From the Principal

SKIP-A-THON

Last Friday, our students had a great time participating in our Skip-a-thon. The Skip-a-thon also was a great way to officially open our public mural, which was designed by many of our students in 2014. It is a showpiece of our school, and Ms Chapman did an amazing job making their dream a reality. We also had a competition to name our wall, with over 100 entries! It was a tough decision; however our wall’s name is “BILLSON ST SKIPPERS”, invented by Sophie D in grade 3/4. She received a special art pack as a prize. We had Tom Murray-White as our guest speaker who spoke to the children about the importance of the arts. He has been instrumental in the “lane way” projects in our town. This was a great fundraising activity for the school and it was wonderful to see students participating with such enthusiasm and enjoyment. Some of our staff and parents also displayed some extraordianry talent with the jump ropes, jumpers and dance routines! We have raised over $2,000 and we welcome all donations. Prizes will be given at next week’s final term assembly on THURSDAY. Please return all Skip-a-thon forms with money by Monday 14th September.

T-BALL

Congratulations to our Senior T-Ball team who competed in the State Finals at Jell’s Park, Mount Waverly. The children were great ambassadors and were very competitive on the day. Parent comments via our school Facebook feed included “Our team were awesome!! To win games at state level is fantastic, and great behavior and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Rankin and Ms Whiteman” and “Well done kids, an achievement to get to state finals, credit to all”.

DIVISION ATHLETICS

Good Luck to our Division Athletics team (11 students) who are competing in Leongatha today. I know that your practice and efforts will ensure you reach your potential today.

JUNIOR STATE COAL MINE TOUR

A reminder that our Junior School Students will be spending tomorrow (Friday) learning more about our local history at the State Coal Mine. It promises to be a great day with children, parents and grandparents attending.

PLANNNING WEEK

All teachers will have one day out of their class next week to fully plan for Term Four. Teachers work very hard on these days and proper programs continue in the classrooms; our timetable is reorganized for the week to ensure that all children have a high quality program on these days. The 3/4 teachers will plan on Monday, the P/1/2 teachers on Tuesday, our Specialist team (Art, Music, PE) on Wednesday and the 5/6 teachers on Thursday.

REMINDERS

Term 3 concludes next FRIDAY 18th September at 2:30pm.
FOOTY COLORS and PIE day, Friday 18th September.
School Council tonight, 10th September at 6:30pm.
SCHOOL HATS must be worn. New hats are available from the office.

Principal
Leonie Anstey

Billson Street Singers - Mondays
Every Monday - 2:00pm in the Music Room.

SUNSMART STARTED ON TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER.
WEAR YOUR SCHOOL HAT
If you have lost your hat, a new hat can be purchased at the office, broad brimmed hats are $8.30 and bucket hats are $10.00. Remember No Hats—No Play.

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

BILLY FISH STREET SINGERS - Mondays
- Every Monday - 2:00pm in the Music Room.

ON 10TH SEPTEMBER, 2015
THURSDAY 10th
- Junior State Coal Mine Tour
- No Assembly
- No Dolphin Groups

WEDNESDAY 16th
- Fantastic Racers (Grade 6)

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

MONDAY 5th
- First Day of Term 4
- T-Ball
- No assembly
- No Dolphin Groups

THURSDAY 17th
- ASSEMBLY @ 2.50PM
- No Dolphin Groups
- Afl Dress Up and Pie Day orders with payments due back.

FRIDAY 18th
- SRC AFL Dress Up and Pie Day $2 Donation.
RESILIENT YOUTH SURVEY
Our children (Grades 3-6) have been invited to participate in the Building Resilience in School Communities Australian Project. Parents/Career’s of children in these year levels have previously been sent information about their child’s involvement. We would like to thank all the families that have provided consent via an earlier permission form.
We have since received information that we can use an OPT OUT for children. This means that we will include all children in the survey, unless we receive an OPT OUT FORM. These forms have been sent home for the children who have not returned their form as yet. If you have not received the form and wish for your child to OPT OUT of the survey, please contact the office prior to MONDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER.

MUSIC NEWS
Congratulations to all involved in the September Concert yesterday. A variety of students performed, courageously being front and centre! Big thanks to our Grade 5 hosts, Jett and Chelsie, for all their extra work scripting, announcing and organizing students. Well Done!
This was our last official Music Lesson for the term (next week is planning week), with students identifying their learning and documenting their progress. Any families who would like to borrow instruments over the school holidays should see Ruth on Tuesday after school next week.
Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

STUDENT OF THE WEEK
00A Noah G. Persevering with his writing.
00B Layla O. Working hard to finish what she started.
12A Hayden M. Outstanding progress with his reading.
12B Hayden M. Always working to the best of his ability.
12D Jayden B. For being a ‘Writing Machine’.
Elise T For working hard on her writing goals.
Max L. For working hard on his writing goals.
34A Hannah B. For a great recount of camp.
34B Mason E. His hard work and writing a wonderful recount of camp.
34C Lilly S. Always working to the best of her ability.
56A Jasmine W. Her improved organisation and helping those around her.
56B Kalani S. For working with enthusiasm and perseverance on her History Project.

AFL DRESS-UPDAY
The SRC Committee in conjunction with the School Canteen will be holding an ‘AFL Dress Up and Pie Day’ on the last day the term - Friday, 18th September. Students can come dressed in their favourite football or netball colours and make a $2.00 donation.
To support this great fundraiser the school canteen will be selling hot meat pies for lunch and a percentage of the funds raised will go to the SRC. Pies can be pre-ordered using the form sent home with each child this week. Please return the order form with payment to your child’s classroom in clearly labelled envelopes with money enclosed no later than Thursday 17th September, 2015.
There will also be a staff vs. student footy match at lunch time. All money raised will go towards the Solar Heating at our Swimming Pool.

LOST PROPERTY 3/4 CAMP
We still have several items of clothing that haven’t yet to be claimed. Please visit Room 12 (3/4C) to collect your property if you recognise any of the items in the photo.

SCHOOL TRAVEL SURVEY
Bass Coast Community Road Safety has asked our school to participate over the next 12 months in a state funded program, Safe to School.
The aim of this program is to raise student and parent awareness in relation to safe road practices, reduce the volume of traffic around schools, encourage more children to walk/ride to school and reduce poor driver behaviour around schools. This week we have sent home a parent survey which will help to see our students travel habits to and from school.
We would appreciate you taking the time to fill in this survey, you will also have the opportunity to express any concerns you have with your child/ren walking or riding to school.

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