From the Principal…

Congratulations to our Swimming TEAM

On Tuesday I had the pleasure of observing our district swimming team compete at the sports at Cowes Primary School. It was an amazing atmosphere of encouragement, effort and sportsmanship. I would like to acknowledge the commitment of Mr Will Rankin in preparing the team, and the South Gippsland Sports Association to ensure that our children have the best opportunities to grow and excel. A special congratulations to Zara and Brodie who were awarded the Open Medley Championship Medal.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our teaching staff look forward to meeting with parents/carers next week. It is a great time to talk about your child/ren to strengthen your relationship for their education. The classroom teacher who works with your child each day and is very well placed to support your child’s academic/social and emotional needs. Research shows that parental involvement assists teachers to enhance their teaching of your children. Also, by having more contact with parents, teachers learn more about students’ needs and home environment, which is information they can apply toward better meeting their needs. Good two-way communication between families and schools is necessary for your child’s success. Please ensure that you have booked an time with your child’s teacher. If you need assistance to make a booking please contact the office. If you are not available next Tuesday afternoon, again please contact the office to make an alternative time to meet with your child’s teacher.

Next week the children will be involved in activities from 2:30 – 3:30 with our specialist staff and due to Parent Teacher interviews there will NOT be an assembly next week.

We will be holding a special assembly on Wednesday 4th March to present all our Captains/Leadership badges for 2015. We look forward to seeing our community at this important event.

Reminder

A reminder to all parents and children that to support your teachers to make final preparations for their teaching day; we request that parents/children are not to enter the Quadrangles or Senior Learning Centre until 8:50am. However the office in the Brick Quadrangle is open from 8:30am for any parents/carers wishing to make payments or organise payment plans.

GIPPSLAND POWER FOOTBALL CLUB

‘Will be holding under 11 and 13 Fitness and Skill acquisition days at the Gippsland Power Centre Of Excellence

Merivale Football Ground, Traralgon Street, Merivale

THURSDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

Under 11’s Monday 16th February 2015
Under 13’s Thursday 19th February 2015
(Reservation required)

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*P Buckley

LOT YANG & GIPPSLAND FOOTBALL CLUB

Department of Education and Training (DET) does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage. Furthermore, the Department does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are generally responsible for paying the cost of any medical treatment for injured students, including any transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident insurance policies are available from the commercial insurance sector.

Student Health/Accident Cover is available from: JUA Underwriting Agency Pty Ltd www.studenthealth.com.au

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FOR YOUR DIARY

FRIDAY 20TH

• Grade 5A, 5B, 5C, 5D - Water safety day at Inverloch Surf Beach.

TUESDAY 24TH

• Grade 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D - Water safety day at Cape Paterson Bay Beach.

WEDNESDAY 25th

• Parent Teacher Interviews - a booking form is included with this Newsletter.

• NO ASSEMBLY—Due to Parent Teacher Interviews.

THURSDAY 26th

• School Council Meeting 6:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

FRIDAY 27th

• Prep A & B and Grade 12A, 12B, 12C and 12D - Water safety day at Inverloch Inlet beach.

• ICAS/UNSW Testing forms with payment due.

• Nominations for School Council Close.

THURSDAY 3rd

• Grade 5 Camp Medical Forms must be returned and balance of payment made.

WEDNESDAY 4th

• Wilson Promontory School Camp - Grade 5 Children.

TUESDAY 10th—FRIDAY 13th

ASSEMBLY—Student Leader Badges will be presented

FRIDAY 6th

• Annual General Meeting - more details to follow.
School Council Nominations

Nominations are open for our School Council. If you would like to nominate, can you please contact the office for more information and/or nomination forms. Nominations close Friday 27th February 2015.

FROM THE SLC - GRADE 5/6

Grade 5 Wilsons Prom Camp – Tuesday 10th March to Friday 13th March
Notes went home recently including list of items to pack and a Medical Form. Please return the Camp Medical Forms and pay the balance of camp no later than Tuesday 3rd March.

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Will Rankin
Sports Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

12A Roberta W. For settling into 12A.
12C Brittany A. Trying really hard with her reading.
12B Peter T. Sharing some amazing ideas with the class.
12D Macy P. Working well with everyone.
12B Rhiannon O. For playing well with others in the playground.
34A Neka S. Awesome ‘snapshots!’
34B Sophie D. Being a great example to her classmates.
34C Zac B. Being a great friend to a new student.
34D Chad C. Excellent ‘snapshot’ writing.
56A Jasmine W. For filling many ‘buckets of happiness’ this week.
56B Josh G. For being punctual.
56D Luke C. For being punctual.

WAHU SURF COMPETITION

Noah A. from 3/4C competed in the Wahu Surf Competition on the 1st February 2015. This is his Story.

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IN SPORT

District Swimming

On Tuesday 17th February, 20 Wonthaggi Primary School students participated in the District Swimming Carnival held at Cowes Primary School. The students represented their school with distinction and should be proud of their efforts and behaviour.

The students have been, and will continue to, fine tuning their swimming skills daily in our school pool through the our Water Safety Program.

The most important part of our Water Safety Program is ensuring that EVERY student in our school has the necessary skills to be safe in the water. Of course we are always going to want to be faster and more successful in swimming competitions but the aim of our swimming program is not solely based on winning ribbons.

Zara H and Brodie M were our Swimming Captains and showed great leadership and responsibility to their peers. Both competed in the Championship races and performed very well with Zara placing 1st and Brodie also finishing 1st!

It was particularly pleasing seeing Zara, Sandra and Shay include a member from Bass Valley PS in their 50m freestyle relay team in such a friendly and encouraging way.

Official results have not been posted but I am expecting them on Friday. Students who will be competing at Division Swimming will then be notified.

Thank you to our supportive parents and friends who came to Cowes for the carnival. It was much appreciated.

Water Safety Days

Students will take part in our annual Water Safety Days as follows:

• 5/6’s – Friday 20th February, Inverloch Surf Beach
• 3/4’s – Tuesday 24th February, Cape Paterson Bay Beach
• Prep - 2’s - Friday 27th February, Inverloch Inlet Beach

The beach days are apart of our fantastic Water Safety Program and provide a valuable experience for our students in a beach setting under qualified supervision. Activities may include boarding, PFD’s, snorkelling and survival swimming. Lunch time on all days will be approximately 12pm – 12.45pm. Also, a reminder that this is not an out of uniform day. School uniform is required and proudly shows our wider community who we are.

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