Dear Parents and Caregivers

What a hectic week it has been!

Grade 3 / 4 students headed off to camp on Wednesday and so did I! Poor Mrs Bacon was very unwell with this ‘flu that is going around at the moment (seems like half the school is out with it right now!) and so I filled in. It was so much fun! I took the initiatives activity with another teacher from Nanneella, Jo. There was also a flying fox, abseiling and kite making. It rained a little bit but not too much. The next day I took archery. That was so much fun! Other activities that day were canoeing, low ropes, kite flying and rock climbing on the indoor wall. Mrs Bacon managed to make it for the final activity session and stayed the night. I am sure everyone had a great time. I am extremely proud of the behaviour from all our students. All students were very well behaved which was great to see. I am really glad I had the opportunity to participate in camp.

Today we had a really fun day. I worked with the Grade 5 and 6 students. We started a new book called The 39 Clues. It has a web site and students have registered for that too, to try and solve the mystery. We also made our own plays using puppets today and videoed them with the iPads. It was very funny.

Fletcher came to school too and had a play with everyone at recess. I don’t know who enjoyed it more, him or the students! I know he’ll sleep like a baby tonight though! Thanks Kids!

Thank you to everyone who pulled together or went the extra mile to provide support and help make things come together. I know that there were parents up here helping prepare for the kinder visit when I had to be at camp and couldn’t be here. Thanks also to Di Hoare for her help and for the fantastic cup cakes—they were delicious! Thanks to Wendy for taking all students on Wednesday when we couldn’t get a CRT. And finally, thanks to our wonderful students who have been a joy to be around and made things so much easier for us all! Enjoy your weekend.

Michelle

Last chance to hand in Coles Vouchers and Earn and Learn Stickers.
General Information

Quote of the week:

‘You can be the juiciest, sweetest peach in the bowl and then someone comes along who doesn’t like peaches.’

Dieta Von Teese

Principal’s Award

The Award this week goes to

Bailey Boyack

Bailey went above the call this week, helping out and being extremely responsible. He has shown initiative and thoughtful-ness. Well done.

Award for Excellence in Literacy:

Isaac Dalton for fantastic speaking and listening when acting in his group’s play.

Award for Excellence in Numeracy:

Hannah Trewick and Jacqueline Pretty for great estimation with weights.

Supervision of students before school.

There have been a lot of students arriving at school before 8:45am. Please note that students are not supervised at school until 8:45am when staff begin yard duty outside. Time prior to this is used by staff for preparation, should they be at school, and should be free of supervisory duties. Students should not be inside the school buildings at all until the bell rings at 9:00am. The only exception to this is if a wet day timetable is announced or those students who travel by bus who will quietly participate in reading, drawing or other quiet activities until 8:45am.
This week has been a quiet week with the grade 3 and 4 children away at camp and many away through illness. We hope the campers are enjoying themselves! The children remaining at school have been working well. Mrs. B would be very proud of the grade 6 children who have shown a responsible attitude and have shown that they can work independently as well as adapting to changes in routine.

National Literacy and Numeracy Week starts next week and we have planned some special activities.

One of the activities will be a **Mad Hatters Tea Party** next Wednesday so the children can start making/decorating hats now. Parents and friends are welcome to come along too (as long as they wear a hat).

**Date:** Wednesday 29th August **Time:** 10:45am **Place:** Library/Art room

**P-2 News**

Head lice have been reported to the school - please check, and if necessary treat, your family for head lice. There is no need to treat everyone if no head lice are found but you need to look for the head lice. If you find head lice in your family please tell anyone who has had head to head contact with the family member. Students may not attend school until the lice have been treated.

**Headlice**

‘When a person goes to the dentist and has no cavities, it doesn’t mean tooth brushing stops…same when a person is deemed clear of head lice, it doesn’t mean the screening should stop. Regular conditioner/combing should become part of everyone’s weekly routine.’

Alex Weekes will be in the 3-6 room all of next week.

No Grade 3-6 news this week as Mrs Bacon is away on the Grade 3/4 Camp. Watch this space next week for exciting camp news.
Thankyou’s & Community Information

- Thankyou to Ron McCready (Maikaela and Noah’s Grandfather) for the 2 baths for the Enviro Centre.

- Thankyou to all community members that placed Coles Vouchers in the McIvor store and also here at school. We are looking forward to the reward of sporting equipment for the school. Also thank you for the Earn and Learn Stickers from Safeway that have been generously collected.

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**Teenage Camp**

Due to more funding becoming available and the success of the last camp, a “Teenage camp” has become available at Camp Four Post Deniliquin.

**Details as follows:**

**Venue:** YMCA Camp Four Post Deniliquin

**Date:** Friday 14th to Sunday 16th September.

**Ages:** 13 to 16 years

*Pick up and drop off in Rochester.*

**Cost:** FREE

Inquiries and bookings to Rochester Community House ph 0354 843600


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**Lord Mayors Portsea Camp**

The Lord Mayors Portsea Camp is running a YOUTH based camp (ages 12-17) during the first week of the September school holidays (24-28 Sept).

They are holding an information session WEDNESDAY 22ND AUGUST at 7pm at the Lockington District Business Centre.

Camp leaders will be there to answer any questions, and there will be enrolment forms available on the night also.

Light supper will be provided. All enquires to Kris Munro 0488 591887