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NEWSLETTER 30 July 2024

Dates for your Diary

AUG	Fri	2	Cluster Arts Performance	Mon	5	Music
	Mon	5	School Council 6:30pm	Tue	6	Smile Squad
	Tue	6	Cooking Grd 4/5/6	Wed	7	Library
	Wed	7	Playgroup visit	Fri	9	Italian
	Mon	12	Art & Music		13-21	Somers Camp
	Thu	15	Harmonica performance & St John's visit			
	Fri	16	Italian	Mon	19	Author Visit
	Wed	21	Music	Wed	21	Library
	Wed	21	Blue Earth	Fri	23	Italian
	Mon	26	Art & Music	Thu	29	Questacon incursion
	Fri	30	Italian			
SEP	Mon	2	Music	Wed	4	Library
	Fri	6	Italian			

Dear Parents,
 Can you please note the following:

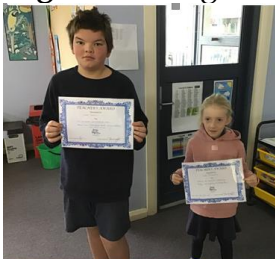
Student of the Week

Sybil – effort displayed in mathematics

Rosie – skip counting

Hunter – effort displayed with his reading

Ted & Georgie – settling back in



Welcome

Last week we had our first session with Amanda Naish – our new MARC Library teacher. Amanda will be working with our students fortnightly for the rest of the year.

Smile Squad

We are due to be visited by the Smile Squad shortly for our bi-annual visit. This time they will be with us from Tuesday 6 through to Thursday 15 August.

Cultural Performance

All the cluster schools will be getting together this Friday 2 August at the Myrree Hall for a performance

entitled 'You're an Instrument'. This has been funded by the King Valley Arts committee. Let me know if you'd like to join us for this event. It starts at 11:30am. Your local excursions form will cover this excursion.

We will be heading to the Myrree School for lunch following the performance. NO HOT LUNCHES for this day please.

Harmonica performance & St John's visit

Our grade 3/4/5/6 are lucky enough to be going to St Pat's Primary School in Wangaratta for a Harmonica performance - Harp's a Breeze - on Thursday 15 August. Students will be introduced to the wonderful world of the blues harmonica. Through deep-breathing, aural and rhythmic games, students will learn the fundamentals of harmonica playing whilst gaining the many well-being benefits. And get a harmonica at the end to keep.

We decided to combine this excursion with a visit to St John's Respect in Wangaratta to catch up with our buddies - and maybe show them our new skills at playing the harmonica. Your local excursions form will cover this excursion.

Parent Opinion Survey

Last week you should have received an email as well as a hard copy of your unique link to the annual Parent Opinion Survey. Please let us know as soon as possible if you did not receive the link.

The survey is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behavior, and student engagement. The survey is optional,

but we encourage and appreciate your participation.

Our school will use the survey results to assist in identifying areas for improvement and professional development needs in the school, to target school planning and improvement strategies.

The Survey is open online from **Monday 29 July to Friday 30 August 2024.**

Cooking

Our Grade 4/5/6's will be cooking next Tuesday 6 August. If you're interested in joining us let me know. A great menu is planned!

Questacon

To complement our curriculum focus on Science this term, we have an incursion planned for 29 August from Questacon. This will be at the school at 10am and we will be joined by Broken Creek Primary School students. Come along for a fun morning of Science!

Book Week Celebrations

We are fortunate to be having a visit from Cathy Hope, author of *River Murray Girl*, on Monday 19 August. Set in Australia during the era of the Great Depression, Polio Epidemic and World War Two, this is the true story of an adventurous little girl and her faithful companion. We will be combining Cathy's visit with a number of other book activities as part of our Book Week celebrations.

Students are encouraged to come dressed as their favourite book character and everyone is invited to join us for the day. Cathy will be with us 11:30am to 1pm.

Polices

A number of updated polices have just been added to our website. Please feel

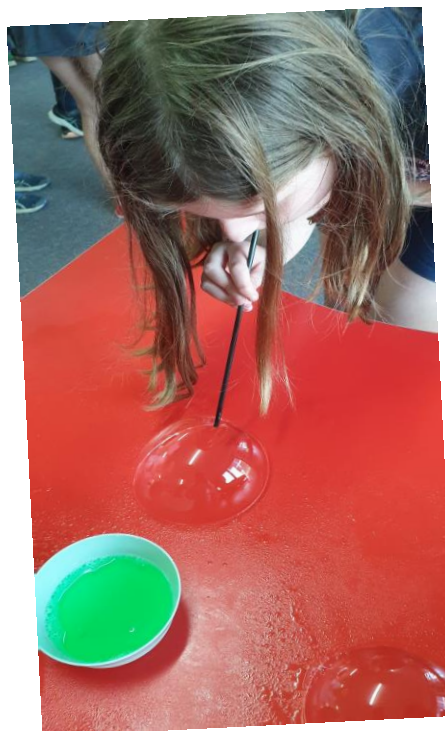
Thank you

Howard Gibson
Principal

free to have a read and we welcome any feedback you may have.



Bubble Magic
experiments
last week





And so with the conclusion of the Epic Stump tale some students had to find another way to use all their energy at lunch time. Thanks to the Builders for giving them some mud to disperse, they quickly found a solution. How it ended up on their faces I have no idea!!!!

