NEWSLETTER

Thursday 25th April 2013
Issue 11-2013

Principal Notes

NEWS FROM MS SUTHERLAND
Over the past few days we have been in the Sahara Desert. We rode camels in to the desert and slept in desert tents overnight. We climbed sand dunes to watch the sunset and rise, it was a bit cloudy though! Here’s a tip—wear padded pants when riding camels for a couple of days!! Today we are going 4 wheel driving in the desert. I visited a Berber Nomad family and spent time digging for fossils, I found a few! I felt like a kid in a lolly shop, it was so much fun! I have 2kg of fossils (this made me think of the kids, they would have loved this) we went to two sites and could have stayed for several days. Have some dragon eggs and other fossils. This area used to be under water many moons ago, I am researching about it now. We also visited a mine, no OHS in the mines! We were not far away and heard an explosion! Our driver said we are not far from the mine, so we headed there to have a look, I got some quartz while there. The kids would have loved it! We are learning Spanish, Arabic and French at the moment, but communication is very easy and the lifestyle is simple, very relaxed. The local school has 120 kids—3 classes. We are very lucky with our class sizes. Students learn 3 languages, Arabic, French (as Morocco is a French colony) and English, however after spending 3 hours a few days ago with a group of boys building sand castles in the irrigation channel and talking with the local children, they know lots of words and phrases in any language! I have many photos to show you all when I get back.

Take care. From Ms Sutherland.

Premier’s Reading Challenge............
Congratulations to Jack Chesterfield
Our Reading Challenge is now under way and our first student has already completed the Challenge. Congratulations to Jack Chesterfield for challenging himself in his reading and being the first student to complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge this year. (In fact it is the third time Jack has been first to complete the Challenge!) Several other students are well under way to complete it as well. Grade Prep/1&2 students will be reading the Challenge books as part of their class Literacy program but can also read these books at home as a shared read with parents and family. Our target this year is to have ALL students complete the Premier’s Reading Challenge.

ANZAC Day, 2013
Yesterday four of our students attended the ANZAC Day ceremony in Warragul to represent our school and lay a wreath in memory of those who have died, been injured or served Australia during the wars. Thanks to Ryan Young, Savanna Maunder, Jack Chesterfield and Patrick Smythe for representing our school.

Thank You to Patrick and Jack for coordinating the Anzac Badge sales at school.
R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

Student of the Week

Recognitions

Homegroup 1 / Prep
**Rieley Gunton**
For always putting his hand up when he has a question and for his wonderful work in writing groups. Well Done!!!

Homegroup 3/2
**Mitchell Gilmore**
For working extremely hard this week on all your work. You have been concentrating really hard and making sure you stay focused, Well Done!

Homegroup 4
**Rose-Ann Scott**
You have worked so hard at your writing this week! Your journal questions were fantastic and your punctuation was impressive, Well Done!

Homegroup 6/5
**Savanna Maunder**
For her cheerful approach to her learning and willingness to challenge herself and always do her best. A great role model.

R.E.A.L STUDENTS @ NILMA

L.A.U.G.H
NIGHTLY READING
Recognition certificates

50 nights
Rieley Gunton
Lane Ward
Meg Devlin
Bailey Dent
Aiden Olsson
James Dungey

75 Nights
Mckayla Lindsay

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Happy Birthday

Belinda Smythe
HOMEGROUP HAPPENINGS!

Yesterday was ANZAC Day. We must remember the people who have died in all the wars and we thank them.
By Sheree

Grade 1/Prep has a class party. Each student made their own party hat and decorated it on Wednesday. At the party there was lots of yummy food!! Everyone got their ‘boogie on’ and we also played pass the parcel and musical chairs. Next week we will vote on our next Whole Class REAL award. We already have three REAL awards on our chart.
By Miss Watts

**ANZAC DAY ANTICS**

For Anzac day I went to my twin sisters house to watch Essendon beat Collingwood! I was super excited to see them win after so long!
Go the Bombers! Miss Closter

It was granny’s birthday so we went to the O&H. I played on the playground with my cousins. It was fun.
By Kiara

I went on a big walk to Bunnings. We looked around for Mothers’ Day mum wants to get a plant for Mothers’ Day.
By Meg

Today my pop is bringing in his Willies Jeep to show all the kids at school. It will be fun.
From Mitchell

**Grade 4 Maths!**

**Tessellating Patterns using Hexagons.**

This week during numeracy, the grade fours investigated shapes. We discovered that Hexagons make fantastic tessellating patterns! We also discovered that you could make Hexagons using; 2 Trapeziums, or, 3 Rhombus, or 6 Triangles!

**Persuasive Writing**

Kids!!! Get off your fat bottom and join a sports club today!!!

Play sport because if you do you can make a lot of new friends. If you have new friends you don’t get sick of the same old friends. The more sport you play the more fit and healthy your bones will be. If you play sport you won’t get as sick as much as when you sit around at home on the couch eating potato chips, chocolate and fatty foods. If you want your child to be fit, you should be fit so you set a good example. Exercise is also known to relieve stress. Also you can learn new skills and strategies like team work. If you learn new skills you will get better grades in school. This will make your parents happier which will make you happier with yourself. You will have a lot of new team strategies.
You might get into the hoop time team and even get into the regional finals or the grand final.
You could play in your schools kanga cricket team and win a few games and go to the next stage or play out of school.
I’m sorry all you gamers out there but Wii sports are not classed as an actual sport. So get off the couch and join a sports club today.
By Jack Hall
SCHOOL PROGRAMS

GRADE 6-YR 7
TRANSITION

Transition forms were sent home on a previous edition of the newsletter. These forms must be signed and returned to the office by Friday 3rd May. All Grade 6 parents must complete these forms.

WINTER SPORT

The Winter Sport program will be for grade 3 to 6 students. This program will begin on Friday 3rd May and will continue for 6 Fridays. Children will be taken to and from Burke St by bus every Friday and will return to school by 3.15pm. There will be no cost for the bus for Winter Sport, but some sports may incur a small cost. Students will be notified early next week which sports they have been allocated.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL COMMUNITIES

Term 2’s AASC activities are Netball on Tuesdays and AFL on Thursdays.

Dates are;
Netball: 30/4, 7/5, 14/5, 21/5, 28/5, 4/6, 11/6. and AFL: 2/5, 9/5, 16/5, 23/5, 30/5, 6/6, 13/6.

There are still places available in both activities.

Please note that AFL is a winter sport, students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes for these sessions as students will get wet & muddy, a towel to travel home on in the car might be a good idea too!

Participants are;
Netball - Olivia Addison, Matilda Dent, Meg Devlin, Jamie Garten, Sine Salt, Tahlia Witney and Bayley Gunton.


Please make sure that any forms regarding AASC that are attached to this newsletter are returned by Tuesday 30th April otherwise students will not be able to participate.

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Please put down which activity you would prefer to participate in using 1st or 2nd.
Parents Club will be having a meeting at 9am on Monday 6th May in the staffroom. All parents are welcome to attend, new ideas are always appreciated! Children are also welcome.

Parents Club

Our next school banking date will be: Wednesday 8th May.
The school banking program runs on a fortnightly basis.

School Banking

Earn & Learn

Sticker sheets are attached to the newsletter, if you require more they are available at the office. There is a tub in the office foyer where you can place your completed sticker sheets.

Earn & Learn

Bookclub Orders

Attached to the newsletter last week were Book Club orders. Could all orders with payment please be sent to the office by next Monday 30th April. Late orders cannot be accepted.

Bookclub Orders

School Photos

The School photos were sent out on Wednesday with students. If you wish to order more photos, or would like a whole school photo, please go to the website www.spargophoto.com.au and click on “View and Order Photos”, once there click on “School Photos” then select your school. Payments are secure and can be made by credit card. The password to gain access to this website is available at the office.

School Photos

School Absences/Attendances

In line with Department guidelines, we are updating our school procedures. Documented records of student absence is compulsory. Attendance slips are attached with today’s newsletter for your convenience. A slip will need to be filled out and signed when a student is absent. We do appreciate a phone call—but a document of absence is necessary for school procedures.

LATE BOOK SLIPS—When signing students in, if late to school, students need to present an Orange or Red late slip to their home group teacher to acknowledge that the Late book has been signed.

School Absences/Attendances

Community Announcements

Go Red for Robbie Day

Four year old Robbie Scott of Warragul has been diagnosed with an inoperable Brain Stem Tumour. Let’s all join together to raise valuable funds to help Robbie! Robbie’s favourite colour is red so on Friday 17th May we will be having a ‘Free Dress Day’ and ask you to ‘Wear Red for Robbie’. Please bring along a gold coin donation, which will be passed on to his family.

Community Announcements

Can you open your heart & home to a child today?

Berry Street is looking for families like yours who can provide emergency, respite, short and long term care for vulnerable children.

If you have room in your heart and home for a child then we want to speak with you.

Call today to discuss about becoming a foster carer on 1800 U FOSTER (1800 836 7831) or visit www.berrystreet.org.au

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