PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Each Friday when I am on morning yard duty, I quiz the students on their learning for the week to reinforce learning intentions and learning goals for students.

It is really good and comforting to hear that our learning improvement endeavours are working. The responses are now beyond ‘activities they did’ and general responses such as ‘fractions’, it’s the actual learning and thought processes intended.

Recently the question has been “What did you learn how to do this week?” to focus in on learning not just the activities. Last week’s question was “What did you learn in writing this week that has helped you be an even better writer?”

“We learnt about narratives and they’re made up and we need a title, an orientation, a problem and solution when we write ours.” Alex PR

“That if our post information report assessment is not good enough, we can improve on the quality by looking at improvement areas.” Dayne 56V

“When we use the writing rubric we can assess our own writing and improve it ourselves without the teacher telling us.” Kira 4/5H

“During our research, how to read facts from a paragraph and rewrite them in our own words for our information reports.” 2/3J

“Use different and interesting sentence starters.” Flynn 56V

“Narratives need a title, general statement, description, conclusion” Ruby 23J

Resiliency Survey
Students in Years 3-6 will be bringing home a consent form to participate in the Resiliency Survey which is part of our Resiliency project. It is important for as many students as possible to participate so the survey more accurately informs our wellbeing efforts and directions. (There will be a lucky draws prize.) Reply slips must be returned by Friday 9th September.

BRETT SMITH

SPARE CLOTHES
We’ve recently sorted out our boxes of spare clothes (the ones we use when children fall in the mud or have a toilet accident) and we are in need of some shorts (all sizes) and polo shirts (all sizes). If you think you have something suitable that you are intending on passing on to the op shop, could be have a few sent to school? (We have tons of long pants & windcheaters). Anything we don’t use will be donated to MACS. Thanks!
Q. What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in one thousand years?

Solution at the end of the newsletter

PEACEFUL KIDS
This week, small groups of students have learnt and practiced the 'Breath Meditation', a useful strategy to utilise just before bed, or even just to calm down before a big event. It is short but effective technique to still the mind. Students who participated reported feeling calm and positive afterwards - the small group members have a note in their bags outlining the breathing technique, and have a link included in the note so parents can access the meditation as well. Your son/daughter may like to practice the techniques at home - the link to the Peaceful Kids website is: www.peacefulkids.com.au

Wendy Vitols

SAMARITANS PURSE - OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
Once again the school community will be participating in the Christmas Shoeboxes. Each year thousands of shoeboxes filled with clothes, toys, hygiene items and school supplies are distributed by Samaritans Purse to children in various developing countries to brighten their Christmas.

Each classroom at Tarwin Valley Primary School will be given two shoeboxes and interested children and families are encouraged to please donate one or two small items. Donated items must please be new, not second hand.

Gift Ideas:
**Something to wear**: t-shirt, shorts, dress, hat, shoes, underwear.
**Something to play with**: balls, skipping rope, marbles, dolls, cars, balloons.
**Something to love**: soft toys, dolls, teddy bears.
**Something educational**: pens, coloured pencils, pencil case, pencil sharpener, exercise books, paper, calculator,
**Something for personal hygiene**: toothbrush, toothbrush holder, soap, soap holder, face washer, hairbrush, hair ties.
**Something special**: a carry bag, stickers, note from your classroom.

Could all donated items please be returned by the last day of term (Friday 16th September).

* Items not allowed include, breakable items, liquids, lollies, toothpaste, anything related to war (skull crossbones, military figurines) anything related to gambling (packs of cards).
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

😊 Braydon P for using all his reading strategies to problem-solve and ensure an accurate read.
😊 Lily MB for applying feedback to produce an accurate and clear information report.
😊 Daniel J for the clear and concise information report he wrote about echidnas.
😊 Shannon B for demonstrating improved stamina when writing.
😊 Danielle P for her amazing thinking and creative ideas coming up with great examples for her vocab work in class.
😊 Astrid C for listening carefully during writing sessions.
😊 Lochlan W for making sure he combines his interest in and knowledge of words when working to learn his weekly words.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

😊 Charlie P for a well composed persuasive text with great sentence structure and good ideas.

YARD DRAW AWARD

😊 Annika M for problem solving in a game.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week’s Winner: Wattle  Overall Winner: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

The following Community News articles promote community connections and communication. They are not considered school activities.

Netball Victoria Clinic:

When: Thursday 22\textsuperscript{nd} September  
Where: South Gippsland Splash, Roughhead Street, Leongatha
Ages: 8-15  
Time: 11:00am-1:30pm
Cost: $40
Coaches: Monash University Victorian Netball League players Emily Mc Innes & Daisy Hill and Georgia Hutchinson (Gippsland Storm). More to be announced.

Women’s Health Week Event:

Am I normal? A question we know every woman at some stage asks herself, whether it’s about weight, body image, mental health or relationships. So let’s get rid of the elephant in the room and start talking about these topics and more. Get the facts during Women’s Health Week! Join us for a Jean Hailes Women’s Health Week event on Monday, September 5 at 7.00pm at the South Gippsland Hospital Community Health Centre. There will be a webinar, expert advice, showbag, door prizes and a light meal served. Cost: Adults $10, Students $5 (part proceeds to Jean Hailes Foundation). There are limited tickets available and registration is essential. Please call 5683 9780 to book.

Inverloch & District ASD Support Group:

Parents, family & carers of children who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (autism, aspergers syndrome, pdd-nos etc) are warmly invited, 10.30am - 12.30pm, 7 Sept at Inverloch Hub – large meeting room that opens out to the playground (16 A’Beckett St). Tea & Coffee provided at no cost. For more info Julie on 5657 4248 or Tona 0407 622 49 tonaleo@me.com

South Gippsland Carers – Leongatha:

We are a group of carers & families of people with additional needs & frail aged being there for carers providing support, social get-togethers, information & regular meetings. Meetings are held on the 4\textsuperscript{th} Tuesday of the month from Feb – Nov. Our next meeting is 27\textsuperscript{th} September, 10am-12 noon at Memorial Hall Meeting Room 2 Michael Place Leongatha (opposite the Post Office) Contact Heather: 56 689 243  All welcome

'School Holiday Special Needs Family Get-together':

When: Wednesday 28\textsuperscript{th} Sep 10am - 11.30am
Where: Coronet Bay Community Hall Fred Gration Reserve Bantering Bay Rd
A chance for families of children with special needs to get together, share knowledge & support each other or have a cuppa while our children play. This is a parent-run initiative; there are no specialist services involved. All children welcome. Please bring your own snacks/drinks. *$2 for tea/coffee. Please share details. Contact Emma: 0466114222

Riddle Solution: The letter M