PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
Welcome back to Term 4 and a special welcome back to Mrs Guy, Ms Gilbert, Campbell and Bryn. We also welcome Amelia to our school and I’m sure she will feel welcome and part of 4/5H quickly.
The VanderZalms have made it safely over the Nullarbor to Western Australia and currently meeting up with their Teacher Exchange friends.
I’m glad to say goodbye to that awful gastro that went around in the last week of Term Three and hope we don’t see the return of any ‘itchy visitors’ (head lice). If so we will have an inspection to bid them farewell.
This is the last term for our Year 6 students and we hope the year finishes on a high. Each year the Year 6 students mature in leadership and contribute significantly to our school. This year is no exception and they add real ‘flavour’ to our school.
Term 4 is always busy so we will endeavour to keep you well informed and timely of upcoming events. Please read newsletter and check children’s bags on Wednesdays.
Planning for 2017
Planning for the 2017 school year has commenced and I will be seeking input from parents shortly about different aspects of our school using a Family Voice Survey.
Parents and carers are always invited to propose class structures and compositions and this is based on our best anticipated student numbers. If you are aware of any new students or changes, please let me know by Tuesday 11th October. This information is always treated confidentially.

TVPS SWIMMING PROGRAM
Participants and dates
This year we will be introducing Preps to our swimming program which is now part of the Victorian Curriculum. The Preps will be going four times with Years 1-3 going six times. The dates are at the end of the newsletter as a tear off slip for the fridge or family noticeboard.
Cost
We have been successful in receiving funding through Sporting Schools and this will be used to fund swimming lessons for Years 2 and 3 only. This is due to the funding condition that there are no co-contributions by parents /carers. Each year we will apply for this funding opportunity for families. Families who have CSEF and/or Dairy Assistance funding can use it to pay for the swimming lessons and bussing for their children in Years Prep & 1. If you have any queries about the costs or funding please talk to me directly.
Helpers
We seek assistance at the pool to help with dressing children after swimming. (Those socks are sure hard to get on wet feet!). All helpers must have a current Working with Children Check. A return slip will accompany the swimming notice.
HEALTHY FOCUS
This term we will be having a focus on healthy living as a whole school and this will be the inquiry unit for some classes. Mr Helms’ class have already started defining what healthy actually means—it’s more than dos and don’ts. One focus will be healthy eating so we will be encouraging students and families to consider healthier lunch options. Hopefully it will encourage students to try alternative food that parents have wanted them to try. (Children need to be exposed to a new food at least 15 times before they start to adjust to it, according to Psychology Today). If you have any ideas to share let me know.
On Wednesday 19th October we will be having another ‘Walk to School’ event. Details next week.

UNSW INTERNATIONAL COMPETITION AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS
Certificates and reports will be presented at this coming Monday’s assembly.

P-2 ATHLETICS
This is a new event on the sporting calendar and will take place on Friday 14th October at South Gippsland Secondary College (Foster). Students will be participating in modified versions of the events the Years 3-6 undertake at their District Aths competition. The aims of this day are for the students to experience a sporting event, practise sports and do their best. There will be no scoring on the day as the focus is quite different to the senior event.
This year we will be funding a bus to transport students which will leave TVPS at 9:10am promptly. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer the children on. More details can be found on the accompanying consent form.

BOOK CLUB
Issue 7 Book Club catalogue has been distributed today. Orders are to be placed online or via the LOOP app by COB Thursday 20th October.

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

South Gippsland Beekeepers Open Field Day—‘Meet the Bees’:
If you have been thinking about becoming a beekeeper, than make sure you don’t miss this opportunity to spend a day with experienced beekeepers and gain confidence working with a hive of bees. Demonstrations throughout the day on Sunday 23rd October, from 10am-3pm at the Mirboo North Recreation Reserve. Entry $10 per adult, children free. For more information visit: www.southgippslandbeekeepers.org.au or ph Steve 0488 622 890.

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