Dear Parents

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing started today and continues tomorrow and Thursday. Students in grades 3 and 5 are completing assessments in language conventions, writing, reading and numeracy. NAPLAN testing may be a stressful occurrence for some students. If your child is experiencing any anxiety about NAPLAN, please come and see us straight away. We really want to ensure that students are able to showcase their knowledge and skills in a supportive environment.

Glen Cromie
Unfortunately our get together at Glen Cromie was not able to happen. My apologies to families who drove to Glen Cromie and had to deal with disappointed children. It was a frustrating situation. We will discuss possibilities for an alternate arrangement at School Council tonight.

Mother’s Day Stall
Thank you to Parent Club for organizing this year’s Mother’s Day Stall. Students thoroughly enjoyed selecting a beautiful gift to give to their Mum.

F – 2 Mother’s Day Afternoon Tea
What a fantastic way to end a week! Students proudly presented their mums/aunts/grandmas with handmade gifts before sharing an afternoon tea of scones, jam and cream. They then confidently taught their mums how to play games they have been learning in class.

Nicole Ball, Acting Principal

Award winners:

Congratulations to this week’s award winners:

Sam, Makenna, Matthew, Lyrali, Prell, James, Rhys, Archie, Reiley and Darcy.

Book Fair
Congratulations everyone! The book fair raised an amazing $600. Thank you everyone what a great effort.

Wendy Renshaw
Thanks to Wendy for organizing this event.
Junior School Council
This Friday afternoon at 2.45p.m. our Junior School Council has planned a whole school bedtime story sharing time in their school house groups.

Children are asked to bring their pillow or teddy, their favourite bedtime story and to wear something in their house colour, Harrier (blue), Kite (green) Kestrel (yellow) and Falcon (red) or their pyjamas over the top of their uniform.

The children will be in their house groups and their house captain will read a picture story book to them before they share their own books with fellow housemates.

MARC Van
During the current fortnightly cycle all students will be introduced to texts which explore co-operating with others.

Senior and middle grades students will be presented with Mark Greenwood’s book ‘Boomerang and Bat’, the story of the ‘real’ first Australian cricket 11 to tour England. The non-fiction picture story carefully retraces the journey of the aboriginal team of cricket players which toured England in 1868. Computer research skills will be utilised to access further information related to the text.

Students in F-2 classes will again focus on listening and borrowing skills. Students will further explore the benefits gained through co-operation with others. The main text used to stimulate discussion will be ‘Incredibilia’, by Libby Hathorn. Hathorn’s picture story book will also be used as a means of encouraging the use of one’s imagination on a daily basis.

Great effort everyone!
Philip Bucknall
MARC Teacher/Librarian

Hooptime
The Hooptime Basketball competition days are fast approaching. Students in Grade 3-6 were asked to write their names down today as an expression of interest for this year’s teams. Any students in Grade 3-6 can participate. Would parents please check the dates of the tournament to ensure their child/ren are not going to be absent, for family holidays etc. The dates are as follows: Junior Day for Grade Three/Fours - Thursday 28th July & Senior Day for Grade Five/Six - Thursday August 18th. This day will cost approx. $10 each. It is held at the Warragul Leisure Centre.

Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge
The Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge is now open and Buln Buln is excited to be participating.

The Challenge is open to all Victorian children from birth to Year 10 in recognition of the importance of reading for literacy development. It is not a competition; but a personal challenge for children to read a set number of books by 9 September 2016.

Children from Prep to Year 2 are encouraged to read or ‘experience’ 30 books with their parents and teachers. Children from Year 3 to Year 10 are challenged to read 15 books. The P-2 classes will do this challenge as part of the school program.

All children who meet the Challenge will receive a certificate of achievement signed by
the Victorian Premier and can choose to have their name included on the online Honour Roll. If you would like your child's name to appear on the Honour Roll, please sign the attached form and return it to your school.

To read the Premier’s letter to parents, view the booklists and for more information about the Victorian Premiers’ Reading Challenge, visit: www.education.vic.gov.au/prc