Dear Families,

I hope you all enjoyed your ANZAC Day long weekend.

We had so much happening last week.

Monday with the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club attending assembly.

Tuesday saw Cody, Josh, Teia and Willow attend the annual Student Leadership Conference at Korumburra. The students were excellent ambassadors and will share their experiences at next Monday’s assembly.

Wednesday morning the grade 3/4 students along with Mr Steel, Mr Manning and myself left for camp at Allambee. The weather was superb and the students were in high spirits as they met up with new and old friends from Newhaven Primary. Mrs Williams and Steve Kelly arrived on Thursday to complete the camp. I can’t wait to catch up with the students about camp. Thanks Steve for taking a group on Thursday at camp. I hope everyone back at school enjoyed the great weather whilst the 3/4’s were on camp.

A HUGE thank you to Steve for reattaching the repaired platform to the playground equipment. Woo Hoo!!!

A big thank you to Mrs Gifford for attending the Sunday ANZAC Day ceremony with our School Captains. Mrs Gifford took some great photos for you all to share. I apologise for being unable to attend due to my mum having a procedure on her eye on Friday and needing to care for her.

I received this email this morning from Jane Ross one of the organisers of the ANZAC Day ceremony yesterday that I would love to share with you all:

“Thank you very much for arranging for student representatives to attend the San Remo Anzac commemoration. They acquitted themselves with the usual aplomb and were very gracious to don school uniforms on a Sunday in the middle of a long weekend.”

Regards Jane Ross

THOUGHT OF THE WEEK:

Regards Sharyne

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

WE NEED YOU! This Saturday 30th April we have been allocated a spot at Bunnings Wonthaggi to cook and sell sausages between 10-4pm. We need as many volunteers as possible to support this fundraising effort for our school. We have a roster set up in the office so please let the office know of your availability ASAP. I look forward to seeing you there.
WSC INFORMATION EVENING

A reminder that all grade 5 and 6 students and their parents are invited to attend an information evening tonight in the 56G room at 6:30pm. This is a great opportunity to gather information in choosing a secondary college for your child.

CURRICULUM DAY: Friday 6th April

Friday 6th May is our first Curriculum Day for 2016 and no students will be required at school. We will be implementing a new reporting system, Compass and staff need this day to become familiar with this system. Please note that the Vacation Care program is not available for this day.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Our next School Council Meeting has been re-scheduled for next Tuesday 3rd May at 7pm in the staffroom.

FUNDRAISING MEETING – MOTHER’S DAY STALL

There will be Fundraising meeting in the staffroom at 2:30pm tomorrow, Wednesday 27th April. The first topic on the agenda will be the Mother’s Day Stall that will be held next week on Thursday 5th May. The stall will be held in the OSHC room between 9am and 1:30pm. All classes will take turns making their purchases. Gifts will range from $2 to $10. Students may purchase up to 2 gifts (Mum and Step-Mum).

BOOKCLUB – ISSUE 3

All orders from this issue need to be handed into the office by Friday 29th April. Parents can order and pay through Loop online (please remember to bring your order into school with your payment reference number) or by cheque or cash.

BOOKFAIR

This year’s Annual Book Fair will run for just over a week beginning Monday 9th May until Tuesday 17th May. The students will have the opportunity to browse through the fair and making a wish list. The Fair will be open to parents from Monday afternoon after assembly and then each day from 8:30-9:15am and 3:00-3:45pm.
**DISTRICT ATHLETICS**

Selected students will travel to Wonthaggi SC on Friday to participate in the District Athletics championships.

**PREP-GRxDE 2 FxRM EXCURSION**

Permission form will go home with all grade Prep-2 students for their annual major excursion. This year the junior school will be visiting Chesterfield Farm in Scoresby on Friday 13th May. This is a whole day excursion and the bus will be leaving school at approximately 8am... confirmation will be given in next week's newsletter. The cost of the excursion is $30 per student. For those who have applied for and qualify for the CSEF there will be no charge. Please return all forms with payment to school by Wednesday 11th May.

**NO STANDING ZONE**

Please do NOT stop or park in the No Standing Zone in Thomas Grove. A Bylaws officer from the Bass Coast Shire has been paroling the No Standing zones around our school. He has had to warn a few parents that continue to drop off their children by parking illegally. Please note that fines will be issued in future. Please remember our safest and preferred parking area for student drop off or pick up is at the top of Wynne Ave in front of the Recreation Centre.

**STUDENT SUPERVISION**

Children are supervised in the playground from **8:45am until 3:45pm**. Parents are reminded that all classes begin at 9am sharp. If your child comes to school earlier than 8:45am or later than 3:45pm they need to attend OSHC.

**TIQBIZ**

A reminder that we need ALL families to download the FREE Tiqbiz app on their phone, tablet and/or computer. We upload the newsletter each week to this app. We also use Tiqbiz to contact all families in times of emergency and for letting families know what is happening in the school.