Dear Parents

100 Nights Reading Awards:

16th May
Merit Awards:

22nd May
Social Skill Awards:

100 Nights Reading Awards:

CALENDAR 2015

May
Thursday 28th
Cross Country at Chairo

June
Wednesday 3rd
Footy Netball round
Robin Gr. 5/6

Friday 12th
Crazy Hair Day for
Leukeamia

Thursday 18th
P1/2 The Hungry
Bear at Art Centre
Warragul 12.30pm

July
Thursday 30th
Grade 3/4 Hooptime

August
Friday 7th
Grade 2 sleepover

Thursday 27th
Grade 5/6 Hooptime

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MOWING ROSTER

6-7 June  Willis
27-28 June  Brown

Many thanks to the
Kay family for helping to keep our
school grounds neat and tidy.
Dinosaur Diggers Incursion
The Prep, One and Two grades enjoyed an incursion of Dinosaur Diggers on the 13th of May. Sandra, the presenter informed the children of lots of dinosaur facts through a very engaging talk with plenty of fossils, bones and eggs of dinosaurs. The children were able to touch the artefacts she had on display, they dug for fossils in sand and put together a very difficult large jigsaw puzzle of a T Rex.

House Points Winners

The result of this week’s house point competition is:
1st place – Harrier
2nd place – Kite & Falcon
3rd place –
4th place – Kestrel

The ongoing totals for the competition are:
1st place – Kestrel
2nd place – Kite
3rd place – Falcon
4th place – Harrier

Visitors
The visitor badges that must be worn by all visitors to the school are being replenished this week. These help staff and students identify more clearly who visitors are and also ensure that we fully following OH&S requirements.

This badge is for those of you helping in class, around the school and on school excursions.

This badge is for general visitors to the sight, i.e contractors, parents visiting staff, etc

If a student is late, this needs to be collected from the office and handed to the teacher.
If there is a need to pick a student up early for an appointment, please sign them out of the office and collect this badge. This then must be handed to the class teacher.

There are other badges that you might see as you visit the school relating to pre service teachers, work experience students etc. These will assist you in knowing the purpose of any unfamiliar faces around the school site.

**School Council**

Sincere thanks to Karen Pierrehumbert for her service as School Council President over the past 18 months. Karen has decided to step down from this role. In the meantime school council meetings will be chaired by Meg Duncan. There are currently vacancies on School Council which we would like to fill as soon as possible. If you are interested in joining school council please let Lyn Weller know by Friday 29th May. The next meeting is on Wednesday 3rd June.

**Book Fair**

The book fair was a great success due to the support of the students and their families. Thanks to Mrs Fowler for organising it, and to all the staff and parents who helped both before and after school.

**Cross Country**

On Thursday the district cross country championships will be held at Chairo Christian School. Good luck to our competitors and I look forward to congratulating their efforts in assembly on Friday.

The timetable of Events is:
- 11.30am  Walk of course and briefing for all officials
- 11.50am  Briefing for all competitors
- 12.00 noon Girls 9/10 years  2km
- 12.20pm  Boys 9/10yrs  2km
- 12.40pm  Girls 11yrs  3km
- 1.00pm  Boys 11yrs  3km
- 1.20pm  Girls 12/13yrs  3km
- 1.40pm  Boys 12/13yrs 3km

Students competing:

**Prep-2 Excursion**

The prep – 2 students will be visiting Warragul Arts Centre on 18th June to see the performance of ‘The Cranky Bear’. Parents please look out for the excursion notice and reply slip that will be coming home.

**Car Rally**

Thanks to Parent Club for once again putting a huge amount of effort into organising an event. Thanks to all of you who were able to support the rally. A fun morning was had by all.

**Queen’s Birthday**

A reminder that school will be closed on Monday 8th June for the Queen’s Birthday public holiday.
Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund (CSEF)

If you think you are eligible for the Camps, Sports & Excursions Fund please call at the office for an application form. All forms must be returned to the school by Friday 12th June, 2015 so that your application can be processed.

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund will ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities.

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors. Excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works, and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF will be provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. The allowance will be paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions, or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student will be:
- $150 for primary school students
- $225 for secondary school students.

How to Apply
Contact the school office to obtain a CSEF application form or download from www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Closing Date
You should lodge a CSEF application form at the school by 26 June 2015.

For more information about the CSEF visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef

Student Information

Today you will receive an envelope that contains your child’s personal information, contacts etc. Please check and return if changes need to be made.

Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

‘Collection Notice’

All schools in Australia, including Independent and Catholic schools, will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability this year.

The Data Collection is an annual count of the number of students with disability receiving educational adjustments to support their participation in education on the same basis as students without disability.

All education agencies are now required under the Australian Education Regulation 2013 to provide information on a student’s level of education, disability and level of adjustment to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.* Data will continue to be de-identified prior to its transfer to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training. No student’s identity will be provided to the Australian Government Department of Education and Training.

The collection of this information from states and territories will inform future policy
and program planning in relation to students with disability.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school or the Victorian Department of Education and Training Data Collection Hotline on (03) 9651 3621. For questions after 7 August 2015, please call the Australian Government Department of Education and Training on 1300 566 046.

**What happens if you opt-out?**
Involvement in the Data Collection is optional and you may ‘opt-out’ at any time. There are no consequences if you choose to opt-out of the Data Collection. If you want to opt-out, please contact school by **Friday 12th June**.

**Assembly**
On Friday assembly will be led by xxxx and xxxx from Falcon House. The assembly item is by Grade 3/4.

**Have a great week**
Drew Allison - Principal

**Gardening and outside jobs**
Are you keen to help with keeping our school clean and tidy?
Every second Friday afternoon 1.30pm – 3.30pm commencing this Friday 15th May parents are welcome to help out with a variety of gardening and outside jobs. This will be the same Friday of MARC Van and the same week that the newsletter is published.
There are a mixture of jobs that need to be done and will be co-ordinated by a small group of parents. All equipment will be supplied. We just need the people to help out.
Hope to see you Friday afternoon.
Melissa Elliott and Teresa Martyn

**Parent Club**
Polar fleece zip jackets available from Hip Pocket Work Wear for $25. You will be able to order from store.

Next meeting - Wednesday 24th June @2.30.
Thanks to Kate Wells and her helpers in Joey Whitehead and Janine Sharman, we had a ball on the car rally last Sunday. Whilst the day did start out a little cold (freezing actually), the sun did eventually come out and we had clear skies to take in some beautiful scenery along the way. Thank you to all the families and teachers who supported this event, as a lot of time and effort went in to organising it. By all accounts everyone had a great day which finished at the Buln footy rooms with a yummy egg and bacon roll cooked by our own Master Chef - Janine. Because of your support, we managed to make a tidy $558 profit for the day. Congratulations to the McDougal family who won the event and thanks to Road Runner Off Road for donating all the raffle prizes.
Please feel free to attend our next meeting on the 24th June, or if you are unable to attend but have some ideas or suggestions, please contact me on 0447 360 810.

Thanks once again everyone for your support.

**Hot Chocolates**
Hot chocolates will be available every Friday from the Lyrebird room at 11 o’clock. Cost will be $1.

**FROM THE CHAPLAIN**
Last week in ‘A Taste of Good Food’ cooking program I visited the Grade 5/6 classroom and spoke to the students about American Thanksgiving. We chatted about the history of this National holiday and the traditions that are associated with it. This was also a way of highlighting how we too can be thankful for all the great things that we enjoy, particularly for our plentiful food supply. Of course the real highlight for students was that they were able to enjoy a taste sample of a Cornbread griddle cake.

Following this the eight senior students involved in cooking prepared an American menu including Corn Chowder, Buttermilk fried chicken, Hash browns with a dessert of Pumpkin Pie. Miss. Wise joined the students for lunch. She chatted to the students about the menu and was impressed with their cooking skills. Thanks to the parent helpers, Sharyn Marriott Burke and Paula Fowler. With their assistance the students had a yummy meal and a wonderful cooking experience.

Here are the happy faces around the lunch table.

This week prior to the cooking session I visited the Grade 3/4 classroom and chatted to the students about China. We spoke about Chinese festivals such as New Year. The students watched a clip showing how fortune cookies are made and two lucky students were able to sample some that I had made. They are a bit fiddly to make and need to be shaped while hot and cooled in a muffin pan like this but they add a fun element to the menu.

Chinese cuisine was on the menu yesterday and the senior students prepared a three course menu which included Chicken & Sweet Corn Soup, Chicken & Lemongrass Dumplings, Combination fried rice and Coconut Sago served with Mango. Mrs. Johnston joined the students for lunch and chatted to the students about their role in cooking the various dishes. A big thank you to my three helpers, Karen Kilmartin, Megan Duncan and Jo Simes, with their help the students enjoyed the session and the delicious meal they had cooked.

Here are the master chefs enjoying their Chinese lunch.
Next week on **Monday 1st June** the group of students who will be preparing a French menu includes:. Parents of these students may only wish to send a snack for morning tea that day so please take note. I am also in need of parent helpers for this session (11:30am – 2:00pm). If parents or grandparents of any of these students would like to assist with cooking please send a message via the office or email to advise me [kingwillbj@hotmail.com](mailto:kingwillbj@hotmail.com).

Barbara Kingwill – Chaplain BBPS
BBFNC
Buln Buln Football Netball Club
Invites
All Football & Netball Players, Parents and the Local Community to

DRUG & ALCOHOL INFORMATION EVENING

The night will provide information on drug and alcohol use and its effect on the community

We are offering a proactive approach to this subject to assist all at our club and community

Venue: Buln Buln Sporting Rooms
Date: Thursday 28th of May
Time: 8.00 pm til 9.00 pm

Meals will be available from 7.00pm
The meal price will be $10.00
Entry is free

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Baw Baw Kindergarten
OPEN DAYS

Adam Court Kindergarten
Adam Court, Drouin
Phone 5625 1397
TUESDAY, May 26
9.30am - 11.30am

Grace Berglund Kindergarten
12 George St, Warragul
Phone 5622 3324
THURSDAY, May 28
11am - 2pm

Trafalgar Kindergarten
30 Contingent St, Trafalgar
Phone 5633 2208
THURSDAY, May 28
10am-12pm / 1pm-3pm

Warragul Community Centre
1 Mourtiz St, Warragul
Phone 5623 6882
THURSDAY, May 28
11am - 2pm

Oak Street Kindergarten
Oak Street, Droulin
Phone 5625 1520
TUESDAY, May 26
1pm - 3pm

Willow Grove Kindergarten
Main Road, Willow Grove
Phone 5635 2412
THURSDAY, May 28
9am - 11.30am

Bowen Park Kindergarten
155 Bowen Street, Warragul
Phone 5623 4375
THURSDAY, May 28
11am - 2pm

Mary Beck Pre-School
8 Neerim East Rd, Neerim South. Phone 5628 1350
TUESDAY, May 26
2.30pm - 3.30pm

Thorpdale & District Kindergarten
Johnstone Street, Thorpdale.
Ph 5634 6361
Visit anytime

Enrolment Application Forms will be available on the day.
CLOSING DATE FOR FIRST ROUND OFFERS FOR 2016 IS JUNE 30, 2015