Principal’s Message

Hello from Melbourne! Amelia, Sam and I are here having a great time exploring Melbourne with the very well-behaved grade 3 and 4 students. Last night we attended the fantastic production of “School of Rock” at Her Majesty’s Theatre. This was possible due to the kind donation from the Skipton Community Shop and we very much appreciated the opportunity to experience such a high standard of music and dance by children of a similar age! We have also expanded our knowledge with a visit to the Melbourne Museum with plenty of interesting displays and interactive activities. This afternoon we head to the Eureka Skydeck and tomorrow we visit the MCG and Queen Victoria Market.

Last Friday we were fortunate to have St. John’s Ambulance come to school and take all our grades for a short but informative first aid lesson. This was sponsored by the Bendigo Bank and we thank them for providing such a valuable session. Hopefully they all learnt something useful that may help if anything happens to a family member at home or a friend here at school. We also have Angela Gowans and Fiona Meek at school today as CFA members to teach us a thing or two about the CFA’s Fire Safe Kids Program. Lots of invaluable information this week for the kids.

The month of October also saw us participate in “Walk to School” month and thanks to Grade 4, our students joined in walking laps of the school track or a fitness circuit session each morning to promote heart health. To finish it off we will hold a Walk to School breakfast next Wednesday the 14th November at 8.45am. The healthy continental breakfast will be funded by the Corangamite Shire and is open to all students and parents.
On Monday, myself and all of our teachers and aides, attended a PD session on “What makes an effective spelling program”? It was presented by Deb Sukarka and aims to develop our the quality of our students writing skills from prep right through to grade 6. It was a very successful day and I imagine we will see lots of new ideas introduced into the classrooms in the future.

Next week we have our Grade 5 and 6 girls and boys participating in the T2O Blast on Tuesday, while on Thursday our Grade 2 students will head off to camp at Mooramong! Friday the 16th is our school Trivia night so make sure you get a table together and see if your table can claim to be the smartest of the night, who knows you may be able to even beat the teachers!

Calvin

Parent’s Club Dates to Remember

Dates for the diary:
Trivia Night: Friday 16th November
State Election BBQ: Saturday 24th November

Bakers Delight Sebastopol
Thanks also to Bakers Delight Sebastopol for their bread donation for the Mooramong event. Bakers Delight Sebastopol are also giving our school the opportunity to fundraise using their “Postcard” offer. For only $20 you can get 2 x Hi Fibre Lo GL Loaves, 8 x White Round Rolls, 4 x Finger Buns & 6 x Mini Cheese and Bacon Rolls, with $5 being donated back to the school. As a bonus offer, if you buy 1 High Fibre Lo GL Block loaf you can get 6 free traditional round rolls. Please see Natalie at the office or Margot Barr or Gemma Molloy to purchase your $20 Postcard.

Grade 2 report
Today we learned about the Fire Safe Kids program and fire safety from members of the CFA, Angela and Fiona. Last week we also learned about first aid from Sherman of St Johns. A quick reminder that Mooramong Camp commences next Thursday. We will leave school around 2:00 and will return in time for buses on Friday afternoon. Children are very excited. A second note of recommended requirements went home yesterday. If you have any last minute questions or concerns, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Grade 5/6 report
Almost at the end of the 5th week of Term 4 and each day seems busier than ever. Our excursion assignments are finished and to see examples of the high work ethic of our Grade 5/6 children, these magnificent
assignments are worthwhile inspecting. Novel reading continues and will be extended, with the purchase of $400 worth of new novels, thanks to the generosity of our Parents’ Committee. In Maths we are revising processes, doing a little algebra, and are about to revise fractions. Bike Ed has also commenced and we are hitting the roads in the next week. In Writing we are commencing a report of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice. Next Tuesday we head to Victoria Park for the rest of round one of the cricket. The opportunity has been given for all children in our grade to participate and almost 95% of our Grade have taken the opportunity to take part. Tomorrow night Toby and his parents are heading to Melbourne to hear a talk by a world renowned astrophysicist, Professor Lisa Harvey-Smith. We know he will gain a lot from this evening. The Grade 5/6 students truly appreciate the great mix of academic and sporting pursuits available to them.

**Junior School Council Bandanna Day**

On Friday 16th November, we are holding our Bandanna Day. Junior School Council are selling Bandannas from next Monday. They are selling for $3 each. This money is going towards Children’s Cancer Research. There are only 60 so get in quickly!

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**BEAUFORT SHOW ENTRIES.**

Hi to our talented students, anyone interested in entering in the up coming Beaufort Show, 18th November please see Mrs Crosbie. LEGO, Arts and Craft, Cooking and Photography can be entered. Please note photography entries, we have permission to use 5”x7” photos. That means any entries you may have from earlier in the year. Have to be in it! In the past we have had great results.

*A family pass to Santa’s Magical Kingdom on Friday 30th November at 6pm (worth up to $146) is one of many goods on offer in our silent auction at the Trivia Night! If you would like to place a bid on this wonderful prize before the night, please see Natalie with your bid!* 

*Bidding closes on Monday 12th November!*

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**Garden Roster**

- Weeding *Mowing front lawn and nature strip if needed
- Paths cleared and swept * Pressure wash the front steps and undercover area.

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Dinner at Spaghetti Tree and some of Melbourne’s cultural sights!

On arrival at Flinder’s Street Station and the amazing production of The School of Rock! Thanks to Skipton Community Shop for your donation