PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The school was busy, or perhaps quacking, with excitement on Monday when we arrived at school to find three little ducklings had hatched in the incubator. The students have been counting down the days until hatching and were thrilled to see three little balls of yellow fluff strutting around the incubator. Each year Mrs Russell includes this in her class program and it reaches beyond her class to excite students across the school. Mrs Russell purchases the eggs, watches over them and the incubator, and comes in on the weekend prior to hatching to set up the pen for the hatchlings. It’s a great memory for the students and it’s nice to have such a special experience and a teacher who goes out of her way to provide such a memory—thanks Mrs Russell!

Child Safety

Last week I sent out a bulk text to alert parents/carers about suspicious behaviour at a bus stop of a neighbouring school. Part of our Child Safe commitment is the education of students to be aware of behaviours that make them feel unsafe, uncomfortable or unhappy, the symptoms of uneasiness and having a ‘Helping Hand’ of five people they can turn to for support. In the context of the suspicious vehicle, we revisited and reinforced the idea about noticing and responding to strange, odd or unexpected behaviours. When I was young it was stranger danger but today we know that it is actually more important to empower children to notice and respond to strange behaviours.

Hats

From September 1st to April 30th, students are required to wear a legionnaires, broad-brimmed or bucket hat whilst outside. This is a requirement according to our SunSmart policy and accreditation as a SunSmart school. Students will have a grace period until next Monday 5th September to find their hat and bring it to school.

“What did you learn how to do this week?”

“How to make different amounts of money with different coins.” Brody

“We learnt about capacity and how to make equivalent amounts to one litre. We also learnt about parts of a whole.” Angel

“What the denominator and numerator are and what a quarter actually means.” Jarvis

“How to make halves, thirds and quarters from a whole.” Zara

“How to use a variety of words to make our writing better.” Katreena
DAIRY ASSISTANCE PACKAGE – CSEF Fund:
As part of the Victorian Government’s dairy assistance package the Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund (CSEF) is being extended to students currently enrolled in government and non-government schools 
whose parents own, share-farm or lease a dairy farm business; or those people whose primary occupation is working on a dairy farm. A one-off amount of $375 per student will be paid to schools.

Who is eligible? Students currently enrolled at the start of Term 3, 2016 where one or both parents:
- own an operating dairy farm
- are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm
- hold a lease for an operating dairy farm
- work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. **Applications will need to include evidence**, as listed on application form.

Please contact the school to request an application form or pick one up from the school office.

**Applications close Friday September 16th.** An information fact sheet is available on our website.

STATE NETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
On Thursday the mighty Tarwin Valley PS netball team went off in our little space shuttle and drove up to the State Hockey and Netball Centre. When we arrived we, being Chelsea, Alena, Malachi, Lucas, Jen, Dylan, Dayne, Zara, Ruby, Daniel, Ruby, Flynn, Connor, Holly, Brody and Lily, along with Mr V, Darlene, Jen’s Mum, and Jen’s Grandmother, registered and then went to the HUGE netball courts and practised some useful skills while we attempted to melt away our fear. After about half an hour a huge horn sounded and we began. Our A-team was the first to start, and they won! Next the B-team began and they lost, but greatly enjoyed themselves. The next games were all played well, although B-team lost them all, but at least we were great sports compared to some of the other teams. A-team won another game, which they won by two shots. In between the games we waited at the sidelines cheering on the other teams and discussing how we could do better next time. When we left at 2.00 we were very proud and exasperated. On the way back we stopped off and had the promised McDonald’s or KFC, which lightened the mood. When we got back at 5.10 we had had a big day that was definitely worth it.  

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**2016 SPELLING BEE WINNERS**

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Awards will be presented at this Monday’s assembly.

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**I make sound but I have no mouth. I move but I have no body. I am not hard, nor soft and I can be deadly. What am I?**

Solution at the end of the newsletter.

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Thanks to Mr V for giving up his lunchtimes and Darlene Jones for coaching on her days off work to provide this opportunity.
ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

Alex J for being mindful and caring towards others at all times.
Braydon P for his cheerful, positive and caring attitude towards others.
Olivia P for the effort, persistence, questioning and thinking she applies when working on Mathletics tasks.
Bodhi A for showing the ability to self-manage when given a task.
Amelia P for confidently sharing her maths learning with the class.
Astrid C for having the confidence to ‘fill in’ during our school Spelling Bee.
Connor S for demonstrating excellent sportsmanship under difficult circumstances at Melbourne netball.

PRINCIPAL’S AWARDS

Will D for a clear explanation of a maths game and good learning of doubles.

HOUSE POINTS

Last Week’s Winner: Wattle & Waratah
Overall Winner: Bluegum

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

AFL Victoria Holiday Program:
For ages 5-12, cost is $50 and the first 100 registered participants get a free footy jumper. Program runs from 9am – 3pm on the following days during September:
Monday 11th – Phillip Island
Tuesday 20th – Sale
Wednesday 21st – Inverloch
Thursday 22nd - Traralgon
Friday 23rd - Warragul
Register now at www.aflvicholidayprograms.com.au

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

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 4th Tuesday of the month from Feb – Nov. Our next meeting is 27th 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 28th Sep 10am - 11.30am
Where: Coronet Bay Community Hall Fred Gratton 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 wind