From the Principal...

Leap into Learning!
What a wonderful week, when we have welcomed most of our 2016 prep children to our Leap into Learning program. It was so delightful to watch their excited faces as they bounded into the room, said goodbye to their parents and made new friends! They will continue to come to school every week until mid December.

THANKS
Thank you to Nathan Leversha and Brendan Smith who have worked hard to straighten our fence at the front of the school. It looks great! If you have noticed something that needs a helping hand, and you have a spare hour or two, our school would love the help. With our beautiful grounds, comes a lot of extra work, so please let us know if you are able lend a hand.

School Review:
Yesterday we had our school review panel day. This is a process that occurs in all Government schools every four years. I would like to especially thank Edith Gray from Bass Coast Specialist School who participated as a Peer to the school. Also to Michelle Mabilia, who is our School Council President who spoke on behalf of the parent body. Our Leadership team did an amazing job in preparing and responding to questions from our independent reviewer, Sharon Adams. She spoke very highly of the teaching and learning program and commended the school on their approaches to teaching and learning, engagement and well-being. Sharon Adams will now prepare a report for the Department of Education and Training. Following the report we will be writing a Strategic Plan for the next four years for our school.

Linking Learning Filming
Tuesday saw part of our school transformed into a “film set”! The Department of Education sent a crew to film our approach to Oral Language (Philosophy for Children) and our children’s views and understanding of the Learning Pit. I would like to thank Michelle Bames and Jane Miles for volunteering to be interviewed about their experience as a parent. Also well done to a group of students from 1/2D who were filmed during their P4C session and also a group of grade 5/6’s who spoke about the learning Pit (Zara, Rosa, Bailey, Gabe, Dustin, Jesse). (those with permissions only). Also to the students who were interviewed, Winter (1/2D), Toby (1/2D), Zac (3/4A), Eve (3/4B), Dustin (5/6A) and Gabriel (5/6B). The video will go into post-production and we should see the finished product at the start of term 4 (fingers crossed!)

Spelling Bee
Congratulations to Dustin, Charlii, Julia and Georgie who were fantastic ambassadors for our school. It was tough competition and they are to be congratulated for their achievements. WELL DONE!

Drum Beat
Over the past 11 weeks, some Grade 3/4 and Grade 5/6 students have been participating in the United Care (Gippsland) ‘Drumbeat Program’ facilitated by Mark Brookes. We thank him for his effort in this regard. It was great to see so many parents at the concluding performance.

Principal
Leonie Anstey

FOR YOUR DIARY

AUGUST
FRIDAY 21st
- Final Payment for Grade 3/4 Camp Due.
MONDAY 24th
- Billson Street Singers - 2:00pm in the Music Room
WED 26th - FRIDAY 28th
- Grade 3/4 Forest Lodge Camp.
FRIDAY 28th
- Grade 2 Sleepover payment $20 and forms due.

SEPTEMBER
TUESDAY 1ST
- Payment of $10 and Forms for Prep/1 Teac due back
WEDNESDAY 2nd
- School Council Curriculum and Policy - 4:15pm.
THURSDAY 3rd
- Prep/1 Tea—Cost $10
- School Council Sub-Committee Meetings:
  - Major Events - 2:30pm.
  - Buildings & Grounds - 3:45pm.
  - Finance - 4:15pm.
THURSDAY 3rd - FRIDAY 4th
- Grade 2 Sleepover - Cost $20
FRIDAY 4th
- Skip-a-thon - see pg. 3 for more information.
THURSDAY 10th
- Grade 4 – 6 Division Athletics in Leongatha.
- School Council Meeting
  - 6:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

LEAP INTO LEARNING - Weekly
- TUESDAY - 9:30AM -12:00PM
- WEDNESDAY - 9:30am -12:00pm
- THURSDAY- 9:30am -12:00pm

BILLSON STREET SINGERS - Mondays
- Every Monday - 2:00pm in the Music Room
STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 13th August, 2015

00A Lily G. Persevering with her blending of words. Well done.
00B Cassidy S. Excellent concentration on learning to write.
12A James R. For trying really hard with his work.
12B Millie S. Fantastic progress while reading.
12C Natasha A. For outstanding improvement in reading.
12D Zoe H. Welcome to our school.
   Nathan M. Working hard on his handwriting.
   Heath H. For persevering and making great improvements in reading.
34A Tori A. Fourteen awesome facts that Mr Inglis did not know.
34B Shaun B. Working hard on all areas of his learning.
34C Mya M. For being a terrific friend to many.
34D Amber O. For her valuable contributions to P4C.
56A Catherine M. For her enthusiasm during our ‘Crazy Animals’ Maths investigation.
56B Gabriel M. For accepting challenges during Maths to extend his understanding.
56C Tess B. Creating an excellent piece of rocket writing.
56D Brodie M. For his fantastic mathematical thinking.

CSEF FUNDING
FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR
PARENTS
HAS BEEN EXTENDED
*DON’T MISS OUT*
APPLY BEFORE 18th September 2015.
For Parents/Carers who have missed applying for this funding in Term 2, there is a second round available. If you have a Concession Card that is valid on the first day of Term 2 (13th April 2015) or Term 3 (13 July 2015) you could be eligible for funding of $125.00 for Primary and $225.00 for Secondary Students, which will be sent to the school to be used towards camps, sports and/or excursion expenses.
Application Forms are available at the Office.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK - 20th August, 2015

00A Drew T. Always persevering and working hard.
00B Ruby H. Being brave enough to say what she is thinking.
12A Naomi M. Great perseverance with making her graph.
12C Kai M. For being a persistent and hard working student.
12D Laci G. For adding great detail to her writing pieces.
34A B.A. B For wonderful rocket writing.
34B Ben B. For caring for others and writing an informative procedural text.
56A Jesse C. Working hard to complete his rotary speech.
56B Zoe V. For persevering when you are in the learning pit.
56D Matt G. For improving his ability to work for sustained periods.
**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

**Skip-a-thon**

On the 4th September this Term, Parents and Friends will be holding a Skip-a-thon. We are raising funds to help pay for solar power for our pool. The aim is to make the pool warmer so our children can enjoy the pool for longer periods in Term 1 and term 4 each year. 10% of funds raised will be donated to the Heart Foundation.

There will be great prizes to win:--

- Each student who raises money gets one entry in their class draw to receive a prize (one per class).
- A prize will also be awarded to the child who raises the most money for the school
- The class that raises the most money will be treated to a very special prize.

Please return sponsorship forms and money by 4th September so your child/ren can be included in the prize draws. Sponsorship forms are available at the office. So get practicing and get ready for some fun and let’s get active!

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Parents and Friends

**MUSIC NEWS**

There has been such enthusiasm for the song Big Bad Bushranger, that we had to sing it yesterday at assembly with lots of extra helpers! It's a great opportunity to have a bit of fun while we learn.

Grade 5/6s are working hard on their ukulele skills, demonstrating improved skills in playing in time with each other as well as learning to sing and play at the same time. This is no mean feat!

Mrs Rowe and I recommenced the Billson Street Singers on Monday with around 25 students turning up. We are planning to run these singing sessions differently to how class music works, and will be asking for them to commit their Monday lunchtime learning new songs; 2:00-2:30pm.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

**ARTROOM NEWS**

**WANTED: A FABULOUS NAME FOR OUR MURAL**

Entries in the special box in the office before Wednesday, 2nd September.
Winner and prize will be announced at the Skip-a-thon.

DON’T FORGET YOUR NAME ON YOUR ENTRY!

Pirili Chapman
Art Teacher

**BOOK CLUB**

The next edition of Scholastic Book Club has been included with this Newsletter.

All orders along with payments are due back by no later than Tuesday 1st September.

**SWITCH TO SAVE**

It’s FREE for all, saves you money and also helps to raise money for our School.

Included with this newsletter is a flyer from Bendigo Bank about their ‘Switch to Save’ Program and how both you and our school can benefit from the this program.

Simply switch (FOR FREE) to energy efficient downlights and for every downlight switched the school will receive $1.
Double Sticker Weekend!

To help you collect even more, we are holding a big Double Sticker Weekend this Friday, Saturday and Sunday only. Customers will get two stickers for every $10 they spend. The more you collect the more educational equipment your school can redeem.

AVAILABLE FROM THE OFFICE

ENCOURAGING LEARNING

How you can help children learn

FOR SALE:

DISCOUNT PRICE

$10.00

Wonthaggi Citizen’s (Youth) Band Information Session

On: Wednesday 26th August
At: 6:30pm
29 Billson Street, Wonthaggi

Anyone interested in the band please feel free to come along, all welcome.