PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

It’s been great to get another last chance of summer and Vitamin D this week. The Somers Camp students have had a ripper run with the weather (let’s not talk about Saturday). The falling leaves, ANZAC preparations, the cooler evenings and bonfires in paddocks let us know autumn is well and truly here. The annual Prep Mushroom Hunt had the Preps looking for mushrooms and fairies at the Recreation Reserve. Here are some lovely drawings by the students and make sure you check out the photos later in the newsletter.

Here’s hoping that winter brings steady, much needed rain as well as the usual cold South Gippsland weather.

ANZAC Day

Heather Scott from the RSL spoke at assembly this week as a lead up to ANZAC Day. This year’s theme was about the peace keeping efforts of our troops. She used East Timor as an example. ANZAC badges were presented to each student in attendance.

All students are welcome to march with our school in the Meeniyan ANZAC Day March. Every year we have a large number of students march proudly and we look forward to the same this year.

Brett Smith

YEAR 3-6 ATHLETIC SPORTS

As mentioned previously our school will be joining the other five Corner Inlet schools for a new athletics event. We have just met again to finalise arrangements and a separate flyer will be sent home shortly. Please note that it is a Yr 3-6 event and bussing will only be provided if there are enough families interested. Reply slip was on last week’s newsletter.

VOLUNTEERS WEEK 9TH-13TH MAY

To celebrate, thank and acknowledge the great work and contribution volunteers make in our community, we have several activities planned for Volunteers’ Week. One of them is the ‘construction’ and presentation of a Volunteers Wall. We are inviting as many volunteers as possible to send along one of our volunteer bricks to add to the wall. The brick will need the volunteer’s name and the volunteering they do. The bricks can be customised by including drawings, organisations’ logos or a comment about why they contribute. We have sent home some bricks to each family so they can start returning by the 4th May. If you are doing one on behalf of a volunteer, please ask their permission first- it’s a courtesy!

Stay tuned for more news about more activities held during that week.
PREP SCHOOL ENTRANT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE

A health assessment is offered to all children in their first year of primary school. A large envelope containing the School Entrant Health Questionnaire has been sent home with your child today.

The SEHQ will provide important information about your child’s health so that the nurse can make an effective health assessment. If your child needs a brief further assessment, such as a distance vision or hearing test, the nurse will see him or her at school.

Your child can not receive a health assessment under the primary school nursing program without your consent. Please sign the consent on page 3. If you do not want this assessment, please sign the non-consent on page 3. Please return the SEHQ to school by Wednesday 27th April.

If the nurse has concerns about your child’s health, the nurse may contact you. She may suggest referring your child to be assessed or treated by another health professional or agency.

A report will be sent to you outlining the outcome of your child’s assessment.

Health Assessments are also offered to older children, Years 1-6, referral forms are available from the school.

BOOK CLUB

A reminder that all Scholastic Book Club orders must be placed and paid for online at www.scholastic.com.au/LOOP or via the app available from the App Store or Google Play. Books will still be sent to the school and distributed as normal. Order forms and money can no longer be accepted at school. Orders for the current issue (Issue 3) need to be placed by COB Thursday 28th April.

Starlab Excursion

I learned about planets and dinosaurs. I saw astronauts on the moon. We saw rockets. – Kyra 1GH

I saw a rocket at Starlab and planets. I want to go again. – Conner 1GH

We went to the Starlab. – Kayla 1GH

We learnt about the universe. I learnt that a planet smashed into Earth and that was when Earth was very young. – Holly 2/3JG

Today we went to a place called Starlab. It was fun. – Brody 1GH

I learnt about planets. –Emma 1GH

We learned about the universe at Starlab. – Charlize 1GH

I saw a rocket at Starlab and planets. – Charlie 1GH

ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

😊 Jade C for showing persistence and greater confidence in answering questions.

😊 Ruby C for the positive and optimistic attitude she brings to all tasks.

😊 Sienna B for her honesty and insight during Social and Emotional Learning sessions.

😊 Peter C for his attention and contribution during the Starlabs session.

😊 Hayley P for her confidence, willingness and positive attitude to make the Prom Camp a great experience.

😊 Jordan F for extending his learning through asking good questions.

😊 Makayla H for explaining how a strategy could be used to complete a learning task accurately.

YARD DRAW

😊 Sophie K for a great game of downball with Mrs Russell.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week’s Winner: Waratah

Overall Winner: Bluegum

Hats required until May 1st

All Book Club orders are now online.
The following Community News articles promote community connections and communications. They are not considered school activities.

**Kites for kids at Leongatha Library:**
Come along and get carried away making your own high flying kite on Wednesday 27\textsuperscript{th} April 4-5pm. Choose from one of three different designs; a Sugar Glider, a Dove or a Butterfly. Suitable for ages 7+, bookings free but essential. Ph: 5662 4829 or visit www.wgrlc.eventbrite.com.

**Meeniyan Kindergarten Movie Fundraiser night:**
Meeniyan Pre School presents *The Boss*. Come along for a fun night and support our kinder too. The screening will be held at Leongatha Stadium 4 Cinema on Friday 22\textsuperscript{nd} April at 7pm. Tickets are $20 each and can be purchased from Meeniyan Kindergarten, Bread and Pickles, Catherine’s Hair Techniques or contact Lisa 0439631141 for further details. There will be a lucky door prize and raffles on the night. Supper, tea and coffee will be provided after the movie.

**Outdoor Movie Night:**
Tarwin Lower Primary School presents *Paper Planes*, Friday 6\textsuperscript{th} May at 5pm. All tickets are $5.00 and can be pre purchased through the school or purchased on the night. Ph 5663 5263 or e: tarwin.lower.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
Bring along the whole family, your picnic blanket and chairs. Food and drinks will be for sale on the night. Please note: in accordance with Education Regulations, this event is alcohol and smoke free.

**Volunteer Brick—************—**
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