From the Principal

...SKIP-A-THON is nearly here!

The children will be participating in the SKIP-A-THON tomorrow morning from 9:00am. We will also be holding the official opening of the Mural at approximately 10:30am. We would encourage all community members to watch the skip-a-thon and attend the opening of the Mural.

All money raised will be going towards purchasing Solar Heating for the swimming pool. (Target is $9,600). Thank you to our Parents and Friends club for organising the fundraising aspect, including prizes for the children. Also to Will Rankin for organising the skipping rotation.

HAPPY FATHER’S DAY (this SUNDAY) for all the dads, stepdads, grandads, uncles and special male role models. This weekend is a chance to thank “our dads” for the important role that they play in our lives.

Earlier this week I was fortunate to overhear a conversation between a dad and his daughter; “You did such a great job helping your friend today. You are such a great friend!” The parent’s face lit up with a smile as he said it; he gently put her hand on his daughter’s shoulder at the same time. The girl beamed, then I noticed that she walked just a little taller as she headed home. It was such a simple parenting moment and just a small example that we can initiate each day.

I couldn’t help but think that it doesn’t take much to grow kids’ self-esteem, character and create good feelings at home, at school and in our community. A sincerely given compliment has an enormous impact on the person who receives it. We all grow a little taller, at least inside, when we are given a compliment. We also feel closer to the person who compliments us. Compliments satisfy the deep craving we all have to be appreciated.

There were two things that this parent did that amplified the impact of his compliment.

~ He smiled as he gave the compliment ~ He touched his daughter as well.

His smile told his daughter what her dad really felt. In fact the touch and smile said it all. That’s how our children receive all our messages. They see, they feel, they hear – though we often focus on our words and forget the other senses. At times our children challenge us all, however take the time to compliment and smile. Watch your child’s reaction, it’s the best bit of watching your children grow!

Today was a surprising and exciting day with SCIENTISTS entering the gate and ready to explore, excited and LEARN! Your Prep and Grade 1 children will stay at school, just that bit longer (5:30pm pick up) and our Grade 2 children will be SLEEPING OVER. These are the first stages of our Camps Program. This supports your child to develop skills towards independence, resilience, collaboration, planning and organisation. I would like to thank the staff that have put many hours into preparing for today/tomorrow’s event. Also for volunteering their time (away from their families) to ensure that your children are able to develop important life skills.

It’s the start of spring and the start of September so it’s time for those five SunSmart things to remember! If you’ve been checking the UV levels and daily sun protection times, you would have seen the UV levels started to rise in many locations across Victoria from mid-August!

REMEMBER SUNHATS must be worn (at all schools) at RECESS AND LUNCH from the start of SEPTEMBER!

During the sun protection times please remember to:

1. Slip on sun protective clothing
2. Slop on SPF 30 or higher sunscreen
3. Slap on a wide brimmed hat
4. Seek shade
5. Slide on some wrap-around sunglasses.

PARKING/DROPPING OFF CHILDREN:
Parents/Carer’s are reminded by the Wonthaggi Police to please comply with VicRoads & Bass Coast Shire parking regulations before & after school. Three parents have been booked for parking incorrectly and unsafe.

Principal
Leanne Arstey

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SUNSMART STARTED ON TUESDAY 1st SEPTEMBER.
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT!

If you have lost your hat, a new one can be purchased at the office, brimmed hats are $8.30 and bucket hats are $9.00. Remember No Hats—No Play.

FOR YOUR DIARY
SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 3rd
- Prep/1 Tea—Cost $10 Pick up 5:30pm
- 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.

WEDNESDAY 9th
- TBall State Final @ Jell’s Park
- ASSEMBLY STARTING @ 3:35PM—GUITAR CONCERT & BILLSON ST SINGERS

THURSDAY 10th
- Grade 4 – 6 Division Athletics in Leongatha.
- School Council Meeting 6:30pm in the Senior Learning Centre.

MONDAY 14th
- Uniform Orders for end of Term 3 due back with payment

WEDNESDAY 16th
- Fantastic Racers (Gde 6)
  - NO ASSEMBLY
    — NO DOLPHIN GROUPS

THURSDAY 17th
- ASSEMBLY @ 2.50PM
  — NO DOLPHIN GROUPS

FRIDAY 18th
- SRC AFL DRESS UP DAY $2 DONATION
- Last Day of Term 3
  - Dismissal at 2:30pm.

OCTOBER

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
**Program for Students with Disability**

Education Minister, Mr Merlino is calling for all Victorians to have their say on the Program for Students with Disabilities (PSD). Parents, carers, students, principals, teachers, support and specialist staff and advocates are encouraged to submit their solution-focused ideas in writing to the PSD Review team by Friday 11 September. Email your ideas to: [psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:psd.review@edumail.vic.gov.au) before Friday 11 September and you can also register your interest in taking part in the online survey in September.

To register, please see: [PSD Review - Education Victoria](http://www.education.vic.gov.au).  

**MUSIC NEWS**

As the term draws to an end, classes have been discussing and documenting what they have learnt as a grade. This is a valuable process as it helps to develop students’ awareness of their achievements. A couple of examples are 5/6 classes hearing that they are playing ukulele in time with each other, 3/4s feeling satisfied with their songwriting efforts and 1/2s mastering the playing small groups of notes or riffs.

Next week’s assembly is going to start earlier at 2.35pm, earlier than usual to give instrumental students a chance to perform for us. Items will include guitar and piano instrumentals, the Billson Street Singers and a few other surprise acts (yet to be confirmed). Be sure to put this event in your diary!

Ruth Chambers  
Music Teacher

**100 NIGHTS OF READING**

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

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<td>Tameka VE</td>
<td>Her outstanding improvements in her Reading.</td>
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<td>Mo S</td>
<td>Always concentrating to finish his work</td>
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<td>Jackson A</td>
<td>Always being happy to try again.</td>
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<td>12A</td>
<td>Lexi S</td>
<td>Fantastic effort with working on her counting.</td>
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<td>Harvey S</td>
<td>Excellent science demonstrations!</td>
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<td>Michael P</td>
<td>For writing a heart warming Fathers’ Day message.</td>
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<td>Rhiannon O</td>
<td>For adding interesting detail to her writing.</td>
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<td>Noah ME</td>
<td>For being an awesome camper at 3/4 camp!!</td>
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<td>Caleb H</td>
<td>Giving new activities a go at camp. Well done!</td>
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<td>Giving all activities at camp a really good try!</td>
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<td>Lesley J</td>
<td>Welcome to our school!</td>
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<td>56A</td>
<td>Siena L</td>
<td>For her awesome improvement and perseverance with angles.</td>
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<td>For working so enthusiastically on your non-fiction RnR</td>
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<td>Jack I</td>
<td>For showing courage to present his Rotary Public Speech</td>
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Mural Competition closed. Winners to be announced at the conclusion of the Skipathon — tomorrow — Friday, 4th Sep.
PARENTS AND FRIENDS

Skip-a-thon
Skip a thon is on tomorrow Friday 4th September, so get your legs ready for some jumping. We have worked hard sourcing donations for prizes, which include a major prize from Connells Bakery, items from Wonthaggi Pet Supplies and a voucher from The Coffee Collective. Our class raffle prizes consist of balls, scooter accessories, skipping ropes and many more fantastic items that were happily donated to our school from our wonderful Wonthaggi businesses. So get your sponsorship forms in to be in the draw.

- Each student who raises money gets one entry in their class draw to receive a prize (one per class).
- (Sponsorship forms have been sent home with this newsletter)
- 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.

Fathers’ Day Stall
Parents and friends would like to wish all fathers/guardians a happy Fathers Day and we hope you like your gifts. I would also like to thank the people who helped with the Fathers Day Stall, without your help we could not offer this lovely service to families.

Thankyou.
Parents and Friends

AFL DRESS-UPDAY
There will be an AFL Dress Up Day on the last day of the term—Friday, 18th September. Students can come dressed in their favourite football or netball colours and make a $2:00 donation. There will be a Sausage Sizzle and a Staff / Student Match at lunch time. The money raised will go towards the Solar Heating at our Swimming Pool.

MAD SCIENCE DAY
Prep, 1 & 2 children have had an exciting day today, we have seen some wonderful costumes and the children have eagerly joined in with activities throughout the day. The Grade 2 children will be sleeping over tonight and the Prep / 1 children are staying back for Tea.

Further photos next week.

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

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.
**Community News**

**VAN GEEST GUITARS - CAPE PATERSON**

**SERVICES**
- 20 years qualified experience in repairs, setups and restoration of guitars, liutes and stringed instruments
- Fine hand built acoustic guitars, liutes and custom built instruments made to measure

**SALES**
- Affordable entry to advanced level instruments setup
- Ready to play
- Strings and accessories
- Free string changing service
- Professional advice for choosing the right instrument

**EJ VAN GEEST (M) 0476 557 017**

**Gippsland Sawdust Garden & Home Expo**
Larrikin Park Field days site via Warragul
8am - 4pm, 10th & 11th October 2015
- 150 large displays of garden & home products such as plants, landscaping, paving & pool, garden features, gazebos, shed, indoor & outdoor furniture, home building & building supplies, fittings, furnishinng, decor, etc.
- Demonstrations: children’s activities, adults $10 children under 16 free
- Extensive catering.
- Huge undercover areas
- www.crounchions.org.au/gardenexpo

**Alder Computer Repairs**

**Computer Repair Service - We Come to You!**
Phone: 0420 205 624
Wonthaggi - Serving the Bass Coast & Surrounds
www.aldercomputerwebdesign.com.au

**Join our Father’s Day Family Night**

Thursday 3rd September 6-8pm
Join us for a great night of fun!
- Make a gift for dad
- DIY workshops
- Light refreshments
- Free gift wrapping

**Bass Coast Music**

**Friendly Family Service**
Phone: 5672 5279
69 McBride Avenue, Wonthaggi
basscoastmusic@outlook.com

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See our feed anyway on the school website