Dear Parents and Caregivers,

We enjoyed a visit from Jens, Tara and Aviva on Tuesday this week and students were very excited to see them again. They were here to collect the remaining items and to also complete some evaluation activities with students and staff. It was exciting to see our Perfect Moment performance in the Bendigo Advertiser yesterday too, although a shame they got Letisha’s name wrong in the captions. They were fantastic photos though and a lovely reminder and acknowledgement of our hard work.

A reminder that **Monday is a student free day**. Staff will be working at the Rochester Tennis Club with Lockington Consolidated Primary as part of our Teacher Professional leave project, focussing on improving student outcomes in Numeracy and developing a more consistent approach across our two schools. We will be looking at how to analyse student data to accurately determine their learning improvement needs, and will be hearing from an expert in the field regarding effective planning, using data to drive our focus.

Next week I will be joining 21 other Principals from our Campaspe Network at our Residential Conference in Bendigo. This will provide us with an opportunity to come together and focus on issues which we have identified as a group, including implementing the new enterprise bargaining agreement, leading change, managing unsatisfactory performance and the excess process, amongst other things.

Last Friday was our Cluster Science Day and we had students from many schools visiting us and bringing along activities to share. Congratulations to Mrs Bacon for coordinating this day. It is always a fun time. Keep an eye out for information about our Family Science Night coming up this term too.

Good luck to our Grade 3 / 4 students and Mrs Bacon who are heading off to camp on Wednesday. We hope they have a great time and that the weather holds out for them. I am hoping to catch up with them for a visit on Thursday or Friday.

Happy Fathers’ Day to all of our dads! Enjoy a quiet and relaxing weekend.

Michelle.

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“Education’s purpose is to replace an empty mind with an open one.”
Malcolm S. Forbes.

**Principal's Award**
The Award this week goes to

**Lilly Czuczman**
For being a respectful listener during Library sessions.

**Silly Picture of the week**

**Numeracy Award**
Peter Johnson for grasping the addition of fractions

**Literacy Award**
Isaac Dalton for reading beautifully with his reading partner

**Student Banking—Bendigo Bank**
Please note that student banking is available to all students with a Bendigo Bank Account. Please place your banking in the draw at the office. Bek will bank it and return it on Thursday. Please make sure it is clearly named.

Thankyou.

**Parent Helpers Requested Please**
You would have seen our lovely, bright yellow outdoor seats. Thank you to Anna for taking care of them. We still have some to go so if you are able to come along during the school day and help us out with painting the outdoor seats that would be very greatly appreciated. Please see Andrea for further information.
Science Family Night

Where: Elmore PS
When: Thursday, 19th September
Time: 5pm for activities - Basic electrical circuits, making Ooblek/Corny Goop, Fun with balloons and Magnets.
Dinner: BYO Take Away or a picnic for your own family
Movie: The Lorax

Science Week is from 10th - 18th August therefore we have been enjoying an extended celebration. Our Cluster Science Day on Friday, 23rd was a great day jam packed full of fabulous activities, busy teachers, engaged and enthusiastic students and thankfully the weather was kind to us as we hosted approximately 170 students from 6 of our cluster schools. Thank you to Wendy and Craig for their amazing effort and to the students for being wonderful hosts and graciously sharing their equipment and playground. You represented your school extremely well and I am very proud of you! We thought we would continue to share some of the fun by inviting present families and future families to a fun filled family science night. So please keep the date free and we look forward to seeing you there.

Science Day

Last Friday we had the Cluster Science Day here at school with over 170 students participating. Thank you to Mrs Bacon for organising the day, a job well done.

We have only three weeks to go until the end of this term. The next few weeks will be busy.

Dress-up Day

The grade 3-6 will be out of the school on September 11th so we will be having a special day. The children would like to have a dress-up day on this day.

Gruffalo Party

On Tuesday September 17th the grade 3-6 will be at the Athletics sports in Bendigo. We will have a Gruffalo Party on that day.

Grade 2 Sleep-over

This will be held on September 19th. More details to follow.

We hope that the grade 3-4 children and Mrs Bacon have fantastic weather for their camp next week and that they have a very enjoyable time.
3-4-5-6 News

Everyone has been working extremely hard and I am very proud of the efforts they have made and the quality of work they have produced. We are almost at the end of term so keep it going!

Next week students have Monday off, a normal Art week Tuesday and the 3/4 camp from Wednesday to Friday. I will be going on camp and Craig work with Koby, Tyler, Rhys and Tait for two of those days. They will be in Wendy’s room on the Wednesday. Classroom lessons will continue as normal for the four boys.

Spelling: Individual lists
Language: Exclamations
Literature: Sequence - placing text in sequential order
Literacy: Creating texts concentrating on our handwriting - neatness and presentation
Number and Algebra: Continuing with fractions, decimals and percentages
Measurement and Geometry: Using units of measurement and conversions

Homework: There won't be any homework for grade 3 and 4. Koby, Tyler, Rhys and Tait will have their spelling words to learn each night with Look, Cover, Write and Check

On Demand Testing: Will begin next week for Koby, Tyler, Rhys and Tait in English and Mathematics and the following week for the grade 3 and 4 students.

There will not be a newsletter item from me next week due to camp.

Enjoy a restful long weekend, especially grade 3 and 4 ready for camp on Wednesday! Don't forget to pack!

Cheers
Andrea

Pupil free day

Just a reminder that Monday September 2nd is a Pupil Free Day. Students are not required at school on this day.

Teaching staff will be participating in a Professional Development day in Rochester with staff from Lockington Consolidated Primary School. Our shared Teacher Professional Leave project has been on developing an improved and consistent Mathematics program. On this day we will be continuing our work on Numeracy, learning about auditing student needs and working with a guest speaker.
Thank you
Thank you to Tanya Czuczman and Tina McKenzie for mowing the lawns. The school grounds look fantastic!
Thank you also to Jen, Tina, Sandra and Anna for picking up donated items from around town and to everyone who has donated something.
A very big thank you to Lynette for her incredibly generous donation of a whipper snipper, mulcher, chainsaw, wheelbarrow and various gardening implements. They are greatly appreciated and will be put to good use!
Andrea

3/4 Camp
Thank you everyone for returning your medical forms promptly.
Please find an itinerary accompanying your newsletter.
Just a reminder that parents are required to transport their own children, or organise transportation for them, to and from the camp. Information can be found on the top of the Permission Note and below.
Camp Address: Koolamurt Park Scout Camp, 44 Mandurang Rd. Spring Gully
Arrival: 10am Wednesday, 4th September
Pick up: 1pm Friday, 6th September
A Clothing and Equipment List was sent home last week. If you require a new one or have any questions please don't hesitate to ask me.
Look forward to seeing everyone there!
Andrea

House Athletic Sports Prep - 6
Where: Elmore PS oval
When: Friday, 13th September
Start Time: 1:30pm onwards
Events: Shot Put, Discus, Vortex, Long, Triple and High Jump, Sprints and Distance
BYO: Chairs and please come along and cheer loudly!

Cluster Athletic Sports in Bendigo 3-6
Where: Retreat Road, Spring Gully
When: Tuesday, 17th September
Time: 9:30am arrival for a 10am start
Please make sure students wear appropriate school sports uniform (red shirt, navy shorts and runners) have a warm change of clothes, plenty of water to drink, snacks and lunch for the day.
Gardening Roster

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Please arrange a swap if you are unable to work your designated weekend or contact: Kari 0429 326 351.

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Keys can be picked up from office. Also Andrea is available to anyone who would like to learn how to start and operate both ride.

Sunday 1 September to Saturday 7 September 2013

BADGE DAY: Friday 6 September 2013.

Badges are available for Sale at the Office. Please see available staff for purchase.

**Badges**
- Red Plastic Badges $2.00
- Yellow Metal Badges $5.00
- Blue metal Badges $10.00
- Green Metal Badges $20.00

**Pens**
- Plastic badge pens $2.00
- Big Logoed pens $5.00

**Wristbands**
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For further information please contact Dallas on 0400 957 525

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