Principal’s News
Welcome back to our final term for 2016. We hope you enjoyed the break from the school routine and were able to spend some fun and relaxing times with your family.

Over the holidays we have had a few jobs done. Thanks to Louise Perrett, the Pendrick family and the Mens’ Shed crew for the construction of a second section of a post and rail fence near the (almost complete) lizard lounge and garden. It really adds atmosphere to that section of the garden.

We have also had the plumbers in replacing the old guttering on the Kitchen/Artroom building. They have done a great job and the matching colour really adds to the overall appearance.

We have begun the process of placing sliding doors in the 4/5 and 5/6 classrooms. These glass doors will still leave us with an open feeling but will help create a quiet working environment for those times when other classes are using the gallery or the library. We’ll post some photos when all is completed.

There are quite a few extra notes with this week’s newsletter. One of the notes outlines the new Super Learners’ Club which begins next Tuesday after school. All the details are included in the note but in short there is an open invitation for any student in years 3-6 who would like to use the computers or internet to complete homework or projects or for anyone who would like a challenge to their learning or some support in areas currently focussed on in class. It is not free time on the computers or meant as a punishment and students who stay are expected to be working and interested in being there. A teacher will be on hand to help with any questions and provide support. A permission form is required and is attached to the more detailed note.

Students in years 3-6 will be bringing home all the permission and agreement forms for the Coolamatong and Karoonda Park camps. These forms need to be returned by Friday 28 October. Thank you to those who have paid or are completing payments for the camps. Final payments are due Friday 7 October for the 3/4 camp and Friday 21 October for the 5/6 camp. Thank you to all those who offered to be a camp helper. After a lucky draw following people have been randomly selected:

Grade 3/4 Coolamatong Camp: David Higgins and Darren Peverill
Grade 5/6 Karoonda Park Camp: Paul Harrap and Graeme Short

Sent home today with Stratchat
- Term 4 planner
- Super Learners’ Club information and permission form
- Term 4 Phys Ed update
- 2/3 Kilmany Transfer excursion note
- 3/4 & 5/6 Camp notices
  ~ Permission form
  ~ Medical Form
  ~ Itinerary and clothing list
  ~ Parent & Student agreements
We are very pleased to welcome back Mrs Kate O'Toole for the term. Kate will be working with all the students on Thursdays. She has included a letter with this newsletter outlining what she will be doing throughout the term.

The new term planner is also with this newsletter. I will pin it to the School Facebook page as well. The dates have been entered in the diary section of the newsletter and this will have any additions or changes should they arise.

As part of our focus on helping our students develop a growth mindset towards learning, in persevering with challenges and being proud of their growth in understanding and skills we viewed this great clip at assembly. You may like to have a look:  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IocLkk3aYlk

Have a great week.

**Prep 2017 Transition Dates for term 4**
Tuesday 15, 22 & 29 Nov 9-12pm
Tuesday 6 Dec 9-3.30pm

**Values & Attitudes Program**
This term we will be focusing on our school values with each class investigating and exploring over a two week period to find what each means and looks like. Our first focus is on ACCEPTANCE. Some (only a few) of the types of behaviours we might see are:

Including others
Allowing others to learn
Treating others safely
Following instructions
Allowing others to have different opinions
Finding positive ways to deal with situations/activities that may not be exactly as you like it
Getting in and helping with classroom responsibilities without complaining
Completing homework and projects.
Doing home chores without pretending to forget or whinging!
Feel free to link this focus into what is happening at home: the more situations to be able to show acceptance the better.
**Footy Colours Day** directly supports Fight Cancer Foundation’s education support program, which works with major paediatric hospitals to keep kids with cancer engaged with their education. We raised $60 towards a worthy cause on our last day of term 3.

**Reminder**

3/4 Camp Payment was due Friday 7 October
5/6 final camp payment is due Friday 21 October

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**Regional Athletics**

We have five students who will travel with their parents to Newborough next Tuesday 11th October to compete at the Gippsland Regional Athletics Championships. We wish Alyssa, Mangi, Harry, Madi and Laura lots of luck and congratulate them for their wonderful achievements.

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**Acrostic Poetry**

The students in grades 4, 5 & 6 have been studying Acrostic Poems this week. Here are some of the poems they have created.

**Lauren**

Laughs a lot
Awesome
Unique
Respectful
Encouraging
Neat

**Ryleigh**

Respectable
Youthful
Legend!
Incredible
Entertaining

**Mootilda—Riley’s cow**

Milky
Original
Outdoors
Tan
Important
Loving
Detectable
Amazing

**Horse—by Bridget**

Horse
Shows
Obeying
Rising trot
Saddle
Equestrian
Stirrups

**Stratford—by Rylie**

Scenic
Traffic
Respectful
Avon
Terrific
Fantastic
Original
Random
Different
CREATE POSITIVE AQUATIC BEGINNINGS
BECOME A TEACHER FOR INFANTS

Train as an AUSTSWIM Teacher of Infants and Preschool Aquatic - gaining knowledge and skill for aquatic development in children 6 months to 4 years old.

**COURSE INFO**

**VENUE:** Kemp Aquaticcs  
69 McLean Street, VIC 3990

**DATE & TIME:** Sunday October 18th, 2016, 8.00am-8.00pm

**COST:** $250.00

For more information contact: AUSTSWIM Victoria Business Centre  
PHONE: 1300 885 885 or (03) 6973 4495  
EMAIL: victoria@australianaustswims.com.au

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**HEART MORASS COMMUNITY RESTORATION PROJECT OPEN DAY**

**DATE:** Saturday 9th October 2016  
10.00am-3.30pm

**LOCATION:** Swing Bridge Drive (Site Side)  
(Follow the trail along the Latrobe River)

**Timetable of Events**

10.00am - Gate Open
10.30am - BUS TOUR - 10 Year Heart Morass Restoration Tour (45 min)
11.00am - Unveiling of the St Thomas PS Big Picture with Polyanier
11.15am - Dog pond revegetation demonstration
11.30am - BUS TOUR - BIRD tour for the whole family (45 min)
12.15pm - BUS TOUR - 10 Year Heart Morass Restoration Tour (45 min)
12.30pm - Guest Speaker: John Caldon (Bug Blitz) - Environmental Education
1.00pm - OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE DAY & WELCOME SPEECHES
1.30PM - Gate Close

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**T20 Cricket**

**Practice starts Wed. 12th of October**

5pm—6pm at the Stratford Footy Oval.

Open to all kids aged 7 years +

For more info see Neil Tatterson at the newsagency.

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**There’s more to explore at the Canyon of Savings.**

Congratulations to all School Banking participants who have qualified for this year’s Prize Pool. All Prize winners will be announced on Wednesday 19th October. The Prize Pool winners will be posted on this newsletter and the School Banking newsletter.

Please remember that the prize pool is not available to every child. Only those who have earned prize pool money are eligible to win.

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**MAFFRA MILE & Children’s 100m Foot Races**

**Saturday 22 October 2016**

Maffra Show Night Carnival  
Mclean Street, Maffra

**Maffra Mile**  
Men & Women Open $10-100m  
Primary School $2-

**Prizes:**

Maffra Mile Men & Women 1st $400, 2nd $200, 3rd $50 & Medals
Children’s 100m Boys & Girls Medals 1st, 2nd, 3rd

**Registration form available:** [www.maffrashow.org.au](http://www.maffrashow.org.au)

**Wellington Athletic Club Facebook**  
Newry General Store Ph:5143359

Register by the 7th October, 2016. No late entries, fields are not full.