In very windy and dusty conditions our students attended the Murrabit Cross Country run yesterday. Congratulations to Lucy and Matilda who both won the champion girls medal in their respective age groups. A special mention to Oskar, who came in second in his age group, giving it everything he had. Well done to all of our students who raced yesterday (100% attendance- for the first time ever- way to go guys!). We had many of our students finish in the top ten, with all of our students ensuring that they raced competitively and most importantly gave it a go.
Melbourne Excursion

I have had a few parents ask if they were counted in the Lion King ticket allocation. Basically if you contacted me in the past few weeks and asked for a ticket— it’s yours. Please remember that payments for parent tickets must be made before the excursion and parents are responsible for their own train travel costs. Student payments (ticket only) can be made in instalments provided that full payment has been completed by the excursion date. If you have any questions please contact Lisa.

Cookbook

Narelle Woodgate has done a wonderful job typing up our recipes for our long awaited cookbook. We will be putting the finishing touches to the book this week so this is the last chance for any recipes or handy hints that you may want to include. We are looking for some drink recipes if anyone has any. Please send any recipes along before Friday if you would like them included in the book.

Speaking Of Cooking

Our Morning Tea/Luncheon has been rescheduled to take place during Education Week. It will now be held on Wednesday May 20th at the school (not at the hall). It will commence at 11am. This will be run in conjunction with our open day. An invitation is included with this newsletter and more will be delivered to community members. We would love to see as many people here as possible; mums, dads, grandparents, aunts, uncles (you get the picture) and we encourage community members who do not have students at the school to attend. So spread the word. All of our students will be creating the fare of slices, cakes, and savoury snacks as well as serving refreshments. We hope to launch the aforementioned cookbook on this day too.

Working Bee

Thank you for returning the slip indicating your preference(s) for a working bee date. Most parents indicated that they were available on Sunday May 24th to work on the front fence and possibly other small jobs around the school. The working bee will commence at 10am and run until 2pm. A light lunch will be provided. Please let the catering officer know if you and your offspring will be attending, by completing and returning the attached form. Also for those who can make it, Friday night will be the Let’s Try and Put the Tramp Together Night. If anyone is free from 5pm onwards to assist could you please indicate this on the form also.

Oskar To Cross The Country

Last Friday Oskar competed in the Campaspe Division Cross Country Race held in Echuca. Oskar finished eighth in his age division, which qualifies him to compete at the next level. Later this month Oskar will travel “cross country” to St Arnard where he will fly the Welton sporting flag. Although probably willing to run all the way there we advise him to travel by car and save his energy for the actual event. Well done Oskar, and thank you for representing our school so well.
School Photos
Now is the chance to have your say or forever hold your peace. Our school photos have traditionally been taken by Max Amos Photography, who visit our school when they are in the region. The company are in the area in early June and have tentatively given us the date of June 5th (pm). I realise that the prices have increased significantly over the past few years and families have always had the option to purchase or not purchase photos. Due to our student numbers, I feel it would be unfair to book a photographer to only take a few student photos. Therefore, I would like parents to look at the packages offered and please indicate if they would be interested in us having this company take the photos. I can certainly explore other options if families still want photos but not with this company. However, Max Amos Photography needs an answer first. Please just tick the option you would choose if you want Max Amos Photography to visit. We are not asking for payment at this stage. Should you have any questions please contact Lisa.

Mothers’ Day Stall
A reminder that it is Mothers' Day this Sunday and we will be holding our annual stall on Friday. The stall will be operated by our Year Six Students. Gifts can be sent along anytime before Friday. Students are to bring no more than $5 spending money on the day. All proceeds will go towards our end of year camp.

Bush Dance @ Leitchy
On Monday May 25th we have been invited to attend a cluster day with Gunbower and Leitchville students. This day will be attended by Bushwahzee who will teach the students some bush dancing. In the evening there will be a BBQ tea and bush dance for students and their families. Our students have been invited to stay at Leitchville into the evening to save on unnecessary travel back and forth. I would like an indication of how many families would be likely to attend the bush dance in the evening. This will not be a late night. If you could please fill out and return the appropriate form on the back of the newsletter so we can get an indication of what families would prefer, we can then proceed with travel arrangements. Yes I know, lots of filling in and returning this week.

School Lawns
Thank you to the Kalinowski Family, capably led by the one-armed man, for tending to the school lawns; they look great. We really do appreciate all families efforts in keeping our school lawns and surrounds maintained. The next rostered family is Barrat. The lawns will require mowing on or around the day you judge to be appropriate!
Make Doubly Sure You Don’t Miss This!

Pie Drive
A little reminder that **forms and payment should be returned by May 15**. Delivery date will be confirmed, but is usually within five working days.

**Dates To Remember**

- **Friday 9 May** ................................................................. Mothers’ Day Stall
- **Tuesday 12 - Thursday 14 May** .................................................. NAPLAN Testing
- **Wednesday 20 May** ......................................................... Welton Morning Tea/Luncheon 11.00 am
- **Sunday 24 May** ............................................................... Mobile cat desexing at Torrumbarry Hall
- **Wednesday 3 June** ............................................................ Lion King in Melbourne
- **Monday 8 June** ............................................................... Queen’s Birthday Holiday
- **Friday 26 June** ............................................................... End Term 2

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