Principals Report

Almost all student, parent, teacher interviews have been completed with excellent feedback from parents on student progress. It highlights for us that we have parents who are very interested in their child’s education and are very supportive of our approaches to educating the whole child, not just academic progress.

Student achievement Awards

Year P–2
Harresson Watts – For fabulous work on his adjective poems.

Year 3-6
Luke Johns — For respecting the rights and opinions of others during ‘Earn & Learn’.

Parent Opinion Survey

Parent opinion surveys were sent home last Tuesday. We have nine responses from our 18 families or 50%. I am extending the deadline for returns to this Thursday 8th August. The more responses, the more accurate the data. The survey is confidential, the information is collated in Melbourne and sent back to us. Thank you to those who have already responded, your feedback is appreciated.

Bunnings BBQ

We need one more volunteer for the Bunnings BBQ this Sunday 11th August. It could be the morning or afternoon shift. Please see John if you can help out. This is one of our major fundraisers for the year. It is also a time when we aren’t asking parents to donate their own money, only their time.

Lancefield Show

We have been approached to participate in the Lancefield Show on the 20th October. This maybe a stall or possibly students performing. If there are parents who would be interested in helping organise this event with us please let us know. We are very aware that we have asked parents to attend the Trivia Night and assist with the Bunnings BBQ and the Bolinda Fair cake stall. Sometimes you need to be careful you don’t wear our volunteers.

Royal Flying Doctor Simulator

The Royal Flying Doctor Service will be bringing their flight simulator to the school on 21st August. The cost will be $6.00 per student.

Stephanie Alexander Kitchen/Garden

The cupboards from GM cabinets arrived late last week. They have also been able to supply sinks and taps at a very good price. We have also ordered the hotplates which we were able to get from Fisher & Paykel at cost price through John’s father who used to own a Betta Electrical Store. It is hoped that the cupboards will be installed shortly.

Physical Education

We have had to make some timetable changes this week. Could all students bring runners on Wednesday.

Jump Rope for Heart

Please sign up sponsors for this worthy cause. Forms were sent home with last weeks newsletter. There are also great prizes to be won.

Traffic in Mullalys Rd

The Macedon Ranges Shire Council has been contacted regarding the speed of motorists in Mullalys Rd. They have contacted Victoria Police to ask more patrols and strips will be placed on the road shortly to gather data on the speed of vehicles. It is hoped there may be further treatments to dissuade speeding drivers.
We are once again collecting stickers for the Woolworths Earn and Learn program, it would be nice if we could get enough stickers to obtain some nice things for the school. Last year we were able to get the blow up planets now hanging in the junior room and the USB microscope. The program has closed could all stickers even if they aren’t on a sheet be returned asap.

Our annual trivia night will be held at ‘Seasons’ in Riddells Creek on Saturday 27th July. Mark in in your diary. It was a sell out last year so make sure you get in early. We will begin to take bookings in a couple of weeks.

We would like to get some vegetables growing in our vegie garden.

We would like families to adopt a garden bed, plant and look after the bed. It would be great if every family could get involved. There are 10 beds and 18 families so we could even double up and have two families looking after a bed.

As we move closer to implementing the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden program, we will require support from parents. I have received feedback that we attempt a Tuesday night working bee. So dig in on 18th June after school to weed, top up the beds and start planting. Families will be able to tend to their beds at anytime they wish.

Legislation now requires that all parent volunteers in schools require a ‘Working with Children Check’ (WWC). A volunteer school worker is a person who without payment or reward voluntarily engages in:

1. school council function
2. a request of the principal or school council
3. school work
4. attending state or regional meetings.

School Councillors, classroom helpers and anyone who volunteers to help in any capacity in the school will be required have a WWC. The school will be enforcing compulsory WWC’s at the beginning of next term. A volunteer can commence work in a school when they provide a receipt as proof they have applied for a WWC. The forms are available from Janine and must be lodged at Australia Post.

Congratulations to the following students for reading

Seth Harris — 50 night of reading
Jack Ruzicska— 100 night of reading

Well done!

School councillors are reminded that our next meeting is tomorrow night Wednesday 19th June at 3.45 pm.

Vasili’s this Friday. Make sure you have returned the permission form and money. Play lunch, lunch and a drink
Make an appointment for parent, student, teacher interviews
Pyjama day, last day of term
Return Woolworths stickers
Adopt a vegie garden. Get in early and choose the one you love!
Working with Children Checks. Parents will not be able to assist at school from the first day term three without a receipt that they have submitted their application.

Parents are reminded that all newsletters and most permission forms are available on our website.