Acceptance  Respect  Commitment  Honesty

Children are supervised between the hours of 8:50am and 3:40pm within the school grounds.

Calendar

March
Mon 17th  School Council 6:30pm
Wed 19th  Book Club Orders Due Back
          Tuck Shop Order Due
Fri 28th  Grade 6 Tuckshop BBQ
          Raffle Tickets Due Back
Sat 22nd  Maffra Mardi Gras
Sat 29th  Family & Friends working Bee

April
Fri 4th   Assembly at 9am – Easter raffle drawn
          Last day of Term 1 2.30pm
          Dismissal
Tue 22nd  Start of Term 2
Fri 25th  Anzac Day public holiday

Parent Assembly date for 2014:
Apr Fri 4th  May Fri 2nd
June Fri 6th
Parents are welcome to stay for coffee & a chat.

Tuck Shop Order due back
Book Club order due back to school
School Banking  Day is Tuesday
Friday 25th  April public holiday for Anzac Day

Principal’s report
The front of the school certainly looks much more attractive and welcoming after the efforts of the Tassie family over the long week. The recent rain has also helped the beds planted up last week during the garden blitz. The gardens are looking really fantastic, thank you to all the families and community members who have adopted beds and spend considerable amounts of their free time weeding, digging, and planting and generally tidying up.

Planning for our entry into the Maffra Mardi Gras is well under way. Tomorrow afternoon the classes are making the float decorations and a group of parents are very busy putting together some great costumes for the children to wear. It is not too late to become involved if you are interested and have time to be help.

This week’s Stratchat has advance notices for two special events being conducted by our grade 5/6 leaders. There will be a tuck shop on Friday the 28th to raise money for the grade 6 T-shirts, and the Easter Egg Raffle is also being organised. All proceeds go towards the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal.

Zonda Lynn – Principal

Trashless Tuesday
The scores for this week’s Trashless Tuesday are as follows:
Grade 2/3 with 88%
Grade 1/2 with 85%
Grade 3/4 with 73%
Grade Prep with 71%
Equal fifth 5/6 & staff with 66%

Whole School Gardening Day
Last week, students participated in a Gardening and Sustainability day at school. The Preps and the Grade 1/2’s had guest speaker Raquel Harris

The school still has firewood for sale for $60 a 6 x 4 trailer load, if you would like to purchase some please come to the office to arrange a suitable time.

We also have some concrete bricks for sale @40c a brick – please contact the office.

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Thursday 13th March 2014
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visit from the Wellington Shire Council and she spoke to them about recycling our rubbish. In the afternoon, all students had a great time getting their hands dirty in our vegetable gardens. They planted vegies, moved dirt and did lots of weeding. The Preps loved working in the garden with their buddies.

**Triathlon**

Many thanks to all the parents who assisted with our Triathlon, the event ran really smoothly and it was terrific to see the wonderful sportsmanship between the three schools competing schools. (Cobains, Boisdale & Stratford). Well done to all the students who participated and congratulations to Antonio who were the overall winning House.

**Good Friday Appeal**

The Royal Children’s Good Friday Appeal is a fundraising activity for the school which we participate in each year. We are asking for donations for this year’s raffle and would greatly appreciate it if donations could be dropped off at the office, raffle tickets will be going home soon to families, and every donation will get an extra ticket into the draw. Ticket cost is 50c each or 5 for $2. The raffle will be drawn at the last assembly for Term 1 at 9am. Tickets due back March 28th.

**SALE BASEBALL CLUB**

**JUNIOR BASEBALLERS NEEDED UNDER 10’S, 13’S & 16’S**

Sale Baseball Club is seeking interested children to participate in Under 10’s, 13’s or 16’s Baseball teams. Both boys and girls of all ages are welcome. Club rooms & training venue is situated at Stephenson Park, Sale. Training sessions are held Wednesday nights at 4.30 – 5.30pm. At Sale Baseball Club, Guthridge Parade, Sale commencing 12/03/14 incl. free sausage sizzle. Matches are played Sundays, commencing 27th April 2014

**ALSO SEEKING SENIOR PLAYERS 17 YO & UP**

Both males & females are welcome. Senior training 6pm Wednesdays Commencing 26/02/14.

For further information please contact Justin on 0428 871 828 justinjohnston10@hotmail.com or Sue on 0427 430 754 susan.munn@bigpond.com

**Stratford Playgroup**

Stratford Playgroup is holding a Portrait Fundraising Event, Sunday 23rd March. Book online at www.trybooking.com/EFBP. Hurry, bookings close Friday 14th March.

**MAFFRA CARERS GROUP**

Meets at the Maffra Hospital 48 Kent St in Community Meeting Room from 1-3pm. Meetings provide information and support for people in various caring roles.

Pam Stevens Co Ordinator 5145 5417

Next meeting **Mon March 17th 2014**

Guest speaker – Robyn Eaton – Crossroads Counselling

**Victoria Legal Aid Child Support Legal Service**

Date: 25 March 2014

Time: Free half hour sessions between 2:00 pm and 4:30 pm

Venue: Central Gippsland Health Service Community Care Services Building Palmerston Street SALE VIC 3850

Please phone (03) 9269 0408 or 1800 677 402 for an appointment during business hours.

Jayne Ford
Program Manager
Family Law Financial Support Services
Cent Night

When: Friday 14th March @ 7:00pm
Where: Queen Street Kindergarten

- Books of 10 tickets are purchased on the night for $2.00
- You can buy as many tickets as you like
- Prizes are individually raffled off throughout the night
- You can enter the raffle for as many prizes as you like
- Remember the more tickets you have the better your chances of winning.
- Free Supper Provided

- Soft drink, Primas, Water, Lollie Bags and Popcorn will be available to purchase on the night

Toys
Food
Household Items

Don't miss out on a great family night