

## NEWSLETTER 22 October 2024

### Dates for your Diary

OCT	Wed	23	Foundation Transition	Thu	24	Music
	Fri	25	Italian	Tue	29	Blue Earth
	Tue	29	<b>GRANDPARENTS DAY</b>	Thu	31	Music
NOV	Fri	1	Italian	Mon	4	Art
	Tue	5	<b>PUBLIC HOLIDAY</b>	Thu	7	Music
	Fri	8	Italian	Tue	12	Blue Earth
	Wed	13	Transition Day	Wed	13	Library
	Thu	14	Music	Fri	14	Italian
	Mon	18	Art	Tue	19	Cooking
	W-T	20-22	Echuca Camp			

Dear Parents,

Can you please note the following:

#### Student of the Week

Our congratulations to the following students who have recently received a Student of the Week award:

Kara - application to her work

Elsie - inclusiveness



#### Welcome

We are thrilled to announce that we have secured a new Business Manager ..... one that you may already know ..... or that you may have spotted lurking around the classrooms - Michelle. For the remainder of this year Michelle will be working 3 days a week in the office starting early next month, and then next year we are hoping to employ her fulltime - office (4 days) and wellbeing (1day). We are very pleased to have her on board.

#### Art Smocks

Just a reminder that we are asking that you provide us with an old shirt (ideally long sleeved) that would be suitable for each of your children to use as an art smock. We want to protect their clothes as much as possible.

#### Grandparents Day

Hopefully all our Grandparents have received their invitation to our Grandparents Day on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October. Please RSVP by Friday this week. What better way to start the day than with a session of Blue Earth! (Need to burn off some calories before morning tea!) This will be followed by some time in the classrooms with their grandchildren. Then after morning tea our Grade 6's will be running a couple of fun games for everyone to enjoy. I anticipate we will finish around 12:30pm, but



grandparents are welcome to stay on if they wish.

### **Transition**

We had the majority of our 2025 Foundation students here last week for the first of their transition days. It was lovely to have them here as they become familiar with the school and our students. We looking forward to seeing them all again tomorrow.

### **Remembrance Day Service**

Our senior students are preparing to conduct our annual Remembrance Day service. Everyone is invited to join us – Monday 11 November at 10:30am. More information closer to the time.



### **Public Holiday**

A reminder that there will be no school on Tuesday 5 November as it is a Public Holiday for the Melbourne Cup.

### **Echuca Camp**

Plans are well under way for our whole school camp to Echuca. Some preliminary details were sent to you last week, and some more will be coming out very soon. A packed three days has been planned and it is an expectation that all children will attend. Camps provide students with many learning opportunities as well as lots of opportunities to learn/practice social skills.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.



### **Attendance**

Coming to school every day is crucial for our students' growth, learning, and overall development.

Why is Attendance Important?

1. Learning Continuity: Each day in the classroom builds on the last. When students miss school, they can fall behind, missing out on important lessons and experiences that help them understand new concepts.
2. Social Connections: School is not just about academics; it's also about friendships. Regular attendance helps students form and maintain relationships with their peers, which is vital for social skills and emotional well-being.
3. Establishing Routines: Consistent attendance helps children develop good habits and routines. These skills are not only important in school but also in life.
4. Academic Performance: Studies show that students who attend school regularly tend to perform better academically. They have more opportunities to participate in class discussions, ask questions, and engage with their teachers.
5. Building Responsibility: Attending school regularly helps students learn the value of commitment and responsibility, traits that will serve them well in their future endeavours.

How Can We Support Attendance?

As a community, we can encourage regular attendance by creating a supportive environment at home and in school. Here are a few tips:

- Set a consistent bedtime to ensure students are well-rested.
- Create a morning routine that makes getting ready for school enjoyable.

- Talk to your child about the importance of being present and engaged in their education.
- If your child is struggling with attending school, reach out for support. We're here to help!

### **Congratulations**

Congratulations to Tom for achieving an absolutely amazing result at the District Sports last Friday in Albury. Tom came third in the 800m run for his age group which was terrific. Unfortunately for Tom, only first and second get to go to State level. Maybe next year Tom! Nonetheless we're all very very very proud of your efforts.

### **And finally...**

After quite some time (and I'm talking years) we finally got access to our new

toilets today. We had some very excited students here this afternoon - none more so than Lewis who has been scrutinising the build for several months. So who better than him to be the inaugural user!



Thank you

Howard Gibson  
Principal