Dear Parents and Carers,

Curriculum and Learning News
As a staff we have re-structured our staff meetings starting this term. Traditionally there has been an admin meeting every Monday and a Professional Learning Team (PLT) meeting every alternate Thursday. We now have a PLT meeting every Monday with a focus on developing our Literacy and Numeracy practices in a formal Professional Development (PD) forum. Once a fortnight we have an extra PLT meeting on the Thursday in year level teams (P-2, 3/4 and 5/6) to consolidate new learning, plan for practice and reflect and review what’s happening for students as a result. The administrivia is taken care of by meeting once a fortnight and by disseminating information in different effective ways.

The fact that the staff is very keen to engage in their own PD and prepared to show the value of the meetings is a credit to their high level of professionalism and their desire to do whatever is necessary to give kids the best education possible.

CRE Form
The annual form is being sent home today and needs to be returned by March 9th please.

Please be reminded that if your child is participating in CRE then a $5.00 cost is required for text materials.

Principals Conference
Next Monday and Tuesday is the annual Hume Region Principal Class Conference - this year held at Shepparton. The title is “Good to Great in a Rural Environment” and promises to be informative and interesting. While I’m looking forward to meeting other colleagues, I do prefer to be in the school wherever possible.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Keep an eye open for how you can support your child with this venture - it’s VERY popular in SA!

Appropriate Footwear
Just a reminder - please make sure that children are wearing shoes with reasonable tread on the bottom for school. As the ground becomes slippery (particularly grassed areas) this is incredibly important for Bandaid minimisation. They should always be worn with socks for....well I’m sure you understand!

Cheers
Briony x
CLASS PRESENTATION AT FRIDAY’S ASSEMBLY
PRESENTED BY:
YEAR 5/6

CLEAN UP SCHOOLS DAY—TOMORROW

Our students will be cleaning up our school grounds and the areas nearby as part of Clean Up Australia Day. Parents are welcome to come and help. Meeting in the under cover area at 9.30am, Friday 2nd of March.

YEAR 3 TO 6 SWIMMING

Swimming lessons have finished for 3/4J and year 6. 3/4D and year 5 will have had their last swim tomorrow and we cancelled swimming for today.

A huge thank you to our wonderful swimming teachers - Sharon, Kel, Jane and Lauren

Students enjoying their last swim at the pool.

Year 6 students are looking more grown up and are definitely working hard in their new green shirts!
**MT BEAUTY PRIMARY SCHOOL RADIO PRESENTER’S COURSE**

Year 5 & 6 students have been offered the chance to be involved in a radio presenter’s course run by Grahame Hutchings who is part of our support staff. The programme will operate each Thursday morning from 9.30am to 10.30am for the year. Students will learn skills that will lead to an in-school radio show and eventually live broadcasting on community radio stations. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students and we thank Grahame for volunteering his time and energy.

Congratulations to the following students who volunteered and were selected to take part in the programme:
Year 6: Millie, Brit McD, Frey, Zoe, Maddi, James, Jarrah, Tyra, Breanna, Tyrone, Holly
Year 5: Tawhiti, Jess, Rose, Jasper, Annabelle, Clare, Tarita, Taya, Josh S, Eleanor, Ryan

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**Specialist and Library Timetable 2012**

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Students have been studying ‘Water’. They have researched fresh water environments and visited Wonga Wetlands. Last week they went to our local Visitors’ Centre to listen to Bill Sutton explain the Kiewa Hydro Scheme and provide them with some local history. Yesterday, Diane Doyle from NERWA presented a talk on our local water supply and ways to care for our waterways. For the next few weeks students will be completing a project on marine life, in preparation for the Wilson’s Promontory camp in March. The excitement is building at the prospects of beach activities, pirate feasts and a camp concert. On Wednesday 21st March the ‘WP Beach Olympics’ will be held in conjunction with Harmony Day. Remember to pack something orange in your camp bags. On Wednesday 7th March Elaine Lack, from the Australian Electoral Commission, will attend our classroom and assist with the SRC elections and inform our students of the Federal and State electoral processes. The children have also been learning about animal adaptations. Part of this involved a technology task requiring the design and construction of an animal that had adapted to a specific environment. There were some very interesting creatures and well thought out explanations for the particular adaptations that allowed survival of the species.

Breanna’s well-designed and replicated creature and Tarita’s Frogapus with its baby.

Jay’s deep sea creature and Ryan’s huge narwhal like animal.

Travis and Diane from NE Water testing the flocculation of our local water.
MOUNTAIN BIKING WEEKEND
SAT & SUN 10 & 11TH MARCH
BILLS HILL MTB PARK
This is a weekend designed for novices on a mountain bike. No matter your size, shape, fitness level or bike, come along and enjoy!
Saturday 10th March: Women at 10.00am, kids (aged 4—18) at 11.30am.
BYO MTB, good mood, doubts and $5.00 with proceeds to go to hospital fundraiser.
Sunday 11th March will be a junior girls and boys event under several different categories. 10am start $10.00 entry, prizes and a course where you can see the cherubs most of the way around.
Any queries please phone Lauren 0418 371715.
See you on the weekend!