and made vegetable spring rolls; they were delicious! Good luck to everyone at the Interschool Swimming carnival today, we hope you had a terrific day. And finally, a big thanks to everyone who came along to our information night on Wednesday, it was lovely to see so many of you there. Have a great weekend, from Ms Martin and Mr Cole.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Grade 5F & 6G—This week has been another busy week for the grade 5/6’s. It’s hard to believe where already half way through term 1. In Literacy students have continued their excellent narrative writing with some fantastic pieces being developed. Seeing students creativeness has been tremendous, keep up the great work. In Numeracy we have started a brand new topic in time. We’ve been looking at 24 hour times, time zones and other time related activities. Students have continued using our school’s Mathletics program to further develop their understandings. We’ve also started watching “Behind The News” which gives students the opportunity to learn more about what’s happening, not only here in Australia but around the world. Students have taken a particular interest to this and it has been something enjoyed by all. Good luck to all swimmers participating in the inter school swimming sports this week, we wish you all the very best. Have a great weekend.