“Educating successful leaders, confident and creative individuals and active and informed citizens”

Calendar (new items highlighted in red)

Oct
25th Thursday  Summer Sports @ Lismore grades 3-6 (Parents very welcome)
26th Friday  Girls cricket team 1 playing at Victoria Park.

Nov
2nd Friday  St Johns to teach First Aid to our students.
5th Monday  Curriculum Day – no students
6th Tuesday  Melbourne Cup public holiday
7th Wed- 9th Fri  Grade 3 and 4 Melbourne Camp
13th Tuesday  Grade 5 and 6 Cricket: Boys 1&2 and Girls 2 teams.
15-16th Thurs/Fri  Grade 2 Mooramong Camp
16th Friday  Trivia Night fundraiser in Mackinnon Hall
19th Monday  Life Education visit, School Council

Dec
14th Friday  Grade 6 Graduation
19th Wednesday  School Concert
20th Thursday  Last Day of Term 1.30pm Finish

Please note: the website calendar has all the dates for the year and is continually updated.

Principal’s Message

Yesterday the school accepted the invitation of the National Trust to visit Mooramong to participate in the tour of the Melbourne Cup. We also took the opportunity to have a tour through the homestead and listen to the volunteer guides tell us about the lifestyle of Scobie and Claire Mackinnon. It was an enjoyable day and gave our children an insight into the culture and history of the district. It also was an opportunity to reciprocate to the Trust who have done so much for the school and town. Thank you to the PFA for their delicious catering at the event and to Colin Martin for providing transport.
Yesterday also saw 11 of our students enter the regional golf competition at Midlands Golf Course. They have been training for the event and played well. There were 50 children there from 23 schools. Congratulations to all our students who competed. They were Lillian Barr, Cate Connell, Keeley Clark, Sara Kennedy, Holly Draffin, Alice Liston, Lauren Bodman, Andy Wills, George Wills, Cooper Cahill and Lochie Gardner. Thanks to Mr Baker and Miss Pollock for their efforts in preparing the players.

Last Friday our 3/4s played cricket. Reports flowed back on their excellent skills and great attitude and behaviour. Again, we are very proud on the disposition of our students overall when interacting with the public, and again, our children keep active during recesses honing their skills which they get to enjoy using in inter-school competitions. Thanks to Sam and Miss Pollock for their coaching efforts.

This Monday night some of our councillors and myself attended professional development on the role of council, and in particular the role of the president. Council plays an important role in ensuring the school provides the best possible outcomes for our students, and you should be encouraged that our councillors are willing to strengthen their knowledge and skills for the school.

Last weekend our students held the “Pictures About Me” exhibition at the brand new Foto Biennale in Ballarat – you may have seen the article in Saturday's Courier. This has been a great initiative for our art program and it was terrific to share it with the larger Ballarat community. Thanks to Georgie for her efforts in organising this. I have included an article of appreciation for the program written by a member of the school community.

Calvin Tromp

Pictures About Me: Developing a Strong Sense of Identity

The recent Art project ‘About Me’ may be regarded as just another fun craft project for children, but scratch the surface and this was no ordinary art project.

Early Childhood services spend a lot of time working to develop a strong sense of belonging and identity in pre-schoolers. Research clearly indicates that identity is a key foundation for children’s social and emotional development and is related to feelings of security and self-worth. Much research has explored the association between identity, resilience development and mental health.
Once children begin primary school, the tasks of learning to read and write, beginning mathematics, the extended hours of concentrating, mixing with children of all ages on a larger scale, and competing in sports and writing events can lead to some students feeling overwhelmed. Children may begin to compare themselves with others, which could lead to self-doubt.

Allowing children to have their voices heard through different vehicles of expression, such as art, enables them to be narrators about their feelings and identity and this translates into positive mental health outcomes.

The About Me project enabled students to express through art and creativity that: It’s okay to be me! It’s okay to be and dress the way I do. It’s okay to be me and to have the interests that I do. It gave students the opportunity to reflect: some children love sport and love the competitive element in presents, while others enjoy the social aspects of sport. Some enjoy contemplative activities such as reading or drawing; some children love farming, others do not. Some children are loud and confident, others are quiet and contemplative.

The fantastic thing is, that the About Me project has helped to reinforce and celebrate that it's okay to be Me- that each child is special and unique and matter and have an important and unique contribution to make to the school and wider community! This project helped children to value themselves for who they are, to reflect upon what it is that makes them special and enjoyable. It also provided the opportunity for students to learn something they may not have known about their classmates and to appreciate different points about them and to affirm them and value them.

Friday 16 November 2018

In the Mackinnon Hall at the School
(Hall located behind the main school building)

Doors open at 7pm
First question will be at 7.30pm sharp.

$10 per person and Maximum 10 person per table/team
Make sure you book your place to be assured a seat at a table.

Silent Auction on the night for some great prizes.

BYO drinks and nibbles. Tea and coffee provided.

So get the baby sitter organised, put your thinking hats on and be prepared to have some fun and laughs.

For bookings and further details contact Angela Gowans on 53402285 or 0418341168

Parent’s Club Dates to Remember

Saturday 24th November: State Election BBQ at Skipton Hall
Friday 16th November: Trivia Night (see flyer)

Parent’s Club are wondering if anyone may have borrowed their marquee? We are missing a black cricket sized bag containing a few essential accessories for the school marquee. If you happen to know where it is, can you please let us know? Thank you.
### 3/4 Woolworths T20 Blast Cricket

Last Friday, students from Grades 3 and 4 travelled into Ballarat to compete in the 3/4 Woolworths T20 Blast Cricket Carnival at Vic Park. Each team played three games and participated in a skills session. The day was about participation and the students were enthusiastic and positive throughout. The students represented our school in a fantastic manner and their behaviour was exceptional. Thanks to Dione who took a team, as well as Nat who helped out. Thanks to the parents for driving the students in and supporting throughout the day. We look forward to attending next year!

### REGIONAL GOLF RESULTS

Yesterday at Midlands Golf Club in Ballarat, 11 of our students competed in the Regional Level of the Victorian Primary Schools’ Golf Championships. There were 50 students from 23 schools competing, so we were very well represented. Three girls and six boys proceeded to state level. Three of our students were in the nine: Andy Wills with a great 38 was 2nd in the boys’ section and Holly Draffin with a fine 50 was 2nd in the girls’ section and Alice Liston, who also played very well with a 53, was 3rd in the girls’ section. Keeley Clark was close to qualifying, with a 55, as also was George Wills with a 42.

Our three qualifiers now proceed to State level in December, down to the final 30 girls and 70 boys in the state, which is a wonderful achievement.

### This Thursday we head to Lismore for our Summer Sports Day. Parents are more than welcome to attend and if you are taking your child straight there, it would be appreciated if you could please let us know.

**Garden Roster**

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