The countdown is on for our excursion to The Lion King. We see this, as a great learning opportunity for all students to experience a live performance at a Melbourne Theatre, one no other school in the state does. This excursion is heavily subsidised $30 per student by the Parent & Friends Association (PFA), who we thank again for helping us run such an amazing learning experiences for our students. The total cost per student this year is $90.00 which includes the ticket, bus and dinner on the way home. More information will come home next week for parents about departure times etc.

The Tiqbiz phone App has been in use as a messaging system and communication platform here at school now for close to 2 years. Things like our newsletter, quick messages and notes have helped keep all parents up to date and informed.

We will be increasing our use and functionally of Tiqbiz as the year progresses. You may have noticed in the update there are some new features like absences and calendar. It is now a must that all parents have Tiqbiz in use on their phones and linked to your child specific classroom. Paper copies of notes and newsletters will no longer be sent home. All communication will come via Tiqbiz. If you need help or have any questions please let us know.

Our 8 day Swimming Program this year commences on Monday September 7th at the Warmambool College pool, with all students participating under the tuition of Jayson Lamb and his instructors. A special timetable will operate at school during swimming, lunch times will vary in all grades, with no heat ups or lunch orders during these 2 weeks. Parent Information will go home closer to the program.

Following the school and your child’s class tweets is a great way to see their learning in action. We are tweeting the amazing work they are doing day in day out. Why not set up an account and follow @woolsthorpeps

Could all Ground Force members remember to bring some gumboots or suitable footwear as the grounds are very wet and muddy. Thank you.

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KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM
Could parents who can spare time on Tuesday mornings to help out with our Kitchen Garden Program please leave their name with Suzi at the office. Thank you to all of our parents who have already put their name down.

WE STILL NEED 1 COORDINATORS AND 8 VOLUNTEERS.

11th AUG - Grade 1/2
COORDINATOR ELISSA TAYLOR
Tory Robinson
Chris Conway
VACANT
VACANT

18th AUG - Grade 2/3
COORDINATOR VACANT
VACANT
VACANT
VACANT

25/8 AUG - Grade 4
COORDINATOR SUE ELLEN WEIS
Elissa Taylor
Megan Knights
VACANT
VACANT

18th AUG - Grade Prep & 5/6
COORDINATOR TORY ROBINSON

Please note we have two classes combined on the 1st September - a great opportunity for the older students to work with our younger grades so we will not need any Parent Volunteers for this class.

TERM 3 DISCO
Friday 4th September
WILD THEME
The Parents & Friends Association are inviting you all....
Keep an eye on this space for more details

HEAT UPS

SEPTEMBER
3rd VACANT
10th Swimming Program

Please remember to send along a FORK IF NEEDED!
The Heat Up Roster will be sent out a Tiqbiz in the future and reminders on our Facebook Page!

IMPORTANT DATES

August
Tuesday 11th Kitchen Garden Program - Grade 1/2
Friday 14th Grade P-3 Brauer "Little Mermaid" Performance - 10am
Leila Rose Foundation Free Dress
PINK DAY!

Tuesday 18th Kitchen Garden Program - Grade 2/3
School Council

Monday 24th - Fri 28th BOOK WEEK - Books Light Up Our World
Tuesday 25th Kitchen Garden Program - Grade 4
Thursday 27th Playgroup with the Grade 5/6's
Friday 28th Principals Day 2015

Coming Up In September....

Mon 31st Aug - Fri 4th Sep LITERACY & NUMERACY WEEK
Tuesday 1st Kitchen Garden Program - Gr P/1 & Gr 5/6
Friday 4th PFA Father’s Day Stall
School Disco - Wild Theme

Wednesday 2nd LION KING Performance
Mon 7th - Wed 16th Swimming Program
Thursday 17th Parent Teacher Conference Day
Friday 18th Last Day of Term 3
Footy Colours Day

Happy Birthday
PHOEBE MCKENZIE
9TH AUGUST
ASHLEY KEEN
10TH AUGUST
Respect Excellence Teamwork Care
Thank you all so much for your support with the “Talk Homework” for our first BIG WRITE session last week. All of the children from Grades Prep - Six did an amazing job and it was wonderful to see all of the children working so hard on their writing.

On the day after the BIG WRITE, the children worked with their teachers to self assess their own writing, concentrating on how they think they used the four elements of VCOP: Vocabulary (WOW words), Connectives (words that join 2 sentences/ideas together), Openers (how they started their sentences) and Punctuation. From this self-assessment, the children have now set themselves goals that they feel they need to work on to continue to improve the content and quality of their writing.

I cannot stress enough how important talking with your child is in regards to developing their language skills. Research shows that children need to gain confidence in using vocabulary orally before they will use it accurately in writing. In other words, if they can use it confidently in speech, then they will use it confidently in writing. This is why the main idea behind BIG WRITE is ‘that if the children can’t say it, they can’t write it.’ We will now have a whole school BIG WRITE session every fortnight for the remainder of this term with the ‘Talk Homework’ being sent home with the children two days before their BIG WRITE.

When talking with your children in everyday conversations and during their ‘Talk Homework’ it’s important to listen for correct pronunciation and grammar. A lot of children of primary school age tend to make common grammatical mistakes in their everyday speech such as ‘runned’ for ‘ran’, ‘brang’ for ‘brought’, ‘bet’ for ‘beat’, etc…. and the best way to help them correct these errors is to repeat what they have said using the correct grammar. For example, if your child says ‘I just bet Mr Boyd when we were playing UNO,’ you could repeat “Well done - you beat Mr Boyd in UNO. How much did you beat him by?” Children don’t tend to respond too well to constantly being told ‘Don’t say bet - say beat’ but will more likely respond to hearing correct grammar especially if you put emphasis on the tricky words when repeating what they have told you.

The ‘Talk Homework’ for BIG WRITE is a perfect opportunity to help develop your child’s oral language skills which they can then transfer to their writing. ‘Talk Homework’ for BIG WRITE is a chance to:

- help your child to think through and discuss initial ideas in order to develop the thought process
- engage your child in purposeful talk
- ask you child for their opinions
- show that it is fine to have different views or opinion
- encourage the use of correct grammar when speaking
- develop your child’s vocabulary through the use of WOW words (instead of describing something as ‘big’ - discuss words that are more powerful and interesting such as ‘humungous’, ‘gigantic’ or ‘enormous’

Thank you again for your support.

Kim Austen
**HOW THE ARMADILLO GOT HIS ARMOUR**
By Drew Bunt
**GRADE THREE**
One day an armadillo was looking for some grubs. Armadillo rolled over a log. It rolled down a hill and over Cougar. That made Cougar mad. Cougar chased Armadillo off a cliff and into a deep river. Armadillo swam out thinking he was safe. An eagle came out of the sky and snatched Armadillo. Armadillo struggled to get free. Eagle dropped Armadillo and he plunged into a rock. He tried and tried until he got up. He didn’t know he was actually in a wolves den. Armadillo could curl into a ball. The wolves collided together and Armadillo rolled away. He had armour. No animal can eat him. He can be safe forever.

**HOW THE BABOON GOT A RED BUM**
By Makani Gladman
**GRADE FOUR**
It was a very hot day and all the animals were laying around under the willow tree, all except the baboon. He was jumping around trying to wake up everyone. All the animals were saying, “Stop! We’re trying to sleep!” But he didn’t listen. All the animals kept screaming and yelling so he walked away and sat on a rock and sobbed. He sat there for a long time but suddenly he smelt something burning. Oh no! It was his bum. He started screaming and yelling, “My butt’s on fire!” Everyone woke up to see that the baboons butt was on fire. All the animals ran around like crazy to find a puddle but they couldn’t. All of a sudden it started raining and it put out the fire on baboon’s bum. “Phew,” said baboon. The animals started laughing because he had a red bum!

**HOW THE SAUSAGE DOG GOT A LONG BODY**
By Shakaya McCrae-Wilson
**GRADE SIX**
The sun was shining, the birds were singing and outside was calm and cool. Then inside was Silly the sausage dog snoring away in her bed. Silly was an inside dog who only went outside to go to the toilet. She is a quiet and crazy sort of dog who only barked when something was wrong. Silly had been sleeping for a few hours now and she started to twitch and turn. She was getting restless. Suddenly she jumped up and ran to the back door of the house and rushed through her doggy flap. Silly was the only dog that her owners had but she didn’t get lonely. Silly was short and thin so she was the size of a big hand. She was only 2 years old so she had a bit of growing to do.

As she pushed her way through the flap her tail got caught between the flap and the bottom of the door. “OH NO!” Silly said with fright. She didn’t know what to do. So instead of barking she pulled and pulled until she was making scratch marks on the concrete on the other side of the door. Now she really needed to go to the toilet.

She told herself, “Pull, Pull,” but nothing happened. She was going absolutely nowhere. She was getting frustrated now. She told herself, “I’ve got to get out of this damn flap”. So again she pulled the hardest she could and with one mighty pull she started to stretch longer and longer. The more she pulled the longer she got. Then she pulled so hard that her tail slipped out of the flap.

She was busting for the toilet now. So after she freed herself she ran to the patch of grass and ... I can’t tell you the next thing that happened but after that business she turned her head to her long body that was short and said, “OH MY! I quiet like this new style,” she told herself. After that she stayed outside and didn’t go back through the flap because she didn’t want to go through the tremendous and frightening experience that gave her her new look.
If you have anything that you would like included in our school newsletter please forward them to Tracey at ttaylor2601@gmail.com by Wednesday at 11am

Help!
We need all families to have a look at home and return any OVERDUE Library Books, now that our Borrowing System is working we need to chase up missing books. Thank You.

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