

NEWSLETTER

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Learners today Leaders tomorrow

FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL:

Don't forget
Grades 3 and 4
swim each
Tuesday

Wednesday 18th
May

Grandparents/
Special friends
morning tea
10.30am



PARENTS' CLUB : A massive thank you to Parents' Club for organising the Mothers' Day Stall. It was a very successful morning, with the children able to purchase an item(s) that I know would have been treasured by all mum's last Sunday. The students who had their mothers here at school for that special day were also super excited!

EDUCATION WEEK : Next week, Monday 16th May is the beginning of Education Week. To start the week, we will have an *'Open Morning'* running from 9.15am - 11.00am. Family members are more than welcome to join the children during their classroom activities and have a look around the school.

Grandparent parent/Special friend morning tea: Students and the staff would like to invite all Grandparents or Special friends to morning tea on Wednesday 18th at 10.30 a.m. Students will make and serve a delicious selection of treats before escorting families through the classrooms. Invites have been sent home and the event will be held in 'The Hub'.

School tours will take place from 9.00am to 9.30 on Friday 20th May and continue every Friday morning in Term Two and Three. Tour groups will be guided by staff and our student leaders. These tours are primarily for families of prep students for 2017, but we would love any of our current families to join in and help us promote our school.

The other main event for the week is the **Extended Newsletter** with explanations about how we teach at various year levels.

COLD WEATHER AND FOOD: The cold weather is upon us and all students need to have adequate lunch. Many students eat all of their food at first break and have nothing left for afternoon break. This makes it hard for them to concentrate and manage the afternoon classes. Can you ask your child if they need extra food please, so that you can pack a little extra each day. I think we all need a little more food when the colder weather starts.

NAPLAN: NAPLAN week is over. The school applied a plan around the implementation and the program ran smoothly. It was important that all students went to bed early and had a good night's sleep, a nourishing breakfast and were at school on time. This ensured they were prepared to do their best. Although, I just want to remind everyone, that this is one assessment on one day for all participating students. Thanks so much to all those parents who supported both their student and the school to ensure NAPLAN was once again a success.

HOME READING: The number of students receiving awards for reading for up to 25, 50 and 75 Reading nights so far this year is wonderful. This means that these children have been exposed to a large number of words, facts, ideas, thoughts and will have a deeper understanding of what the text is telling them. Any reading can only improve their understanding and skills in literacy, comprehension, spelling, writing, numeracy and oral language. So kids you need to keep building up your habit of reading each night at home!

Joanne Ryan Acting Principal

Term Dates – 2016

Term 2

11th April to
24th June

Term 3

11th July to 16th
September

Term 4

3rd October to
20th December

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Grade 3/4 Swimming

Just a reminder that all grade 3 and 4 students swim on a Tuesday. Please help them to remember their swimmers and a towel on this day.



Happy Birthday!

Happy birthday to Dakota and Kurtlee Webster, Trent Hill, Kayaw Saw Eh and Phoenix Donnan. We hope you have a wonderful day!



Literacy grant

Lightning Reef Primary School would like to thank the City of Greater Bendigo for their generous grant of \$4000 which will be spent on take home books for the prep to grade two children.



Our School Library

We are very excited to announce that we are starting to get our school library up and running. A new computer system has been ordered and will arrive next week. Then some of our staff will be busy cataloguing all of our books. An enormous task!!

We have been very fortunate that a lady who lives in the area has started making library bags for all the children. Here is a photo of some of the beautiful bags she has made. A huge thank you to Jan Brookes!!

NETBALL UNIFORMS

Can we please ask all families to have a look for any missing school netball uniforms you may have at home. We really need these back as the girls need them for Saturday, and next term they will be needed for inter-school sport. We know there are a number of school netball uniforms around the community and we would appreciate them being returned to the school.

CHOCOLATES

The Energy Breakthrough Team are once again selling chocolates to support their entry into EB events in 2016. Chocolates will be sold at the school on Mondays at recess and lunch time. They will be sold from the canteen window, and they will cost \$1.00.

#Any energy breakthrough family who is able to assist with the selling of boxes of chocolates, please see Christine and she will organise this for you. Chocolates are a major part of the EBT fundraiser and we would appreciate your support. Last year we had wonderful support, and we are hoping to do even better this year.

The EBT will be raffling a 4.5kg block of TOBLERONE. Tickets will be attached to next week's newsletter. This raffle will be drawn on the last day of term.

DRESS UPS

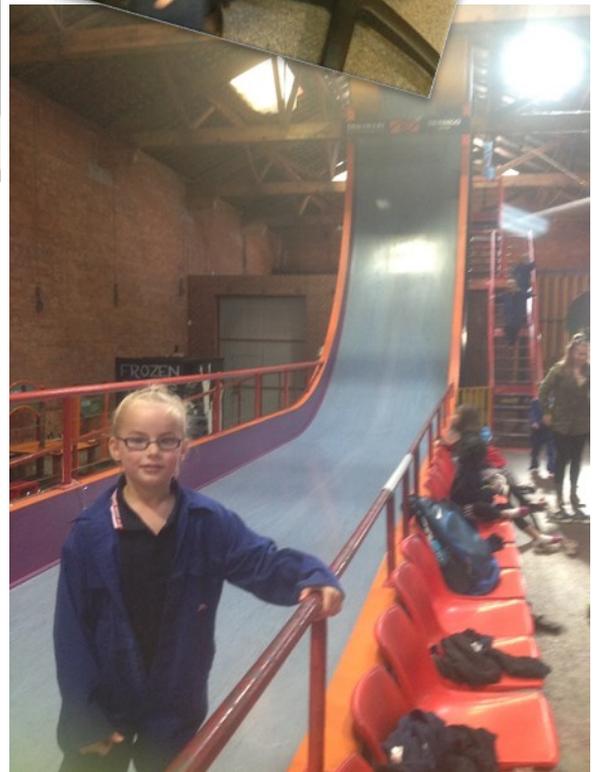
Our dress up box in the 'Development Curriculum' space is in desperate need of a top up. If you have any clothes, shoes or other items you no longer need and would like to donate to us we would be very grateful. There are a number of children who really need some high heels and smart dresses. This is a win-win as it gives us all a chance to clean out things that are just cluttering up our cupboards.

The great family helper challenge, 2016:

Could you be the winning class.....I am putting out a challenge to get as many family members into our classrooms as possible for the week. Your children will be asking you to come in to their class and help the students. You might like to listen to students read or count; play a game that models taking turns; help in PE class or in the yard leading a game of soccer; you may be great at art work and be willing to help put up some displays. Some of you might prefer to cut up fruit, laminate or tidy the library books. Wherever you can help, we would love to see as many families as possible. Every time you come in to help at the school counts as a point. I will shout lunch to the home group who has the most family help over the course of Education Week. Let's see which class can get the most involvement!

Grade Prep/ One visit to the Discovery Centre

Last Wednesday we went on a bus to the Discovery Centre. We learnt about different types of sound and did some experiments. We got to make our own instrument using a cup and a piece of string. We also go to play in the Discovery Centre and tried lots of different things. Some people were even very brave and went on the vertical slide. Some people climbed up the stairs but did not go on the slide. It was very high up. We then got the bus back to school. It was lots of fun.



PBS Focus for the fortnight

This fortnight we are focusing on **Right Words, Right Choice**.

We are encouraging students to greet people nicely and answer, using the person's name if they know it, when they say good morning/hello. We are also encouraging the use of good manners when talking to others e.g. please, thank you, excuse me, I'm sorry, etc....

Staff will be looking for students using Right Words Right Choice and giving them Gold Cards they can use at our Exchange.

It would be great if you could praise your child/children for using Right Words Right Choice at home.



Education Week activities for the week beginning Monday the 16th of May

Monday - Open morning 9:15 - 11am

Wednesday - Grandparents/Special friends morning with morning tea.
10:30am

Friday - School tours

More details to come.....

Prep Orientation Program Dates

Tues 22nd November

9- 10 am

Tues 29th November

9- 10.30 am

Tues 6th December

9- 11:30am



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