From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Isn’t it wonderful to see the sunshine, at last! Making it a timely reminder for all students to ensure that they are wearing their school hat whenever they are outdoors. While there are a range of other places and activities for students to access during lunch and recess, students generally prefer to be outdoors with their friends.

We were very fortunate to have an extra curricular visit today from Billanook College’s School Band. They performed a wide range of music for our students to enjoy; we even finished off with a whole school dance. Paul, the Band Coordinator, commented on what a wonderful school community we have and how attentive our students are.

During this week our Koorie students have reminded us all of the importance of the Learning Stones Space (located in the front yard near the pool). The Learning Stones provide an area where students can meet, talk and spend time together. If you’d like to find out more about learning stones spaces please check out: www.learningstones.com.au

Congratulations to our Girls Cricket Team who travelled to Traralgon. They competed in the regional cricket competition, coming third. Well done! Thank you Mr Rankin and Wendy Allen for supporting the students on the day.

This week we welcomed Ayumi to our school. She is a visiting Japanese exchange student who has been volunteering in the Junior School, Art and Music classes.

A reminder that this coming Monday 21st November is a Student free day as staff continue with the task of writing and compiling student reports. An important part of reflecting on all of students progress is also planning for 2017. Should you have any information that you feel is important to share with me, please write the details in a letter and address it to me. This information will be used as part of a balanced decision regarding the best interests of all students.

A reminder that we have some breakfast goodie packs available for collection from the office. Please see Wendy or Vin to collect.

Leonie Austray
Principal
CSEF—Dairy Assistance Funding

In 2016 the Victorian Government implemented a response package to assist dairy farming families. This one-off payment of $375 per student is only available in 2016 and will be paid to the school for the eligible student. This includes assistance for Primary and Secondary students attending schools (Government and Non-Government schools) where one or both parents:-

• Own an operating dairy farm.
• Are share farmers on a property primarily operating as a dairy farm.
• Hold a lease for an operating dairy farm.
• Work as an employee on an operating dairy farm and this is their main source of employment.

Families who were eligible for the means tested CSEF Payment are also eligible to receive the Dairy Assistance payment. However families that have previously qualified for the CSEF Drought Assistance funding are not able to also access the CSEF Dairy Assistance funding.

Parents can apply for the Dairy Assistance Funding by completing an application form which is available at the office and returning it to the school by no later than Friday 18th November. The school will then allocate the payment directly against your current charges.

STUDENT OF THE WEEK

00A Jasmine M. Enthusiasm in Maths.
00B Billie P. Always working extremely hard.
12A Archie L. Persevering in the Learning Pit.
12B Hamish B. For being kind and considerate to those around him.
12D Alannah L. Staying on task to complete writing pieces.
34A Charlotte N. Having a growth mindset and putting effort into her learning.
34B Bailey D. Always completing tasks to her very best ability
34C Jaxon W. Returning to 34C and working well.
34D Arlieya W. Persevering with her learning.
56A Harry W. For his fantastic effort at school this week, keep it up.
56C Hailey S. Improving her use of expressive language in her writing.

MUSIC NEWS

Our skills on the marimba are improving, with groups of students playing different parts. These are combined when we play the whole tune, with percussion instruments and lyrics added. Students from Prep to Grade 6 are working well.

At 2:30 on Wednesday 30th November there will be a concert showcasing Mark Finsterer and Letitia Condron’s guitar and piano students alongside the Magnetic Pineapples (band from 3/4), the Bilton Street Singers, the Grade 5 Marimba Groups, Grade 3/4 Recorder group and an All-New Girl Band. Families are welcome to attend of course!

Remember to put our Annual Artist in Residence week on your family calendar. From 5th till the 9th December, Jon Madin will be with us providing workshops for classes in the lead up to our Annual Artist in Residence Concert immediately following our Annual Family Picnic at the end of the week. A separate note will be sent home soon.

Ruth Chambers
Music Teacher

FROM THE SLC

Our senior students have been writing some fantastic poetry this term. At assembly yesterday, Grade 5 student Lilly shared her amazing poem titled ‘Just Because’. Check it out!

BIG WRITE

This term all the students in the school are using the same ‘Big Write’ pictures as their writing inspiration each fortnight. Here is the next stimulus picture: