



Newsletter

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Calendar— Term 2

11 April to 24 June

JUNE

- Tues 7 Tuckshop
Playgroup
Finance Mtg 4.30pm
School Council Mtg 5pm
- Wed 8 Shire Library Van
- Thurs 9 Regional Rehearsal JTC
Littlies Learning go to Fairy Dell
NO Kitchen Garden
NO Drumbeat program
- Frid 10 Friday Fang
Sporting Schools—Badminton
- Th/Fr 16 -17 Melbourne Camp
- Thurs 23 Parent Teacher Interviews 4-6pm
- Friday 24 Final Day of Term 2

What a busy week last week!

Cockatoo Rise

Last Tuesday afternoon we travelled to Cockatoo Rise to view the Military Museum and items of interest. All students asked their pre prepared questions about the Vietnam War before doing a guided tour and talk about items in the museum.

Our visit became even more special when we were "dispatched " to a bushy area where we did simulations of life as a soldier in Vietnam. We were exposed to "trip wires", "hand made land mines", meal time at a food tent, sleeping in a sandbagged swag, and marching behind a mine sweeper. We were weighed down with heavy packs, felt the weight of equipment and tried on uniforms. A huge thanks to Greg, Annie and Darren for making it such a special and informative experience.

Happy Birthday

To Minnie who turns 10 on 8th June

REMINDERS

Joining the Chorus—Keep up the dance practice at home!



John



Professional Development

On Monday and Tuesday last week Kat and I attended professional development in both Swifts Creek and Omeo. We were continuing our work with schools in the High Country on the elements of effective numeracy teaching under the guidance of Andrea and Marj from Monash University. Kat and I spent the two days observing both Andrea and Marj teaching numeracy lessons in classes from P-year 7. Prior to each lesson we discussed the focus of the lesson and the behaviours of both the teacher and students. Following the lesson we 'unpacked' the lesson.

Reconciliation Ceremony

Last Wednesday's Reconciliation Ceremony culminated a lot of discussion, research and awareness raising by our students and staff. After attending a large school and community event at Bairnsdale West our students were inspired to present the theme of Our History, Our Story and Our Future in their own way. Valanga Khoza worked with the students in the morning learning and rehearsing a song *We're All the Same*



before we conducted our own ceremony to acknowledge the rich indigenous history and pay our respects.

The Anthem, a Welcome to Country by Auntie Dotty Moffat and Acknowledgement by Blake, flag raising and oral and video presentations made up the session. Our junior students started with the history and spoke of the didgeridoo (with parent Grant giving us a rendition), the boomerang and the story behind the Indigenous flag. Gareth (Tiddaleck the Frog) and Ashleigh (The Rainbow Serpent) shared Dreamtime stories whilst Megan talked of the importance of indigenous art.

Looking at Our Stories, Mitchell spoke of Cathy Freeman, Hayley talked of the Stolen Generation and shared the Archie Roach song " They Took the Children Away", Carol spoke of her life and thoughts, and Valanga sang and played instruments whilst sharing his story. He then led our kids in their performance of their song.

♥ Minnie gave a very optimistic view of what she hoped the future would be and invited all present to share their ideas on small paper hearts.

All parents , visitors , students and staff embraced the spirit of the ceremony and will respect the past and work towards a reconciled future.

SPORTING SCHOOLS

Badminton-Our first session of badminton was a huge hit. All the children participated with enthusiasm keen to try out their new skills.

Kitchen/Garden

It was a productive morning in both the kitchen and garden last week. In the garden we planted, weeded, cared for our chooks, created climbing structures for our plants, composted and harvested a treasure trove of potatoes.

In the kitchen we cooked up an amazing feast of Indian food which included Indian pumpkin soup, Spiced potatoes, brinjal bartha, dahl, chapatti and rhubarb cinnamon cake.

Second Regional Rehearsal for the State School Spectacular.

A reminder to all children that we will be spending the day at Lucknow P.S on Thursday. We will be participating in the second state school spectacular regional rehearsal with other schools in our area. Those children not participating in the rehearsal will be working with Dave in one of the classrooms. Please remember to wear school uniform, comfortable dancing shoes and have plenty to eat and drink. The bus will run as normal. Please practise hard at home this week!



All the classroom news

This week our soundwaves focus includes the graphemes m, mm, mb, me and the blends sm and mp. The concepts we will discuss include the prefixes mid and mis. We will continue work on alphabetical order, compound words and adding ed, ing, s and es to words.

Many of the children are well on the way to finishing their first narrative-(some are chapters long!) We will continue to look at the features of a narrative to ensure all are included in our final pieces of writing.

The junior students will begin writing a shared narrative whilst working on some

pictures for their own individual narratives.

Wonderful Wednesday with John
Science Wednesday was held on Tuesday last week! Routine Maths, Reading, Word of the Day (wed) and Quick Write led us into more work with mirrors and reflection. We used our mirrors to navigate a testing "golf course" and did lots of preparation in readiness for our Reconciliation Ceremony. We also rehearsed our questions for our Cockatoo Rise excursion.

Winter Sports

Last Wednesday I went to Paynesville for Winter sports. I played T-Ball and hit the ball with a bat. I wore the glove on the wrong hand which made it tricky to throw the ball. Next time I will try a different sport! Jayden

Shire Library Van

EG Shire Library Bus visits on Wednesday this week from noon to 12.30pm. A current Library card is needed to borrow books. Application forms are available from town library or from the Library bus.

Parent Teacher Interviews

On Wednesday 22 June Reports will be sent home. Teachers will be available for interviews here at school on Thursday 23 June from 4 till 6pm, or by phone if you are unable to come out. Please return the Interview Times slip to indicate your preferences for time slots.

School Council

School Council meets tomorrow afternoon here at school from 5.00pm following the Finance meeting at 4.30pm. Minutes from last meeting and Agenda will be emailed. All welcome to attend.

School Camp

Preliminary notes and forms for the Jurassic World exhibition at the Melbourne Museum 16—17 June were sent home last week. Children are looking forward to the big trip. More details later.

LOCAL HONEY

We have honey from our local apiarists— Now in a 3kg tub for \$30, 1 kg tubs for \$12 and 500g for \$8.

Thankyou to Mick and Liane for helping us with our fundraising.



Ritchies Community Rewards

If you or your family shops at any IGA store they can ask to have their community credits put towards CCPS. Paynesville & Eastwood stores both participate in this program and we generally benefit from around a \$15 donation each month from Ritchies. This is very much appreciated. All students benefit as this money is used across the curriculum to support different learning activities.

Keep an eye
out for ...
HEADLICE

*Unfortunately some of our families are having issues with headlice. Please be vigilant and check your child's hair regularly to stay on top of this pesky (and often expensive) problem. A reminder to all who have shoulder length or longer hair that you are required to have your hair tied back **before** you come to school.*

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Parent Teacher Interviews 2016

Interviews with Kat & Carol on Thursday 23 June	
4.00 pm	
4.15 pm	
4.30 pm	
4.45 pm	
5.00 pm	
5.15 pm	
5.30 pm	
5.45 pm	

I will be coming to CCPS for my interview

I will be conducting my interview over the phone

Please indicate your preference for times that you can be at school for a talk with Carol and Kat together. Mark those times that suit you best. We will collate the schedule and let you know exactly what time has been allocated for your interview.

NAME

PHONE NUMBER

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO SCHOOL AS SOON AS POSSIBLE . Thank you