Respect Excellence Teamwork Care

August 30th 2012

Principal’s Report

The AEU Victoria Stop Work on Wednesday September 5 is in support of the Australian Education Union Victoria’s plans to seek an agreement with the current Liberal Government around working conditions and pay for teachers, support staff and principals. The stop-work aims to bring about negotiations and follow through with commitments made by the current Liberal government. This is a historic stop-work day because for the first time school support staff in schools will be stopping work also. *Due to the AEU stop work the following classes will NOT be running next Wednesday September 5- Grade 1, Grade 4/5 and Grade 5/6.

Background to agreement campaign (copied from the AEU website) currently negotiations over a new Schools Agreement for teachers, education support staff and principals have broken down. The Government is refusing to budge on issues of pay, working conditions, class sizes, workload or the high level of contract employment. Not only that, the Government is proposing a system of payment-by-results which would divide teachers and set principals against staff. Performance pay — which has repeatedly failed around the world — would shatter the spirit of collegiality and collaboration that are essential to education. Victoria remains the lowest-funded state per student and Baillieu’s cuts to education services and freeze on capital are ripping more than $2 billion out of the system. Victorian teachers, support staff and principals need your support. They want to negotiate a new agreement which keeps the best quality teachers in our classrooms. As parents you can show your support here- http://myschoolneeds.com.au/eba-action

Our Swimming Program commences Monday September 10th at the Warrnambool College pool, with all students participating under the tuition of Jayson Lamb and his instructors. A special timetable will operate at school for the last two weeks of term. Lunch times will vary in all grades, with no heat ups or lunch orders in the last 2 weeks. Information and permission forms went home Wednesday please return these ASAP.

On Monday and Tuesday we have been invited to present at the Country Education Conference in Melbourne about our iPreps Project. Miss Daly and I will be sharing what our school has been doing with iPads to support learning and teaching. Principals and Teachers from Victorian country schools will be in attendance.

Camp Information for term 4
Camp Cost Saving - Due to some further negotiations we are please to let you know that the 4/5/6 camp costs are now $200.00 not $220.00. This is mainly due to our savings with the bus this year and the great price Warrnambool Bus Lines have given us. The Grade 4/5/6 camp this year is to Cape Bridgewater on November 5th/6th/7th. Payments can now be made. Speak to Jodie about options on making payments.

Our Grade 2/3 overnight camp has been confirmed. This year it is in Warrnambool on November 22nd. The camp is adventure-based with beach activities, mini golf and adventure games to name just a few. The cost for this camp will be $55.00 which includes; bus, accommodation, all activities and meals. Payments can now be made. Speak to Jodie about options on making payments.

Reminders
Toys & Things- please do not send items such as toys, sports equipment, games, dolls etc. to school with children. We cannot be responsible for items if they are lost or broken.

Parent/Teacher Conferences- Information has gone home about this. The Parent/Teacher Conference is an opportunity to have a conversation about your child’s strengths, interests and focuses for improvement. The appointments are optional and may not be needed by all parents. This is a new initiative and an opportunity we believe to be clear on how we work together to support your child’s learning and development.

Mr Perry

**Important Dates To Remember....**

- **Friday August 31st**: Fathers’ Day Stall
- **Monday September 10th-21st**: Swimming Program
- **Tuesday September 4th**: Kitchen Garden Program Grade 5/6
- **Wednesday September 5th**: Stop Work Action (No Grades 1, 4/5 & 5/6)
- **Friday September 7th**: Disco 6.30-7.30 p.m.
- **Tuesday September 4th**: School Council
- **Wednesday September 5th**: Speech Night
- **Friday September 7th**: Last day of Term 3
- **Monday November 5-7th**: Grade 4/5/6 Camp

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**KITCHEN GARDEN PROGRAM**

- **Tuesday 4th September**
  - Co-Ordinator: Debbie Buckle
  - Parent Helpers: Jenny Clarke, Kelvin Bunt, Rosie Richardson
  - 1 Helper still needed

- **FATHERS’ DAY STALL**
  - The Fathers Day Stall will be held tomorrow (Friday 31st August) at 10 a.m.
  - Please remember to send along $3 per child so that every child can purchase a Fathers’ Day gift.
  - Thank you very much to our wonderful PFA Ladies for once again organising and running this stall.

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**WHAT’S ON NEXT WEEK?**

- **Playgroup Craft**
  - Time: 10 am-12 noon
  - Bring: Piece of fruit and a plate of morning tea to share
  - Where: WPS Multipurpose Room
  - Cost: $3 per family.
  - Any questions: Tory Robinson 5569 2496

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**CONGRATULATIONS ALL AROUND!!**

Congratulations to **Baillie Keast** on winning the Graham Henty-Anderson Award. Out of the Wannon Zone Pony Clubs Baillie won the most Showjumping competitions for the 2011/2012 Year to take out the Award. Well Done Baillie!

Congratulations also to **Dave Stevens, Alex Robinson and Suzi Ireland** for their great efforts in completing the 21.1km Koroit-Warrnambool Half Marathon last weekend. All three finished in just over 2 hrs and were still capable of smiling :)

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If you have any items you wish to have in the Newsletter, please send them through to Suzi’s email (ireland.susan.s1@edumail.vic.gov.au) or contact Suzi at school.

ALL ITEMS NEED TO BE IN BY WEDNESDAY LUNCHTIME PLEASE.