**From the Principal**

**ICAS/UNSW Awards**

Congratulations to the following students who received awards in the recent National Mathematics Competition:

- **Grade 3**: Credit: Aidan H.
  Distinction: Sebastian O.

- **Grade 4**: Merit: Brodie M.
  Credit: Liam S., Charli H. and Paul Fitzgerald
  Distinction: Jess C.

I would like to congratulate all the children who took part in the academic competitions this year and we are looking forward to seeing increased participation in these competitions in 2016.

**Regional Athletics**

We also had 5 children, excel in athletics yesterday at Newborough. Their achievements have been a result of many extra hours of training and commitment. In the *Girls Year 9/10* Tevuro I. came first in Triple Jump and first in 800m Hurdles, Maya F. came third in discus and sixth in 200m and Danii F. came fifth in long jump. In the *Boys Year 9/10* Jai W. came sixth in 800m and second in 200m. And in the *Boys Year 11* Kyle Y. came fourth in 100m Sprint. Congratulations to Tevuro I. and Jai W. who will now go on to State Finals.

**Education Forums**

This week, I attended an Education Forum with the Bass Coast Shire Council. It was highlighted how fortunate we are to live in a Shire that is committed to education of our community. There were discussions with, Business, University of the 3rd Age, community groups and schools. The overall consensus for our future was to have everyone working together focused on providing the best learning, in schools and beyond. I feel very proud to be part of such a unique shire.

You may also have heard via the media, a number of announcements about Victoria as the Education State. I was part of a briefing (whole day) to explain the new directions of our government, I strongly believe that there has probably never been a better time to be part of Government schools in Victoria as families and staff. We will be receiving some additional funding to do some upgrades in our Wooden building commencing January 2016 and our Brick building later in 2016. We received some funding to increase learning resources for our children in the 2016 budget also. For Victorian Teachers, we will have increased support from new regional staff, and teachers will have access to a career path in curriculum, such as specializing in Mathematics and Science. There will also be a change to the curriculum in 2017, with new technologies, such as coding and critical/creative thinking entering the learning program. We are very well placed for the new curriculum as our staff are already implementing the Challenging Learning framework.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL POSTPONED**

Due to the Education State changes. The next School Council meeting will be Thursday 12th November.

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**For Your Diary**

**October**

- **Monday 19th**
  - Kanga 6’s Cricket - Wonthaggi Recreation Reserve – 10:00am - 2:00pm.
  - Book Fair starts and runs until 23rd October. Between 8:30am - 9:00am and 3:00pm - 4:00pm.

- **Friday 30th**
  - Safe to School Program - Walk, Ride Bus.

**November**

- **Monday 6th**
  - Deposit $50 due for Grade 5 Wilson’s Promontory 2016 Camp.

**December**

- **Monday 16th**
  - Report Writing Day - students not required at school.

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**School Council Meeting**

- 3:30pm - Senior Learning Centre.

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**Junior Water Safety Program**

- Starts and runs until Friday 5th December.

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**Artists in Residence Week**

- Monday 7th - Friday 11th
  - Annual Family Picnic Friday
  - Friday 11th from 3:30 - 5:45pm
  - Annual Artist in Residence Concert
  - Friday 11th at 6:00pm

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**LEAP INTO LEARNING**

- Weekly
  - Tuesday - 9:30am - 12:00pm
  - Wednesday - 9:30am - 12:00pm
  - Thursday - 9:30am - 12:00pm

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**Billson Street Singers**

- Every Monday - 200pm in the Music Room.

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**BOOK FAIR**

Our next Book Fair will be held next week from Monday 19th October until Friday 23rd October in the Library, each day between 8:30am - 9:00am and 3:30pm - 4:00pm.

Students with NO OVERDUE books will go into a draw for one of six $10 vouchers for the book fair. So make sure you return any outstanding library books as soon as possible so that you do not miss out on your chance to win a voucher.

**MUSIC NEWS**

The song writing achievements of each class has been a positive example of the links between Music and Literacy, supporting contemporary national and international research. Finding rhyming words, hearing the rhythm of songs, matching syllables with the beat and even the skill of articulating lyrics (words) have been developed throughout this process. This term we will be treated to the 5/6s efforts in this area, who will be performing their parodies at assembly whilst playing ukulele. There are many combined skills required to do this, evidence of learning!

Our theme in Music is still ‘sense of place’ although we are looking at our place in a more global context, as neighbors of Asian countries. This is a lead up to our annual Artist in Residence Week (7th – 11th Dec), where we will be celebrating Asia; dance, puppetry, music and food. More information on this exciting event later in the term.

Instrument borrowing continues this term on Wednesdays after school.

*Ruth Chambers*

Music Teacher

**STUDENT OF THE WEEK**

00A Archie J. Challenging himself, offering assistance and a great start to Term 4.

00B Hamish B. Getting along with others, always.

12A Zac Sharrock For always being nice to others.

12B Jorja T. Working hard to improve her writing.

12C Callum H. For helping others during writing sessions.

12D Isaiah S. For working hard on his reading and writing. We are so proud of you.

34A Seth R. Wonderful Rocket Writing.

34B Eve L. For her excellent recount of the holidays using some awesome words.

34C Sienna T. Always demonstrating the School Core Value “Just Do It”.

34D Amber O. For amazing reading results.

56A Jeet L. For his awesome effort and contributions during vocabulary lessons.

56B Josh B. For making more of an effort to read at home.

56C Ryley E. For an excellent effort in writing this week.

56D Samantha T. Her expressive and creative Haikus.

**READING AWARDS**

**MAJOR EVENTS**

**KIDZ MINI MUDDA 2015**

Hey kids, the Major Events Committee are organising another **KIDZ MINI MUDDA in 2015**. We had so much fun last year that it will be held on Saturday, 31st October on the school oval.

There will be lots of prizes, food, obstacles and more mud. Please tell your friends, neighbours and family to come along and have some muddy fun. Registrations are now open and the **first 200 entries** will receive a free t-shirt, so make sure you get your registrations in quickly.

**At Wonthaggi Primary School**

Open to all children 6 to 16 years.

$20 per child for entry into the Kidz Mini Mudda Event.

You can register on-line via the link on the school’s website on the home page under ‘useful links’ at -

http://www.wonthaggips.vic.edu.au

You can also register from the schools facebook page or at the office. Hope to see you there!

Entries Close Thursday 29th October.

Major Events Committee

**PARENTS AND FRIENDS**

Kidz Mini Mudda — Raffle

Our wonderful Kidz Mini Mudda is not far away now, with registration closing on the 29th of October. This year with 2 mud pits! Parents and friends are on board and helping out with the fund raising.

We will be having a ‘Mini Mudda Raffle’ to be drawn after the days events on Saturday 31st October at 1pm. Tickets were sent home with last weeks newsletter, but if you need more tickets there are books available from the Office. Tickets are selling at $2 a ticket or 3 for $5 and there are some fantastic prizes to win! The student who sells the most tickets will win a great prize also. Funds raised will go towards solar heating for our swimming pool.

Remember to spread the word and register quickly so your child doesn’t miss out on a free t-shirt. Only the first 200 get a T-Shirt. The event is open to ages between 6 and 16. Can’t wait to see some muddy, happy and smiling children.

**Collecting for Christmas Raffle Prizes**

Parents and Friends are also starting to collect any donations for this years Christmas Raffle. If you have anything to donate for prizes, please bring them into the office. Also if you have any baskets that you could donate to help us make up the prizes it would be greatly appreciated. We hope to make this year’s Raffle bigger and better! Thank you everyone for your support.

Parents and Friends

**WILSONS PROMONTORY 2016—GRADE 5 STUDENTS**

Next year our 2016 Grade 5 Students (students in grade 4 this year) will be staying at Wilsons Promontory. The camp will be held in first Term from Monday 29th February until Thursday 3rd March. A note has gone home recently with more information and a permission slip on the bottom which needs to be returned with a $50 deposit by Friday 6th November. It is necessary to get this deposit in as soon as possible this year to secure our place at the camp. Please don’t forget to return the permission form and deposit as soon as you can so we can secure our place.