Principal’s report

Term 4 is always a busy time winding up the school year and preparing for the next year. In addition to this the teachers are testing student’s achievements and writing reports. This is a key part of the Education Department’s accountability process; the staff are also assessing themselves against performance goals they set at the beginning of the year. These goals are set around student achievement and engagement. Today, the teachers were able to meet with an Education Department Consultant to reflect on their progress and collect evidence to support their achievements. Later in the year they will meet with the Principal to present their evidence and set new goals for the next year. As a Principal I will also meet with a representative of the Department to assess the school’s progress toward meeting the targets set in our Strategic Plan. This process provides the opportunity for all staff to reflect on their performance and identify ways they can continue to improve their professional practice.

Term 4 is also the time we start organising the grade structures and classes for the new school year. Currently we are interviewing teachers for the two positions we will have vacant next year. Ms Hayes will be teaching in London next year and Mrs Gamble is taking a break from driving and will work in the East Gippsland area that is closer to home.

I wish to thank the Fete committee for their hard work organising the School Fete last...
Friday. We were certainly lucky with the weather and it was great to see so many of our families enjoying themselves. It was unfortunate that the toy man sold the guns and silly string; it is something that the committee will be more vigilant about next time.

Zenda Lynn – Principal

**Prep Transition Dates**
The extended Transition program for incoming Prep children enrolled for next year commences on Tuesday 18th November & continues on Tuesday 25th & Tuesday 2nd December from 9am – 12pm. A state wide Orientation day on Tuesday 9th December for the full day.

**SAKGP**
The following dates are still waiting to be filled for the tea towel roster, if you are able to help out please let Jo or the office know; 6th Nov. 13th Nov. 20th Nov.
A SAKGP questionnaire has been sent home and is due back; please take this opportunity to have some input into this program, your feedback is important!

**HPV**
Just a reminder that the HPV team is selling ice-creams on Thursdays at the start of lunchtime, $1 each.
A HPV fundraising BBQ is being held at Bunnings this Sunday, please go along and support the team and enjoy a sausage.

**School Fete Wrap Up**
As you all know we had our annual fete on Friday evening which was greatly enjoyed by everyone.
First of all, the Fete Committee would like to thank everyone who attended & supported this event. This includes the local CFA, Shaw’s Meats who donated their Snag Wagon, stall holders, staff & parents and other community members.
Overall, the Fete raised in excess of $900 which does not include $80 for SAKG program, $114 for Family & Friends with their cake stall plus $180 for HPV.
A grand Total of over $1,200!
The big question we have is who won the scarecrow competition? You will need to attend Friday’s School Assembly at 8.50am for the announcement!
Cheers from the Fete Committee

**Grade 3/4 Camp**
A reminder to parents of grade 3/4 going on camp, the medical forms are due back this Friday 24th October, with any outstanding fees due.

**Reminder**
Please notify the school promptly if you change your address or phone number.

**Trashless Tuesday**
The results for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows;
1st with 84% is Prep
2nd with 58% is 2/3
3rd with 55% is 5/6
4th with 50% is 3/4

**Lots of Little Sea Creatures**
Children’s Song & Dance by Barry Peters
Lots of Little Sea Creatures from children’s writer and entertainer Barry Peters will visit our school on Wednesday 13th November.
This very popular show with all Barry’s coastal favorites from Seadragons to Whales will also feature the struggles and adventures of Dolice - the Decorator Crab, trying to find her herself and a safe home in an ocean awash with scavengers and stuff. Barry is the Paul Kelly of the underage music scene. His songs are literature with a tune, capturing the deepest ideas with uncomplicated words.

Poems by 2/3
Cinquain poem

Judd
Helpful Happy
Loves to play
Likes to ride horses
Basketball

Hooray
Others
Lazy
Ice-cream
Days
Away
Yes
Mason- acrostic

COMMUNITY NOTICE

Parents Victoria Online Conference

October 2014 & May 2015
First four days: 6am Monday 27 October 2014 to 11pm Thursday 30 October (Australian Eastern Standard time)
Register (for no cost) at: http://www.straighttothepoint.co/pv/register/

Parents of primary and secondary students, in all Australian States, Territories and countries, in government, Catholic and independent schools, are warmly invited to take part in the Parents Victoria two-part online conference, which will be held over four days in October 2014 and a further four days during Education Week in May 2015 (there will be no need to re-register for the second section).

No special software is needed, other than an internet-connected computer and a browser (speakers are an advantage but are optional). The online discussions will be very easy to join in; online resources will be provided, and guidelines about how to participate will be available. *You don’t need to be a member of Parents Victoria to take part.

Topics
The four one-day topics are Homework, Access, Reporting and BYOD (Bring Your Own Device). The ongoing topic of Funding, an additional topic, will run for the entire four days. There will also be an opportunity for participants to raise other issues.

For further details please contact Parents Victoria at office@parentsvictoria.asn.au or visit our website www.parentsvictoria.asn.au
Seaspray SLSC Nippers program
Starting at Aqua Energy Complex (Sale swimming pool) on Sunday 9th Nov from 11.30-12.30pm.
The pool sessions will run for four weeks then beach sessions will start the first Sunday of December at Seaspray Surf Club from 10-11.30am.
For any further information please contact Emma Fleming 0408 376 445.