There are not a lot of days left in the school year, but there is still a lot happening.

Orientation
Sophie, Harry and Lauryn really enjoyed their opportunity to visit their 2017 Secondary College this week. It was great to hear all of their exciting stories and adventures when they returned. We are very happy for them to be taking their next huge step in their educational lives! We have also had Erin enjoying her transition in to Prep. She is certainly looking very confident in the school. We have also welcomed James to Bolinda and he has had the opportunity to spend some time in the Junior classroom. He is very excited about being a Grade 2 student at Bolinda next year.

Grade 5 High School Experience
Today I had the pleasure of being able to accompany our Grade 5 students to Gisborne Secondary College. Despite a few nervous faces on the bus, the students all had an amazing time. They were exposed to a lot of fantastic experiences. We all felt very welcome at Gisborne and we thank them for providing us with such a worthwhile experience.

Reports
Teachers have been very busy writing the end of year reports. There will be a lot of information provided to parents about their child’s progress this semester. All reports will be sent home on Friday 16th December. In addition to this, all students who have been attending the music program this year would have received the end of year report via mail this week from PMI. Please let us know if you did not receive this report.

End of year Concert
It has been very exciting to see all the students build in excitement as they anticipate the end of year concert. They are sounding amazing and the props are looking fantastic. On Wednesday 14th December the students will travel by bus to the Romsey Mechanics Institute to practice. Parents are reminded to collect the children from the Mechanics Institute by 3:30pm. The following day (Thursday 15th December) will see the students dropped off at the Romsey Mechanics Institute (do not bring children to school this day) for a Full Dress rehearsal. Children will be returned back to school by bus and can be collected at the end of the day as per normal. That night will see the students all come together to perform ‘The Lion King’. Students are required to be at the Romsey Mechanics Institute no later than 6.30pm (the show will begin at 7pm sharp!).
This night will also provide an opportunity to celebrate the Graduation of Lauryn, Sophie and Harry. We will also be selling tickets for the end of year raffle. There are a lot of fantastic prizes to be won. Please bring along your gold coins (or notes) so that you do not miss out on purchasing tickets.

The bus permission slip needs to be returned to Miss O, by Monday 12th December

Assembly
This week saw Fynn and Bayley hold the flag as we sang the National Anthem. Congratulations to Chloe, James and Mikaela on receiving Students of the week. We had a number of students achieve Certificates in Mathletics, Lili, Sharnée, Fynn, Amelia, Ryan, Mikaela and Nathan who received 4!! We were also entertained by Thomas on the guitar! What a fantastic effort.

LETTERS TO SANTA – Some work from the P–2 room

Dear Santa,
I would make a good helper because I am good at washing sleighs as I wash my parent’s car a lot. Yours Sincerely, Fynn

Dear Santa,
I would make a good helper because I’m good at making toys. I am hard working and punctual. I would like to deliver the presents. Yours Truly, Ryan

Dear Santa,
Can I please have a job? I would like to help with the Christmas tree and feed all the reindeer.
Yours sincerely, Joel
Dear Santa,
I would be your best helper because I would make wooden toys and make sure the toys travel safely and help pack the sleigh. With love from Max

To Santa,
I would make a good helper because I will help in the magical garden. I have good reading skills, I am fearless, hardworking, and am good at spying on the children. I like cooking, map reading, making toys, making naughty and nice lists, making food for Santa and feeding the reindeers. I am focussed and could help with wrapping the presents.
Kind regards from Nathan

Dear Santa,
I would love to have a job at the North Pole with you. I am good at remembering things and I’m good at Maths because I know most math things like times tables. I am good at making things like toys and ornaments for Christmas trees. I am also good at wrapping because I mostly wrap at home for peoples Birthdays, mostly for my Mum and Dad, friends as well too. I will also cook for you and Misses Claus and the Elves. I ca also watch out for good kids or bad kids. I will feed all nine reindeers for you to. Helping you pack the sleigh I will also communicate well. I will be brilliant to.
I will also drive the sleigh for you because you do most of the work for Christmas Eve. I’m looking forward to discussing it more with you.
Yours Sincerely, Seb

To Santa,
I would love to be a beautiful helper at the freezing cold North Pole. I am quick and super good at painting and making stuff and I will do anything for you and your elves. I will be perfect and I will make amazing food for you and your elves and give carrots to the reindeers for breakfast and dinner. I will never give up and I will wrap the presents even with beautiful cards and I will make your suite and sleigh as shiny as a golden diamond because I am very good at cleaning. I love Christmas and I will never forget the Christmas carols and I am an outstandingly hard worker at school, even when it is hard. Merry Christmas, Love from Amelia.

Special Afternoon Tea
On Friday 16th December students will be heading back in to the SAKG kitchen to create some extra special food. This is to celebrate and thank the wonderful parents and people in our community for their ongoing support and commitment to our school. Students have written an invitation and sent home to parents. However, in case you missed it – all parents are welcome to attend from 2:30pm. We will be providing some food. We will also be allowing students to present their musical skills learnt this year through the Music Program. Hope you can make it!

2017 Teachers
Next year will see Mrs Renee Tanaskovic continue to teach the Prep/1/2 classes. However, we will see the Junior classroom located in the Library portable next year and the Junior Room will become a Library and computer space (we have been very fortunate to have 10 computers donated to the school). Miss Meagan O’Sullivan will continue to teach in the portable building with the Grade 3/4/5/6 students, alongside the Principal of Bolinda in 2017.
Relocating buildings
As previously mentioned, the Library and the Junior classroom will be swapped for 2017. This move will allow us to re-carpet the portable building whilst there is no furniture in the room. However, this cannot take place until mid-January. I will be seeking some support in moving the rooms around. Please keep an eye on our Facebook page for an advanced warning on when I will be seeking some support. If anyone has spare time, I would appreciate it.

Exciting News
I am very pleased and excited to announce that Meagan and her partner Peter are expecting the arrival of a baby boy in mid-June next year.

This week in the 3/4 class!
A Letter to Santa – By Freya Drier

Hi Mr Santa,
I want to apply for a place in your workshop.
I deeply enjoy Christmas and love giving gifts to others.
I’m good at co-operating and a good and funny friend.
Maybe I can pack the sleigh or feed the reindeers oh I’m a good cook too!
I have bad navigational skills!
Yours truly Freya. D
P.S I’m a good co-operator because I can solve problems without violence.
P.P.S I love wrapping prezies.
WANTED….Christmas donations for our Raffle!

Thankyou to all parents that have generously donated items for our Christmas Raffle. Please keep the items rolling in, the last donations need to be provided by Monday 12th December. The box is in the office.

Tickets went home in the newsletter last week.

SAKG

This Friday will see our final SAKG session for the year. The students have voted on their favourite meals and cannot wait to create them. As always Miss O would appreciate support in the kitchen. If you have any availability and would like to help, please come along. Cooking begins at 9:30am. Friday will also see us get back into the garden. It is looking amazing at the moment! Over the holidays I would appreciate some support in watering the garden. It would be great to try and create a roster. It only takes 30 minutes to water. If you have time over the holidays, please let me know so that I can include you on the roster and keep our garden looking great – ready to be eaten in Term 1 2017! We will not have to worry about the chickens as they will be having a holiday at the Telford farm.

Pre-Order forms for the SAKG recipe book need to be returned by Monday 12th December. No late forms will be accepted.

Recipe books will be handed out once payment has been received on Friday 16th December
1. **Rationale**

The Staff and School Council believe that a compulsory school uniform will assist students to develop a sense of pride and belonging to the school. It will also enable the local community to recognise students who attend the school.

2. **Broad Guidelines**

2.1 To develop pride in, and a sense of belonging to, the school

2.2 To reduce peer pressure related to clothing choices

2.3 To assist staff to easily recognise and supervise children when out of the school

2.5 To reduce clothing costs to families over a period of time

3. **Implementation**

3.1 New families will be informed of the school’s uniform requirements upon enrolment and/or during the transition process.

3.2 School uniform is available for purchase via the School Office. All uniform supplies are purchased through -

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3.3 Year 6 commemorative windcheaters and/or poloshirts may be offered to students at their expense.

3.4 Students not wearing correct school uniform may be prohibited from excursions and from representing the school at interschool sport. When students participate in Stephanie Alexander Garden activities – students may bring gumboots/boots. Students must still wear school uniform on SAKG days. Protective aprons will be provided in the kitchen to protect clothing.

3.5 Students attending school without correct uniform are required to have a letter from parents specifying the reason.

3.6 The compulsory school uniform will be chosen from the following items:

- Navy shorts
- Navy and white check dress
- Navy netball skirt and bloomers or skorts (NOTE: Bloomers can only be worn under a netball skirt)
- Navy track pants or trousers
- White or navy skivvy
- Navy polo shirt with or without logo
- Navy bomber jacket with or without logo
- Navy windcheater with or without logo
- Navy polar fleece vest or jacket with or without logo
- White or navy socks
- Navy tights or leggings

All students must have at least one jumper or polo shirt that has the school logo. These must be worn on excursions, school photo days and other significant days where it is essential students are identifiable through their school uniform.

3.7 In accordance with the school’s Sunsmart Policy, a wide-brimmed, navy sun smart hat must be worn when outside in Terms 1 and 4.

3.8 Appropriate footwear should be worn, particularly for physical education. Black shoes/boots and runners are deemed acceptable footwear at any time. Thongs, ballet flats, open-toed shoes and sandals are not permitted at any time. Students may take their shoes off in the classroom, but must be wearing slippers as a replacement. At no time should students be walking around the school with no shoes on.

3.9 A wristwatch and earring studs or sleepers are the only permissible jewellery. Any student wearing other items will be asked to place them in their bag.

3.10 Students with long hair should have it tied back in a ponytail or braid to aid learning and reduce the spread of headlice and avoid being caught in playground equipment.

3.11 Make-up, nail polish and hair dye are not part of school uniform and must not be worn to school unless planned by classroom teacher for a specific activity.

3.12 A school bag with logo is not compulsory.

3.13 The staff member coordinating interschool sports will issue students with any uniform requirements prior to the commencement of events. Any additional supporting uniform requirements will be communicated with parents prior to events.

3.14 A reminder letter will be sent home for students who are repeatedly out of uniform.

4. Evaluation

This policy will be evaluated as part of the school’s cyclic review program.
The Combined Churches of Macedon Ranges are working together to distribute Christmas gifts to struggling families in our community. Help us to make sure every child opens a gift this Christmas.

**We Need You To Donate!**

Gifts are to be $20 in value for boys and girls aged 0-18.

Please donate at:

Cobaw Community Health (Kyneton & Woodend)

Or Contact: Georgina Harvey 0404 442 891