DATES TO REMEMBER:

2015

Thursday August 6th
Pie Drive forms due back

Friday August 7th
- Grade 4/5/6 camp deposit due
- Parent Opinion Survey due back

Thursday August 20th
Fathers Day Stall

Saturday August 29th
Auction and Movie Night

Student of the Week

Joshua: For excellent concentration during reading comprehension activities.

Dane: For striving to improve the presentation of his writing with excellent results.

Ella: For the consistency and application she demonstrates towards her class work.

Amy: For using great strategies to work out difficult maths problems.

Caitlin: For always having something good to contribute during class discussions.

Ryan: For fantastic efforts in writing to achieve his personal goals.

Georgina: For applying herself during maths and participating more in discussions.

Xavier: For his fantastic effort and results in his writing of ‘Reading A Photo’.

Ainsley: For her application in Literacy.

Attachments:
Student of the Week – 23 / 7 / 15

Ruby: For participating in all class activities.

Upstanders of the Week

Hayley: For helping students in junior grades, especially if they are lonely.

Caitlyn: For working with two individual students to solve a disagreement.

Principal’s Report

Disco
Thank you very much to Adelle Phillips and Junior School Council for organising the disco on Friday night. It was very well attended and the behaviour of all students was excellent. Thank you to all the staff who attended and assisted with supervision.

4/5/6 Camp
This year the Grade 4/5/6 camp will be held on Monday October 26th to Wednesday October 28th. The camp is part of a three year rotation to different venues so that all grade 4/5/6 students can have three different experiences. This year the camp is to Forest Edge at Neerim East and is an adventure camp. An expression of interest form has been sent out and needs to be returned with a deposit of $50 by Friday August 7th.

Parent Opinion Survey
Each year a random sample of 40 families are surveyed to seek feedback on our school. These surveys were distributed yesterday and should be returned as soon as possible. The survey is anonymous and is collated by an independent sorting company. We will receive the results later in the year. Please return by Friday 7th August.

Report Feedback
Please remember to give us feedback on the new integrated student report we are now using. Complete the online survey to give your feedback. The link is:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NDJ3YNW

Earn and Learn
Thank you to those who have already started collecting the Woolworths earn and learn stickers. There is a box outside Drouin Woolworths and a box in the school office. If any parents have time to assist with the processing of the stickers please let me know.

Judy Ingamells – Principal
Report Feedback
This year the school has started using a new integrated student report package called Sentral. We are seeking parent feedback about the format of the reports. If you would like to give feedback about the reports, please complete the survey online at the following link: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NDJ3YNW
Please note that this is not an opportunity to discuss specific results for your child/ren. Parent/teacher interviews with the grade teacher will be held in term three where individual results can be discussed with the grade teacher.

Harvey Scott, Assistant Principal

Grade 5/6 Football Tournament
Round 2 of the 5/6 football tournament was held today.

Green House V Blue House
Scores from todays game will be published in next week's newsletter.

Last week's scores:
Gold: 6. 5. 41
Defeated
Red: 3. 1. 19

Out of School Hours Care
Parents and guardians of children attending Before and After School Care, please ensure you are notifying staff to book in or cancel a booking. Please do not prompt children to cancel or book in for care. To make, cancel or change a booking please see an OSHC staff member, or call the mobile on 0409146164 and leave a message.

A reminder that a fine may be charged for parents/guardians who do not ring and cancel un-needed bookings.

Thanks- OSHC Team.
This term in 4/5A our integrated theme is “Our Environment”. The students have written about what they would like to learn or look forward to learning during this time.

I am looking forward to learning about how bushfires move and about floods. Ben

I am looking forward to finding out about what’s in our soil and other things in our environment. Tayla

I would like to study in Themes who discovered a rainforest. Hailey

I am looking forward to learning about rainfall and floods because I want to learn more about both things, as I haven’t learnt much about them. Cadence

This term I am looking forward to learning about floods, cyclones and bush fires. I hope I learn about how bushfires are created. Emma

I am looking forward to learning more about Cyclones in Themes. Dylan

I am looking forward to helping the local environment by not littering. Caitlin

I am looking forward to learning about how cyclones form and Drouin’s history and if there’s been any natural disasters. Jackson

This term in themes I’m looking forward to learning about Tsunamis. Jacob

I am really looking forward to learning about droughts and bushfires because they can happen on a farm and since I live on a farm, I know a bit about them. Laura

I am looking forward to learning more about natural disasters and what they can destroy and how much harm they can do to the natural environment. Jack

This term in themes I’m looking forward to a project and activities on natural disasters and floods. Ruby
In themes I want to learn more about the environment outside of the city. In rainfalls and floods I want to learn more about how floods happen. Holly

This term I want to learn more about parks, national parks, bushfires and farming. Ryan

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For themes I would like to learn about Australia’s natural disasters and if some animals and plants survive and depend on them. Andrew

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I wanted to learn more about the environment outside of the city. In rainfalls and floods I want to learn more about how floods happen. Holly

I am looking forward to floods because I want to know if houses, fences and cars go through the flood. Kurtis

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This term I would like to look into natural disasters and where they start, also if some plants use natural disasters to grow. Alex

In themes I would like to learn more about the countryside and animals in our environment and rainforests. Ruby

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**Father’s Day:** We will be holding the Father’s Day stall on Thursday August 20th. Unfortunately the price will be increasing to $4 per item.

**Auction and Movie night:** We are happy to confirm that Saturday the 29th August will be our Auction and Movie night. This year we are moving the event to the BER Building to allow for more room. Our PFF members are busy collecting donations from local businesses to add to donations received from Farmworld. Any donations of new goods are greatly appreciated and can be left at the office.

**Pie Drive**

PFF is running a Pie Drive to help raise funds for the purchase of another class set of IPads. An order form was sent home with last week’s newsletter and is due back with money by **Next Monday 6th August**. Please ask your friends and family if they would like to help with this fundraiser by ordering some yummy pies– it’s a great time of the year for a nice hot pie!
Do less, not more, for your kids

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them.

The basic task of parenting, whether you have a two year old or a twenty-two year old, is to work yourself out of a job at the first possible chance.

REDUNDANCY should be the aim of the game! We never become redundant in a relationship sense – the emotional connection between our children and us is never severed.

In a practical, physical way we need to make children less, rather than more, reliant on us.

Developing independence is really about stepping back to allow children in. Doing less rather than more!

We develop greater independence in our kids one job at a time. Recently I gave my 22 year old son a job that I had been doing for a while. He lives in North America and I had taken on the job of being the connector between him and one of his sisters, who lives in the UK. It had been my job to pass messages on between the two via telephone and emails. I would update each of them about how the other sibling was going.

Frustrated being the go-between I made sure he had contact details and let him know that it was his job, not my job, to connect with his sister.

WE EASILY TAKE ON CHILDREN’S RESPONSIBILITIES

It is easy as parents to take on the jobs and responsibilities that really should belong to our children. With toddlers it is so easy to dress, feed and clean up after them rather than give these jobs over to them.

With school-aged children we can find ourselves making lunches, getting kids out of bed and cleaning out schoolbags rather than giving these basic tasks of living over to them. And as I discovered, it is easy to still do the basics of life for adult-aged children.

TIP NO. 1
for developing independence:

Like children, every teacher is different with their own specific expectations, goals and interests. Get to know your child’s teacher and gain an understanding of their approach and aspirations for your child’s class.

TIP NO. 2
for developing independence:

Never be more worried about a child’s job than they are, otherwise it becomes your job, not theirs.

This mum remained very clear that it was her job to wash the clothes but not to place them in the washing basket. She would remind kids about washing night, but never nag them to put clothes in the basket. She knows that as soon as she keeps reminding them, it becomes HER job rather than her children’s job to put the washing in the clothes basket.

The school holidays provides a good opportunity to reflect on the whole notion of job-sharing. It’s also a good time for kids to increase their job load when they are not burdened with schoolwork and extracurricular activities.

Here’s my challenge for you: Think of a job that you regularly do for your child that he or she can do for him or herself. Then step back and enable your child to do that for themselves on a full-time basis. Do less not more for your kids.

If you do that, then you can congratulate yourself as you have moved one step more toward REDUNDANCY.

**Bring a Friend!**

**Enginaire: Melissa Doss 0400 944 371**

- All games are at Brindabla Park. Drum
- club can loan participants a stick and shin guards for the program
- includes post season trials and tournaments

Cost: $60 per participant.

**When:** 4-9pm Tuesday evenings (Aug 24, Aug 31, Sep 14, Sep 28, Sep 14)

**Beginners through to experienced players are all welcome.**

A fun and inclusive environment for girls to develop their hockey skills through skills and a game.

**Competition:**

- Play like a girl in their GIRLS ONLY U12 Hockey
- Score goals like a girl ? Hit like a girl
- Can you run like a girl? Hit like a girl?

**Gippsland Bulls Hockey Club are inviting you to**

**FREE GROUP FITNESS!!**