**PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE**

What a great day the P-2 students, staff and parents had on Friday. Who would have believed after such a dreadful week of weather we would have such a magnificent day! Students had a great time enjoying their special activity and practicing the events (see photo collage later in newsletter).

A huge thank you goes to Foster PS, South Gippsland Secondary College students, the Year 6 leaders from the schools and most of all the P-2 students.

**School Performance**

Next week a flyer about this year’s school performance will be distributed with the newsletter. We will be having an intense week of dance workshops leading up to two performances of vibrant colour, dance, fun and music.

The main support from families will be providing base costumes and offers to help with different aspects of the performance.

**Early bird notice** - Don’t send to school YET

- Prep R  Black clothing (t-shirt, long pants)
- 1GH  Black clothing (t-shirt, long pants)
- 2/3J  Any colour. The more colourful the better clothing (t-shirt, long pants)
- 4/5H  White tops. Black pants
- 5/6V  Black clothing (t-shirt, long pants)

Tops without obvious logos or can be turned inside out.
Check out what’s on offer at MACS

_Brett Smith_

**NAPPY DONATIONS**

At the KidsMatter meeting, where parents and staff get together to exchange ideas and information, the ‘Nappy Collective’ was brought to our attention. If you have unused and unneeded disposable nappies please drop them to school and we will get them to the Wonthaggi collection point where they then get distributed to organisations that support families in crisis. Drop off at school no later than Tuesday 25th of October please (Room 1). If anyone is happy to drop them to Wonthaggi please contact me, Kath Gilbert.

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**CALENDAR**

- **This week 19/10 – 26/10**
  - 20th Oct – Book Club Orders close COB
  - 21st Oct – Yrs 1-3 Swimming commences

- **Upcoming**
  - 28th Oct – No Swimming
  - 31st Oct – Pupil Free Day
  - 1st Nov – Melbourne Cup Day (Pupil Free)
  - 3rd Nov – Uniform Orders (TVPS & Class of 2017) due COB
  - 4th Nov – Yr 1-3 swimming
  - 11th Nov – Yr P-3 swimming
  - 15th Nov – School Council
  - 17th Nov - School Performance
  - 18th Nov – Yr P-3 swimming
  - 2nd Dec – Yr P-3 swimming
  - 5th Dec – Prep Beach Excursion (details to follow)
  - 6th Dec – Orientation Day
  - 6th Dec – School Council
  - 2nd Dec – Yr P-3 swimming
  - 9th Dec – Final P-3 swimming
  - 12th Dec – End of Year Celebration
  - 16th Dec – Class parties
  - 20th Dec – Last Day Term 4

**NEWSLETTER ITEMS**

The newsletter is compiled on Monday afternoons. All items need to be submitted by 1:50pm to be included.
When I get worried, I take deep breaths and then do my Stress Buster exercises.

Claire Guy trained in the Peaceful Kids Program earlier in the year so she has resumed small group work with some of our students. All students receive components and benefits of the program as Claire taught the teachers a number of simple meditations which they now share with students. Maybe your son or daughter likes the ‘Watching your Thoughts’ meditation or ‘I hear the pirate’ mediation – formally called ‘Ahhhhhhh Meditation’ is very popular. For more information check out [http://www.peacefulkids.com.au/](http://www.peacefulkids.com.au/)

Recently a Prep shared this with me.

**P-3 Swimming Program**
Years 1, 2 & 3 will be commencing their swimming program this Friday 21st October. Preps will commence on Friday 11th November. All forms and payment must be returned to school before Friday in order for your child to attend the program.

**Kids Matter**
Australian Primary Schools Mental Health Initiative

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**Prep – 2 Athletics Day**

![Image of Prep students at athletics day]

Sport Day
We were so excited. We finally got there. We made new friends. Close to the end we did long jump. Then we had the 80m sprint. I had a Slushy. We had a little play and I made a new friend. Her name was Rose and we had so much fun.
Charlize

The Sport Day
At the sport day I came second in the 200m run. Mum was so proud for me, so was I. I liked it when I saw Mrs Hulls drop the baton. Everyone laughed so hard. I fell down and before that Charlize was singing a fun song with her new friends. It was fun.
**ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS**

😊 Jade C for further developing a growth mindset.

😊 Darcy K for his terrific effort with his letter writing and completing his page in the ‘book making for a peer’.

😊 Jordan F for explaining and demonstrating how spoken dialogue can be shown in a piece of writing by an author.

😊 Kiarraah M for such a positive, eager attitude toward making and eating all of her healthy lunch made at school.

😊 Jessica D for achieving her best with quiet determination.

**YARD DRAW AWARDS**

😊 Sarah EB for a healthy lunch.

😊 Annika M for a healthy lunch.

**HOUSE POINTS**

Last Week’s Winner: Bluegum

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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

**CFA – Meeniyan / Stony Creek:**
On Sunday 23rd October there will be a training exercise for the South Gippsland Group of Brigades. It will be centred around Meeniyan and is a part of the pre-fire season preparations. The members will be undertaking a number of simulated activities. Any queries, contact Justin Griffin 0428 506 390 or James McIntyre 0429 165 903.

**LSC 2017 Year 7 Students:**
For those students commencing year 7 in 2017, Leongatha Secondary College will dedicating a week in Term 4 to open their uniform shop each day with increased hours. This will benefit families that do not wish to wait until bookselling day Jan 30 to purchase their year 7 uniforms. The college uniform shop will be opened with increased hours from **Wednesday Dec 7 to Tuesday Dec 13 between 11.00am and 5.00pm.** If you wish to purchase uniforms, please visit the general office during this time.

**Kidz Mini Mudda:**
Wonthaggi Primary School is once again holding the Kidz Mini Mudda, a challenging obstacle course for kids aged 6 – 16 years.

**When:** Saturday 29th October

**Where:** WPS, 18 Billson Street, Wonthaggi

**Cost:** $20pp


Riddle Solution: A mirror