NEWSLETTER – Thursday February 25th 2016

Dates to Remember
Swimming/Gym
Monday 29th February – Friday 11th March
MARC Van
Wednesday 24th March
Labour Day Holiday – No School
Monday 14th March
Group Day – Moyston
Friday 18th March
MARC Van
Wednesday 23rd March
Last Day of Term
Thursday 24th March

Nut Free School
Please remember that we are a **Nut Free School**.

Students of the Week
Congratulations to Emmett Tiley and Matty Rossi for being “Students of the Week”. Matty has been working hard in Maths and has been enthusiastic in class. Emmett received his award for being Mrs Peacock’s little Maths professor!
**Principals Report**

It was wonderful to see so many families attend our Welcome Family BBQ last Thursday. A casual atmosphere enabled a lot of people to catch up and I got to meet some new parents also. Thank you to everyone attended and helped out, especially Sally Peacock who did a lot of pre-organisation.

We have had a fantastic response to our School Council Elections with 6 people nominating for 4 vacancies. Therefore we will now go to a ballot. Ballot forms and 2 envelopes are attached to the newsletter. Every parent has the opportunity to vote once. On the ballot paper, please place a mark (tick or cross) next to the names of up to 4 people that you wish to select. Then place the ballot paper inside a blank envelope and seal it. Then place the blank envelope (with ballot paper inside) in the other envelope, seal that and write your full name and address on the back of the envelope. This then needs to be either placed in the ballot box at the office or posted to the school. **All ballots must reach the school by 4pm Tuesday 8th March 2016.** If you have any questions please see Kate or Marcus at the office.

Last Friday we had our first Group Day for the year at Maroona PS. The Grade 5 and 6s had a session on Drug Education, which was a DEET authorised program by Dawn Stark. While this was going on the rest of the students investigated the surrounds of Maroona including the railway station. After this we participated in a range of activities including bowls and fitness activities. It was a great day!

A reminder that Swim/Gym starts on Monday. We aim to leave school at about 11:20am and return to school at 2:45pm. We do have some spare seats on the bus, so if you would like to come and watch on any day, please see Sally or Marcus.

I wish everyone a good week.

Marcus Murrell

**School Captains**

Congratulations to Mitchell and Fyn who are our School Captains for 2016!
Grade 3-6

This week Grade 3-6 have working on our topic “Our Place in Space.” We have looked at the eight planets and completed some internet research comparing these. We have also kept up-to-date with current affairs through watching “Behind the News.” This is a wonderful program that aims to inform children about local and world issues in an easy way. In Maths we have looked at addition, subtraction and place value. Since the weather has been great, students have had a wonderful time playing in the yard!

F – 2 Grade

We have been discussing our favourite places this week in Geography.

My favourite place……..

- is the toilet because Rusty can’t find me there (Lainey).
- is the beach because we always go there and we always swim (Olivia).
- is Moama on the Murray and it is my favourite place because it has two swimming pools (Ivy).
- is the holiday house because there is a jumping pillow (Kiah).
- is the boat (Rusty).
- is the beach (Parker).
Cricket/Athletics Training

This week will be the last cricket training for the season. It has been great to see the amount of children participating. Brett Chamings (Will’s dad), has offered to train the children at the cricket oval on Thursday, from 4pm – 5pm for our school athletics. The training is open to all students. Please let the school know if your child/ren will be participating. A huge thank you to Brett for donating his time.

Sandpit box

Some of the students began painting our sandpit box this week. Our box was built using funds raised from the election cake stall last year. It is looking great and will be a nice and bright addition to the school grounds.

Science

A yellow coloured note was sent home on Tuesday 16th February requesting that each P-2 child bring a copy of a baby photo along to school for us to compare and contrast in order to see how we’ve grown and changed over time. If we could also have everyone’s birth stats (weight in kg, length in cm and head circumference in cm) that would be fantastic! We can measure ourselves now and see exactly how much we have grown over the years. Please only send in copies of photos rather than precious originals, just in case there is a run-in with a leaky drink bottle in the school bag! If we could have all photos and measurement details back by the 1st of March it would be much appreciated, and we’ll be on schedule and ready to go on with our next stage of learning for the unit.
French News.

We are planning a French day for next term. We will have a variety of activities suited to multi-age groups. The children are starting to plan for this day. More information will be available later.

Notes

Attached to this newsletter is a request for immunation records as instructed by the Education Department. Please read the information provided and return the records to school.
Eighty Mile Paddock to Plate Lunch

All produce locally sourced within 80 miles of Buangor prepared beautifully by Paula Symons

Cobb and Co, Buangor Sunday Feb 28

$65 per person drinks included
@ bar prices bookings essential call 0429 236 528