Beat This!

Welton Prep/One students are ready to travel to the beat of a different drum.

FREAKY FRIDAY

This Friday we are having our end of term celebration. Our Year Six students will be in charge of running a series of fun and ‘freaky’ activities. Thank you to Georgia Sieben who has put a great deal of time into planning the activities. The fun kicks off at 11.30am and family members are most welcome to join us. Students are asked to come to school in ‘freaky’ attire—anything goes really, although we do insist that you wear more than just a smile. We ask for a gold coin donation to support the Royal Children’s Hospital Appeal. We had previously mentioned having a BBQ on this day—however we have decided to keep the usual lunch arrangements in place; That is, you order from the Roadhouse or bring your own cut lunch. Should you be ordering from the Roadhouse please include your order with your child/ren’s and give to Merv on Friday morning. A reminder that all raffle tickets for the “Death By Chocolate” raffle, and money, needs to be returned by this Friday as we will be drawing the raffle after the activities.

BEGINNING OF THE END

On Friday we will finish school one hour earlier than normal. Therefore the bus will be running an hour ahead of it’s usual schedule. We wish all families a very happy Easter and hope that all students have a fun filled holiday. A reminder that school resumes on Tuesday April 22nd – as the Monday is Easter Monday. Art and Library will run on Wednesday the 23rd of April due to us missing our usual Monday session. We will only have a short week as Friday April 25th is a public holiday in honour of ANZAC Day.

ASANTI ACTION

All of us travelled to Cohuna last week to experience some West African culture. Not only did we get to see an exhilarating performance by the three members of the Asanti African Dance Group but we also got to play drums, dance and learn about growing up in an African village.
CROSS COUNTRY
Echuca: On Thursday three students have elected to represent our school at the cross country run held at Victoria Park, Echuca. We wish Angus B, David and Georgia a speedy trip around the track and are sure they will do us proud.

Murrabit: On Tuesday May 6 all of our students will be competing in the Cross Country Run held at the Murrabit Golf Course. This event gives all students the chance to run and compete against many students from district schools. The parent’s club at Murrabit Primary School are offering lunch for students at a cost of $5 for two sausages in bread and a prama. Adults can purchase other hot food and drinks from the canteen. You are also very welcome to bring your own snacks and lunch on the day. For those students wishing to purchase the parent’s club lunch please fill in the form attached to this newsletter and return with payment by Wednesday April 23rd. A reminder that the bus will not be running on this day and we ask families to bring their child to the event. We understand that for working parents this is difficult so please contact the school if you need transport for your child/ren or can offer a lift to others.

POSTER COMPETITION
Our school is participating in the School Wide Positive Behaviour Program. This program aims to promote and recognise students who are doing the right thing and provides the school community with common terms, agreed behaviours and a set of guidelines which are followed when students fail to exhibit appropriate behaviours.

To promote our school values we are holding a competition which is open to all families within our school. We ask that each family submit a poster that promotes our school values: RESPECT FOR SELF, RESPECT FOR OTHERS, RESPECT FOR LEARNING and RESPECT FOR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Each family will be provided with a large sheet of poster paper to create their poster on. Any form of media can be used from pencil to craft materials. Entrant names can be put on the back of the poster.

The winning poster will be judged by our Art and Library Teachers and the poster will be framed and permanently displayed in our foyer area. The winning family will also receive a family pass to the Paramount Cinemas in Echuca. Entries are due by Thursday April 24th and judging will take place on Monday April 28th. Good luck and have fun being creative as a family.

VIDEO CONFERENCING UNIT
Last week we had a Video Conferencing Unit installed. This unit is essentially a television with computer capabilities allowing our students to take virtual tours, share work with students from other schools and for staff to have meetings without having to leave the building. We were very fortunate to have been selected by the Department to receive such a valuable unit and are very excited to begin using it next term to provide our students with even more educational opportunities.

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HELP WANTED
A reminder that if you are available to assist with the preparation or painting of the outside of the 1080 classroom to contact Joy in the office so she can liaise with Bunnings to ensure we have sufficient helpers.

P-3 NEWS
We have had a very busy and productive first term. Jayden, Lucas and Kayden have well and truly settled into school and are making fantastic progress with learning to read, write and work with numbers. All students have enjoyed using their iPads to access programs such as Reading Eggs and Mathletics to enhance their learning in Literacy and Numeracy. This week we are working hard to complete our projects on Australian Animals for which we have had to select a native animal, find out about it's features, diet, habitat and young and present this information in a booklet format. In Numeracy we have been looking at 3D shapes in our environment and identifying their features. The Year Two and Three Students are making fantastic progress with learning their multiplication tables. Keep up the reading over the holidays and try to use your math skills everyday by telling the time, handling money, counting or even finding shapes at home.

4-6 NEWS
As the term draws to a close, we're beginning to finish up our work on Narratives. Grade 4/5/6 have been creating a children's story, which they will be reading to the Junior students later in the week. It has been really interesting watching the students' creativity emerge and they have been having a lot of fun creating their own characters and illustrating their own stories. In Numeracy, we are wrapping up our work on The Four Operations, Place Value and Space. Students have completed an assessment on this today, which will act as a formative piece for future teaching and learning. In PE this term, students have focused on throwing and catching ball skills and to complete this unit, this week students will be able to have some fun and finish off with some games. Next term promises to be full on with NAPLAN preparation, and testing for our Grade 5's, which will take place mid May. Overall, the Senior class has had a fantastic term and has come together as one strong unit.

ANZAC DAY 2014
The Torrumbarry Hall will hold their annual ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the Hall on 25 April. We encourage Welton students to take part in this community event. Please complete the attached form to indicate your child's willingness to participate.
HOLIDAY MOWING
What better way to enjoy a well earned holiday break than to sit on a comfortable mower and take in that delicious smell of cut grass! Well the Levings and Jackson families have earned that right. The Levings family will need to attend to the lawns on or around this weekend and the Jackson family will have the lawns looking especially neat for the commencement of Term 2. Keys for the mower can be collected from the Torrumbarry Roadhouse. Please ensure keys are returned to the Roadhouse on completion of your rostered turn.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL NEWS
Under 12 and Under 14 Training every Thursday at 5pm at Leitchville Oval
All football grades (Including senior) player registration will be available from 5pm with Sallie Hawken and Jodie Rowlands. Please note: to be eligible to commence training with the Under 12’s you must have turned 8 years old by March 1, 2014. Please see Sallie for more details.
If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact:
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