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PRINCIPAL'S PRATTLE:



Celebration Night Friday 11th December

All families are invited to join us to enjoy student performances and celebrate our Year 6 students as they graduate from Primary School. Each class will be performing their Christmas carols which they have been practising in music lessons this term. Throughout the evening awards will be presented. Students are encouraged to wear Christmas colours, hats and/or tinsel. Parents and families are asked to arrive from 6.30pm ready for a 7.00pm sharp start to the evening. Parents are asked to bring a chair each to sit on as we will be in the shed for the performances. We are looking forward to sharing an entertaining evening with our families.



Areas of Excellence

On Thursday evening the Lion's Club "Areas of Excellence and Speeches" will be held. This is an annual event which gives our Year 6 students the opportunity to present their learning and give a formal speech. The evening will begin in the Eagles Nest at 7.00pm when students will present their speeches. This will be followed by the presentation of projects in the Kookaburra room. This event is supported by the Strzelecki Lion's Club and students are awarded prizes for outstanding learning and presentations. We thank the Lions Club for their ongoing support of our students and for their financial contributions to the Areas of Excellence awards. Our students are indeed very lucky to be given this opportunity.

Whole School Excursion Wednesday 16th December.



We will be travelling by bus to Phillip Island and enjoying a day on the beach. Students will enjoy sandcastle competitions, treasure hunts and activities in small groups. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to join us. Older siblings are not able to join us on this excursion. Students will be required to bring a packed lunch, snacks and water bottle. The weather currently is forecast for mild temperatures and drizzle. It is advised to pack a light weight waterproof coat along with a sun hat and sunscreen. This day will be full of fun and will be a great opportunity for the entire school community to enjoy a day out together and to conclude our school year with a positive experience. Please see attached consent form for further details.

Attendance Data.

During 2015 we transitioned to "Compass", an online program which enables us to store a range of student data in one location. During this time of transition parents have been encouraged to log on and explore compass and begin using its features. We monitor attendance data via Compass and currently there are a large number of unapproved student absences and late arrivals on the system. It is essential that parents log on to compass and communicate their child/ren's absences and approve them. It is a legal requirement to provide an explanation for a child's absence from school. When teachers mark the roll students who are not present are marked as absent. Parents are then required to approve their child's absence. Compass can be accessed via the internet on your mobile phone or a computer. For Parents who have forgotten their passwords they have to click on "Can't access your account?" on the main page here :

<https://lochps.vic.jdlf.com.au/Login.aspx> which will redirect them to here:
<https://lochps.vic.jdlf.com.au/Portal/ForgotPassword.aspx#password-reset-username-view>

We ask that all families attend to these absences before Friday 11th December to ensure that attendance data on reports is accurate. Please contact the office if you have any questions or if you believe there has been an error.



Reports

Teachers have been working very hard assessing students and writing reports during Term 4. It is a demanding and time consuming job creating succinct and useful reports for each student in each class. I would like to thank our teachers for their ongoing commitment and professionalism as they finish the reporting process for 2015. These reports will be made available early next week and parents are encouraged to meet with class teachers if needed.



End of year Help

We have a number of jobs which need completing before the end of the year and I am hoping that there will be some parents who are available to assist with the following jobs.

- Clearing and cleaning of the PE sheds.
- Weeding and preparing the veggie gardens
- Clearing and Sorting under the school
- Spreading mulch

If you have a few hours to spare and are able to help out it would be very much appreciated. Please return the reply slip or pop in to the office and speak to me.

Sewerage

I have been advised that the scheduled date for our school to be connected to sewerage will be the week starting 11th January 2016. This connection will involve major works at the school and we anticipate that it will be completed before the beginning of the 2016 school year.

Uniform

Many parents will be purchasing new uniform items and shoes over the holiday period. I would like to remind parents and students of our uniform policy and ask that parents are mindful of our expectations regarding uniform. Our uniform policy has been ratified by school council for the past few years and was again reviewed this year.

I ask all parents/carers to support the school by encouraging your child(ren) to adhere to the agreed dress code and the wearing of our school uniform. The wearing of a school uniform helps promote the identity of the school in the local community and helps create an ethos of sharing and pride in the school.

In addition, the wearing of a uniform helps towards increasing the protection of all pupils. The wearing of a uniform helps staff and the

pupils to distinguish between who belongs to the school and those who may be visitors. This enables staff to approach and identify visitors more readily and helps in trying to offer a safer environment for pupils and teachers alike.

Please note that our uniform includes black school shoes



OR
predominantly white or
predominantly black runners.



Fluro shoelaces are not to be worn to school. If you are unsure of uniform requirements please ask Lyn in the office for a uniform list. Many thanks in anticipation of your cooperation.



Tracey King
Principal

PARENTS & FRIENDS

Christmas Raffle

Thanks to all our families who have donated goods to enable us to have lots of raffle prizes. The raffle will be drawn on Friday 11th December at our Celebration Evening.

Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5 or 12 for \$10. if you haven't got yours in yet. Please get them back before Friday if possible.

WELL DONE AWARDS:

Mrs Massaro & Miss Mitchell:

To all Grade Prep, One & Two children for fantastic camping and all Grade 3's for their wonderful ERP presentations.

Mrs. Davidge & Mr. Hunter:

Lachie Tyler for fantastic effort and great work ethic in researching and working on your Personal Project about mountain goats.

Jack Kerrison for positive attitude towards all of your learning and for effort in practising your lines for the filming of the Gallipoli movie.

Pat Tyler for remembering so many of your lines in our Gallipoli movie.

Boyd Robertson for showing great confidence and humour and looking fashionable during our game.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Thanks to all our School Councillors for their time and effort over the past 12 months. We appreciate their dedication and will look forward to seeing them at the next meeting in February 2016.

DIARY DATES:

Thursday 10th Dec– Lions Club Speeches 7 pm
Friday 11th Dec – End of Year Celebration Night
(6.30 for 7 pm start)
Wednesday 16th Dec – Whole School Excursion
Friday 18th December – Last day of Term 4!
Sunday 20th December – Loch Community Carols

Sporting Schools

The last session will be held on Thursday night.
Hope everyone has enjoyed participating.

Books – Library, Readers & MARC

Could all families please look around for any school or Marc Van library books or readers on their bookshelves or under their pillows or beds.
Please return them to school, no questions will be asked we would just like them back.

Arts Showcase Champagne

We have a few bottles of champagne left over from the Arts Showcase which are for sale \$15 bottle. Please see Ms King if you would like to buy some.

Loch Christmas Carols

Our students have again been invited to sing at the Loch Christmas Carols on Sunday 20th December. This evening will begin a BBQ at 6.30pm, with our school choir kicking off the carols at 7.00pm. I encourage all of our students and families to join in this event. Students will practise at school and will be accompanied by Mrs Mel Davidge on the night.



PERMISSION FORM

**Whole school End of Year Excursion to Phillip Island
Wednesday 16th December, 2016**

Family name:

I give permission for my child / children

...../...../.....
to attend the excursion to Phillip Island on Wednesday 16th December.

I authorise the teacher in charge where it is impracticable to communicate with me to the child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be needed necessary.

I understand travel will be by bus unless otherwise arranged by myself.

Signed: Date:/.../15
(Parent/Guardian)

Mobile or Emergency Number:

- I will provide transport for myself and my own children. (Permission form is still required)
- My children will need to be transported by bus.
- My child/ren will not be attending the excursion.

Signed: Parent/Guardian

Date: /12/15

End of Year Help

Name:

I can help with some of the end of year jobs.

I am available on at

Signed:

LOCH CHRISTMAS CAROLS – 20th December

Family Name:

My child/ren
will be attending and singing at the Carols in Loch on Sunday 20th December.

Signed:

Parent/Guardian