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Principal

16th February, 2017

NEWSLETTER

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Learners today Leaders tomorrow

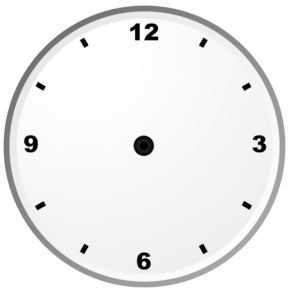
Grade 4/5 Swimming takes place on a Tuesday from 12:35 till 2pm

Term 1

Ends

March 31st

Arrival Time and Safety



We are experiencing an increase in student numbers arriving at school from 8.05am. Staff are on duty from 8.30am and gates are opened at the same time. Your child is at risk when arriving at school prior to 8.30am. Where exceptional circumstances are presented an arrangement may be made with me and the classroom teacher to accommodate these needs. Please make an appointment with me where necessary and for safety reasons ensure your child is not at school prior to 8.30am.

Security

Our school has been given the opportunity to upgrade our security system, so measures will be taken to increase lighting, CCTV cameras will be installed and direct contact with security personal will be available to us. Reducing theft and keeping our community safe is an absolute priority therefore I welcome this measure.

School Council

Thank you to the following parents/carers for your nominations to become a part of our School Council (Nominations have now closed) – Sonia V (President) Lee M, Toni H, Belinda D, Sean H, Donna R, Tara K, Racheal W, Susan C and Cassandra T.H. Due to numbers exceeding 8 an election will be held. All families will receive an envelope with candidates listed and a blank envelope to send back to school or to post in the ballot box at the office. Please number 1 – 7 in order of preference.

Please get your ballot paper in to the office by close of business, 4.00pm, 23 February 2017.

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Asthma

If your child suffers from Asthma can you please provide us with an updated Asthma plan for this year.

Hats

As we are a sun smart school hats are required to be worn from September the 1st.

Head Lice

Just a reminder to regularly check your children's hair for head lice please.

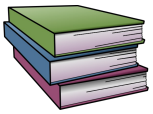
Prep News

A reminder that prep children do not come to school on a Wednesday for the month of February.

Pokemon Cards / Toys

It appears the re-introduction of these cards and toys from home are causing angst throughout the school between students. It would be best to leave these cards and toys at home to prevent them being lost at school as staff are unable to action any follow-up. Please talk with your child and let them know trading of the cards cannot take place at school nor will gifting be acceptable. The DET policy states that you bring personal items to school at your own risk.

Book Packs



Congratulations to all our families who have received their book packs by paying in full or registering for Centrepay. These students are now in the weekly draw to win a mystery prize. Our WINNERS this week are: Than Than N and Conna R.

Ways to pay – Centrepay, Cash, EFTPOS, payment plans…please see Kristie and Sue to arrange payment.

PARENTS & FRIENDS ASSOC

I hope everyone has settled back into the school well and ready to take on 2017. Parents and Friends meetings are every forth Thursday at 9am in the Gym foyer. We would love to see you there with your new, fresh, inspiring ideas and motivation to help enhance and enrich all of our children's progress and development.

The next meeting is 16 February at 9am. We look forward to seeing you then!

Professional Development

Ms Ryan and I will attend PALL (Principal's as Literacy Leaders) training on Tuesday and Wednesday of next week. Please contact Mrs K or Mr Keller, Kristie or Sue if you need assistance during this time.

During the same week Ms Ryan, Ms Ballard and Ms King will attend EMU (Extending Mathematical Understanding) training.

Have a great the weekend!

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Grade 4/5 News

Grade 4/5 are working hard and have settled in quickly to their new learning experiences

Our swimming program has started! Don't forget if you are yet to pay it's not too late to do so!

Reminder to ensure you have your bathers and towel every Tuesday and maybe a bit of extra food as we are finding that swimming makes the children hungry!

Reminder that the Biocats excursion is on Monday 6th of March! Notes are due back ASAP

A Word from Ms Ryan

Happy birthday to Boeden G, Lily G, Rex H, Joshua R, Daemon L, Harley B, Zali S, Cooper M and Shaine P.

We hope you had a wonderful day.

If you have any special celebrations, please let Ms Ryan or Sue in the office know.

We would love to share your news.

Active Travel Healthy Kids Community Network supports school communities to get more kids active on the way to school

Get your school involved!

PUBLIC MEETING

When: Friday February 24
6.30pm for a 7pm – 8.30pm meeting

Where: City of Greater Bendigo, Ironbark Room
(corner Lyttleton Terrace and Mundy Steet)

RSVP: 0438 578 835

Parents, teachers and students all welcome!

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MINI ROOS

EPSOM FOOTBALL CLUB EST. 1977

Soccer is the game everyone can play,
join Epsom FC to become a MiniRoo today!

Come to an **Epsom FC Information Evening** at Epsom Huntly Reserve:

- **Mon 20 Feb 7:00-8:00pm OR**
- **Thu 23 Feb 4:30-6:00pm**

- Find out more about soccer at Epsom FC
- Chat to club coaches and officials
- Kick a soccer ball around
- Meet other players and parents

*Season starts **mid April** for U6 through seniors*

Registration preferred by 26 Feb, otherwise contact us

What is MiniRoos?

MiniRoos is a version of soccer that gives a fun introduction to the world game for boys and girls aged under 6 to under 12. It involves mixed teams, kid-friendly rules and Saturday morning matches played on local grounds.

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Online registration available

The Eaglehawk Junior Football Club is seeking players in all age groups for the 2017 season. As well as having sides in under 9, under 10, under 12, under 14, under 16 and Youth Girls (under 18), in 2017 we have the opportunity to also field girls sides in under 12 and under 15. If you are interested in playing, please come along to our Season Launch Day at California Gully Oval on Sunday 19th February 2017 between 11.00am and 1.00pm. Enquiries to Gavin Parkes, Secretary, on 0448 374 455 or eaglehawk.jfc@gmail.com.

White Hills Junior Football Club Registration Night for season 2017

We welcome all current and new players for 2017 season. Registration night will be held at the White Hills Football Ground (Scott Street) on **Wednesday, 22nd February 2017, 4.00pm – 6.00pm.** We will be registering Teams in all junior grades. For further information visit our website or call Nigel Lewis on 0409022275. You can also register your interest to play by email to the club whjfclub@gmail.com

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Tania Peirce-Whyte

3-6 Coordinator

Kellie Parsons

Speech Therapist:

Vikki Stone

Social Worker:

Gai Maddams

School Council President

Sonia Valli

Parents and Friends President:

Toni Hicks

Prep needs your help….

If you have any clean empty boxes/ cardboard tubes/ plastic containers/ plastic lids (such as milk bottle lids) of any size at home that you are not using we would love them to be donated to the prep room for construction. Please note due to health regulations we can not use toilet roll tubes.

Calendar of events:

Tuesday February 21 - Swimming 4/5 12:35 - 2pm

Tuesday February 28 - Swimming 4/5 12:35 - 2pm

Monday March 6 - Biocats Grade 4/5

Tuesday March 14 - Wednesday 15 - Year 3 camp

Tuesday March 21– Harmony Day

Friday March 31 - Cross Country

Last day of term 1 Friday March 31st

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