



Upcoming Dates

JULY	Friday 29th	Prep/1/2/3 Excursion to Halls Gap
AUG	Monday 1st	School Production Performance @ St. Patricks - 9.15am
	Thursday 4th	Hockey 7s @ Dimboola
	Friday 5th	Athletics Carnival
	Monday 8th	School Photos
	Tuesday 16th	Kinder Visit 10.45am - 11.45pm
	Monday 22nd-26th	Book Week/ Book Fair
	Friday 19th	Pupil Free Day

From the Principal

Today our senior students participated in their annual sheep bagging exercise to raise money for the Maw Par Koh orphanage in Myanmar. The students will be selling the sheep manure to the community for a cost of \$3.00. Pre orders will be accepted and there is free local delivery for any orders of 10+ bags. Once again, we acknowledge the very generous support of Terry, Lois and Murray Miller for allowing our students to use their woolshed.

Tomorrow our junior students will be travelling to Halls Gap and learning about the Indigenous Culture through a guided tour of the award winning Brambuk Aboriginal Cultural Centre. They will also participate in a didgeridoo workshop and learn about traditional tools and implements used to gather food. The Victorian Curriculum includes opportunities for students to learn about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander histories and cultures. The knowledge and skills that students are expected to develop helps them to understand the uniqueness of these cultures.

This term we have some staffing changes where we say a sad farewell to Jessica and Michaela. Due to family circumstances, Mrs Jessica Ebbs has resigned from her position as classroom teacher in order to prepare her family for a new pastoral position in Adelaide. We are extremely grateful for all that Jessica has done for our school over the years. Jessica has always worked tirelessly to ensure that an exceptional level of education has been provided in the key Foundation Years. We wish Jessica and her family God's blessings as they prepare for their move. We are very blessed to have Mrs Erin Alexander and Mrs Megan Reichenbach who will continue to provide the excellent education in Foundation/Year 1 for the remainder of the year. We also say farewell to Mrs Michaela Koop who has resigned from her position as Office Administrator. We thank Michaela for all her hard work, dedication and skills which have also blessed our school. Miss Brittany Keller will remain as Office Administrator. We will officially farewell Jessica and Michaela at the end of year Graduation Service. We will miss Jessica and Michaela and thank them both for their many fine contributions to the school community.

Yours with Christ,
Tara Pritchard

Devotional Thought

WHERE ARE YOUR RICHES?

The website Greek Reporter.com tells how a 90-year-old man from a village in southern Greece was buried with his favourite pillow—which contained 300,000 euros. He had sensed that his time to die was drawing near so he told his wife that when his time came, he wanted to take his pillow with him to his last “residence.”

When the man did die his wife granted him his wish to be buried with the pillow, which happened in a ceremony at the village cemetery in the presence of relatives and friends. Later, when his unsuspecting wife went to the bank for a withdrawal, she was informed that the account was empty and that the deceased had withdrawn all the funds some time ago. The woman searched in the house but she could not find the money. Then she remembered the last wish of her late husband to be buried with his favourite pillow. She went to the authorities and asked for permission to exhume the body of her husband. When the permission was granted and the coffin was opened, the woman found the 300,000 euros inside the pillow.

It seems that the man did not believe in the old saying that “You can’t take it [your wealth] with you after you die”! You’ve probably heard this expression or even used it yourself. It comes from the Bible—Psalm 49:17. This is probably the Bible verse that Jesus has in mind when he tells the parable in Sunday’s Gospel from Luke 12:13-21:

“The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’ Jesus continued: “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

This parable illustrates the peril of neglecting God. Riches are not wrong in themselves, nor is working honestly to save in order to provide for our families. But when all we do in life is to work for accumulate wealth and possessions, we become enslaved to them, working harder and harder, and forgetting God, the giver of all we have.

We forget our frailty and dependency on him to provide for us. Our focus becomes centred on material things and we forget that God must be central in our life, and resting in his word in worship. When we are faced with God’s judgment on the day Jesus will return, our riches will be futile, just as Jesus says: “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

But thank God that he did not build bigger and bigger barns. He did not hoard up riches for himself, but he lavished his riches them out on the world in the person of Christ—forgiveness, life, salvation, divine peace and blessing—for you, through faith in God’s promise. The poorest person on earth who recognises their spiritual poverty before God, and so their need for Jesus, is richer than all the world’s billionaires combined, for they already have riches in heaven.

Pastor Tim

Sponsorship Child

Our total funds raised so far is \$291.70. We appreciate your help!

Prayer of the Week

Each week we pray for someone in our School Community. This week we pray for.....

- ◆ Alison Miller and her family

Worship News

Please see below for this week’s church service times;

Nhill: 11am

Woorak: 9am

Church Office: 5391 1223



Chapel



Due to the Prep/1/2/3 excursion on tomorrow, this week there will be no Chapel.

School Event News

School Photos

Just a reminder about School Photos which are happening on Monday 8th August. To ensure your child doesn't miss out on them, please return the order form sent home last week, **as soon as possible**. If you have lost the order form, please see the front office for a new envelope. If you would like to have family photos you will also need to see Miss Keller at the office, to get special order form.

Reading Challenge

A reminder to students who registered to participate in the Premier's Reading Challenge to continue making a list of the books they have read, and strive to achieve the challenge. A list of the challenge books can be found at <http://www.education.vic.gov.au/about/events/prc/Pages/booklist.aspx>.

CHALK & Parent Direct Fundraising

In Term 3 each year the School receives fundraising catalogues from companies that we purchase supplies from. The catalogues have been sent home this week and contain various different learning and fun toys that are a great idea for Christmas or Birthday presents. Parents have the opportunity to purchase the products by filling out the order form and returning it to the School. If you have any questions or require extra catalogues for family or friends, please see Miss Keller. Twenty cents of every dollar you spend will be donated back to our School to spend on educational resources.



Assembly

Due to the Prep/1/2/3 Excursion happening tomorrow there will also be **no assembly** in the afternoon.

Book Fair

This year the School will again be holding the Book Fair. The Book Fair will run from Monday 22nd August - Friday 26th August and will be open daily from 8.30am-4pm.

Uniform

There is a Size 4 new school jumper in the front office that has been picked up, and is unnamed. We ask that everyone please names their uniform. Ayesha Ahmed has also lost a Size 6 new school jumper. Could you please check your child's jumper, as it has her name on it.

Maintenance Roster

The purpose of this roster, is if there are any small maintenance issues that arise in your month, you may be called upon to help. The first name in bold will be the leader for the two months that they are rostered on for. The school will call them and if they require additional help, they may call the unbolded names.



Thank you for your help.

July/August 2016

Michael Koop, Tim Ebbs, Peter Bone, Adam Clark

Parents and Friends News

Just a reminder about the Pie Drive fundraiser we currently have running. Orders have been extended and are only due back on Tuesday 2nd August. Gather up the family, and members of the community and support this event. If you have lost the list that was sent out at the end of last Term or would like some extras please contact the front office.

Sports News

The Athletics Carnival will be held **next** Friday 5th August. In case of extreme weather we have a back up date of the following Friday (12th August). Please contact the front office or Mr. Pritchard if you are able to help on the day. Please feel free to invite as many family members as possible to help cheer on the students.



Get 'em Going

Get 'em Going is beginning again next Tuesday 2nd August from 9.30am-11am. New and old faces are invited to attend. Please remember to bring along



- * A bottle of water
- * Piece of fruit for snack
- * A gold coin donation
- * Your Get 'em Going Visualisation book. (If you are new to the program you will receive this on the day.)

Jumper Washing Instructions

Please see below to assist with the washing of the school jumpers to ensure quality remains high.

Hand wash in a large tub of cold water - Do not use bleach or bleach products. Do not leave soaking. Rinse out immediately in large amount of clean water and spin excess water from garments in machine. Hang out immediately out of direct sunlight. For dark colours use salt in water to reduce the colour run. Any excess heat will cause shrinkage and effect colour.

Please note that some new front loader machines use very little water, which will have an adverse effect on mixed dark and light colours - suggest first wash by hand in large amount of water to dilute any excess dye to reduce any bleeding. Follow the above instructions to spinout any excess water and hang out immediately.

Do not tumble dry.

'The Super Student Award'

Giana Pohlner:

For great improvement in reading and spelling and trying hard.



Students of the Week



Prep/Year 1 Awards

Shilah Hiscock: For always having a happy and positive attitude in class, and for working really hard on her transport items for concert. Great work Shilah!



Eric Taw Tu: For working really hard on writing tasks this week, and for showing a great understanding of using a number line to count on. Keep up the great work Eric!



Year 2/3 Awards

Giana Pohlner: For excellent work using her THRASS chart to sound out her spelling words and for trying very hard with her reading. Keep up the great work!



Deegan Clark: For great progress with his reading and for doing a great job with his Science experiment about soil.



Year 4/5/6 Awards

Jordan Pipkorn: For making good use of his time for concert preparation this week. Well done Jordan!



Starla Colbert: For doing a great job of her Caroline Chisolm obituary writing. Well done Starla!