**Geelong Cup Holiday**
Wednesday 21st October is a holiday. Staff and students are not required at school.

**School Council**
The next meeting of the School Council will be on Wednesday 28th October at 3:45pm in the staff room. The school council is currently looking at developing a Futures Plan for the school. This plan will set the agenda for the next 3 years. The plan will focus around 3 areas: Physical Environment, School Community Engagement, and Communication. Once the plan is drafted it will be circulated for comment by the school community. This is an initiative of the school council to ensure that there is a cohesive and collaborative approach to the development of the school. The plan will complement the School’s Strategic Plan (that looks at Achievement, Engagement, Well-Being, Productivity).

**Strawberry Fair Meeting**
The next meeting will be on 11th November at 7:00pm in the staff room. We need as many people as possible to attend. If you are unsure about what is involved come along and have a look. Everyone is welcome.

**Clubs**
Instead of Friday Sport, students will participate in clubs. It will take place at the same time. The children will be taking part in a wide range of multi-aged activities. Assembly will start at 3:05pm each Friday.

**Visitors to the School**
In these times of uncertainty it is prudent to remind people that all visitors to the school should first visit the office to sign in. Not only is this part of our emergency management plan. I know that this can be a hassle but rest assured that it is done so with the safety of everyone in mind.

**Mrs Lennon**
This week we welcome back Mrs Lennon. Mrs Lennon will be supporting teachers in the classrooms. Miss Rogers will be continuing with Grade 6.

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**Swimming Programme**

**TERM 4**

**Week 1**
Swimming begins on Monday November 16th. In order to finalise the program we are asking for all permission forms and program costs of $100 to be returned by Friday October 30th. The school program for prep to year 3 students will commence on Monday November 16th and run over the following two weeks with Fridays being rest days. Fees cover transport, entry and eight 45 minute instructional swimming lessons by qualified instructors at Bellarine Aquatic Sports Centre (BASC) Ocean Grove.

Get organised and don’t forget to label your clothes, bathers and bags for wet clothes etc.

This program is an important part of students gaining not only a life skill of swimming but also independence, organisation, responsibility and confidence.

This program is part of the schools extra-curricula sports educational program and it is expected that all children will participate.

If anyone is wishing to have forms signed for Surf Life Saving Nipper programs, this is a great time to get those forms signed. Please see Mr Vaught if you need this done.

Thank you,
Mr Vaught
Swimming Coordinators
**Last Week's SUPER STUDENT OF THE WEEK AWARDS**

**PREP Duckett**
- **Owen P**
  - For great improvement in your counting strategies. You can use bundles to count large numbers. Well done.
- **Luke N**
  - Working hard and offering to help others. Well done.

**PIM McLaren**
- **Tilly K**
  - For excellent work in Maths—knowing the fractions halves, quarters, thirds, sixths and eights. Super work Tilly!
- **Meg T**
  - For wonderful work in Maths knowing the fractions 1/2 and 1/4, as well as 1/2 of a group. Great work Meg!

**2V Vaught**
- **Billy H**
  - For his excellent leadership skills and enthusiasm for everything he takes part in.
- **Charlie W**
  - For his use of excellent mathematical strategies and skills and sharing his problem solving methods with the class.

**3S Stevens**
- **Shayleah Ng**
  - For working hard in mathematics this week. Keep up the great work Shayleah

**4J Farley**
- **Eve Mc**
  - For great contributions this week in all mathematics lessons. Keep up the great work Eve!

**5D King**
- **Daniel Mc**
  - For a great start to Term 4, demonstrating a very good work ethic and an enthusiastic attitude towards all class activities.

**6L Lennon/Rogers**
- **Annelise J**
  - For persisting through a challenging Numeracy task and not giving up until she felt she had developed a strong understanding of division.

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**WHOLE SCHOOL EXCURSION**

**The Happiness Box**

On Wednesday 4th November, we will have a whole-school excursion to Costa Hall in Geelong. The Melbourne Symphony Orchestra is performing a Classic Kids presentation, of a book called “The Happiness Box”. This story is considered a national treasure, having been written for children by Australian prisoners of war in Singapore during WW2.

It is a delightful tale of three animal friends who journey through the jungle together on a quest to discover the secret of happiness. There are many wonderful themes in the story, and teachers will be exploring these with students before and after the excursion. As well as attending the concert, we will spend time around the Waterfront area of Geelong, and so be out of school for the day.

The total cost for the whole day excursion is $13

Further information about requirements for the day will be sent home with the payment/permission notes soon.

Judie McMillan

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**School Hats**

Hats are available for purchase from the office all sizes (S, M & L) at $10.
CONGRATULATIONS to

Hugh Harris who competed at the Western Zone Athletic Carnival in the under 10 High Jump. He jumped a personal best and only narrowly missed out on th State titles after a count back.

WELL DONE HUGH !!!

Parents Social Night
Reminder payments are due in the draw next to the photocopier by the 22\textsuperscript{nd} October.
Booking forms are available at the office.

Mitre 10 BBQ
Parents and Friends are hosting a BBQ at Wallington Mitre 10 on Sunday 15\textsuperscript{th} November.
There will be a roster on Leigh’s window with 2 hour blocks for volunteers.
If you are able to spare some time to assist on the day it would be greatly appreciated.

Save the Date – Christmas Picnic / Bush Dance
The end of year picnic will this year include a Family Bush Dance with live band.
It will be held on Friday 11\textsuperscript{th} December at the school.
More details will be available soon.

Next Meeting
The next Parents and Friends meeting is on
Wednesday 18\textsuperscript{th} November 9am in the Hall
We warmly invite all parents to come along for a relaxed coffee and chat about the remaining years activities.

Grade 3/4 in our wonderful garden
Beetroots ready to cook and eat!
MILO CRICKET WALLINGTON CRICKET CLUB
Program for boys and girls to develop skills and enthusiasm for the game.
Cost $80 with Milo Cricket Pack OR $20 with no pack.
First session is Friday 6th November 4.30pm. 10 week program (5 weeks before Christmas and 5 weeks during term 1).
For more details and to Register online www.playcricket.com.au

Bellarine Community Farmers’ Market
This Saturday (and every third Saturday of the month), Ocean Grove park, 9am-1pm. Come along for the best of fresh, local produce, plants, flowers, food-to-go, coffee, buskers, pony rides, face-painting, playground & dogs on leads welcome. A great family day out!
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