Cluster Busters

Pretty Impressive

Last Wednesday, Years 4, 5&6 teamed up with other Cluster Schools to compete in the Kerang Football and Netball Tournament. We entered one football and two netball teams; all team members played their part extremely well. One netball team came third, our footy boys came runner up by only a single point and our other netball team overpowered their competitors in the Grand Final. The Murray Plains kids worked very well together, especially considering we'd only all practised together once before the day of the tournament. We were very proud of their efforts. Special thanks to Merv for driving the Leitchy, Gunny and Welton kids there and back, and to Jade and Marty for volunteering their time to umpire.
Pie Drive
Thank you to those families and community members who supported our pie drive. The pies will be here on Wednesday afternoon. If you could please send along one or two ‘cold’ shopping bags, usually blue in colour, we will pack the smaller orders for your child/ren to bring home. For larger orders of more than 6 items, or those people who would prefer to pick up their order in person- your orders will be ready after 3pm on Wednesday (tomorrow). Please contact Lisa to make alternative arrangements if you do not want your order sent home on Wednesday night and you are unable to come and pick it up in person.

Reports
Last Friday staff spent the day (and most of the weekend!) finalising student assessments and writing reports. Our reports will be sent home with next week’s newsletter. You will notice significant changes to our student reports. The staff have spent considerable time creating the new format, which we believe is more informative, easier to read and better reflects our school values. We welcome your feedback. Once you have received your student reports and had time to read through them, you are most welcome to contact the school to make an appointment with the staff to discuss any questions or concerns that you might have.

Masterchefs Wanted
Here is your chance to share that killer curry, perfect pasta or “to die for” dessert with the Welton Community. We are resurrecting the Welton Primary School Cookbook and would like families to contribute their tried and true recipes. Narrelle Woodgate has very kindly offered to organise and type up the recipes. Recipes can be sent along to school or emailed to welton.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au

Eat Pizza In June
Don’t forget that the Caltex Roadhouse, Torrumbarry are donating $1 for every large pizza and 50c for ever small pizza sold for the month of June. Pizzas are available from Friday evening through to Sunday. All money raised will help reduce the cost of our Whole School Camp to Mildura early in term 4. We really appreciate the ongoing support from Caltex Torrumbarry Roadhouse.

Thank You
Darren Woodgate you have been elevated to “legendary” status after coming up to school and poisoning the long grass along the fence line and other areas around the school. We really appreciate your efforts.

Tin Cans Still Wanted
Could families please save their tins and send them along to school. We need them for a Lunchtime Activity early next term. Please send washed tins, without the lids and the rough edges, to school. Labels on the tin are fine.
Sincere Sympathy

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Phyllis Austin. Phyllis and her husband John have been long time supporters of our school. Many ex-Welton students will remember “Grandma” Phyllis as a loved past RE teacher and as an after-school carer. She was a gentle and loving soul and used these qualities to make a significant impact on the lives of young Welton students; in fact on the lives of all who knew her. We extend our heartfelt sympathy to John, Dorinda, Paul, Rex, Gillian and their families.

School Lawns

Thanks to Brendan, Stacey and Oskar for doing such a wonderful job with the lawns last week. We were very impressed with the sweeping up you did as well. You’ve earned the right to remain on our roster. The next lucky family rostered on is Tucker-Allen. The lawns will need tending to on or around 28/29 June. The lawns will require mowing again on the weekend of July 12/13 in readiness for Term 3. The next rostered family is Kalinowski. A key for the mower shed can be sent home by arrangement and everything you need is in the shed.

Last Call for Mobile Vet Clinic

The compassionate and community-minded vet, Jude Mulholland, with assistance from the Echuca Animal Rescue Service is holding a cat desexing day at the Torrumbarry Hall on Saturday 21 June. Prices for this service have been significantly reduced. Female cats are spayed for $90 and males neutered for $45. Vaccinations are also available for dogs and cats. To take advantage of this community service you must call 0408 565 528 to make a booking.

Footy Tipping

Next week’s prize returns to a more palatable $40. So what did we learn from AFL this week?
• Pies v Bulldogs? A beautiful set of numbers!
• Dockers? Building!
• Crows? Good on their home patch
• Lions? Hello GWS and maybe goodbye Browny.
• Swans? Buddy bewdiful!
• Demons? Persistent.
• Saints? …………….crickets!

End Of Term

Friday 27 is the last day of Term 2. We will once again be running an end of term activity. The theme will be Welton Olympics. Students can come dressed as their favourite sports star or just wear something sporty. Once again the Year Six Students will be running the activities with Maddy taking charge as the organiser. We will be having a hot dog lunch and parents/family members are most welcome (encouraged) to join us from 12pm onwards for activities and lunch. A hot dog in bread will cost $1.50 and juice boxes will be available for $1. All profits will go towards the Year 4-6 Energy Breakthrough fundraising. Please fill in the order form attached to this newsletter and return by Monday June 23rd for catering purposes. Please be reminded that on the last day of term, the school bus will be running one hour earlier than usual on the afternoon run.
A Message From Consumer Affairs

Stevie's Scam School - Don't Be Caught Out!
Loddon Mallee residents reported 119 scams to Consumer Affairs Victoria last year, with the highest number of reports coming from the Greater Bendigo area. Australians lost more than $93 million to scams in 2012 - but the real figure is likely to be much higher, because so many scams are not reported. People living across the Loddon Mallee can get handy tips to avoid common scams by watching a fun, informative series of short videos called Stevie's Scam School, developed by Consumer Affairs Victoria.

The free series is available online and features Stevie, an animated “reformed scammer”. He explains romance, lottery, online selling, rebate, rental and investment scams. Anybody can fall for a scam, but there are certain things you can do to protect yourself:

• Don't give your financial details to anyone you don't know or trust.
• Don't respond to unsolicited emails, texts or phone calls requesting personal information.
• Be aware that banks and other legitimate companies will never ask for your personal details by email.
• Do not provide an up-front payment to a stranger via money order or wire transfer.

Get a lesson from Stevie on how to avoid getting scammed. Visit consumer.vic.gov.au/scamschoolconsumer. If you wish to report a scam, contact Consumer Affairs Victoria on 1300 55 81 81 or contact our Regional Offices at Bendigo on 5440 6100, Mildura on 5021 6100 or Swan Hill on 5001 6333.

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Dates To Remember

Monday 23 June
School Council

Tuesday 24 June
Mid-term reports distributed

Friday 27 June
End of Term 2
Welton Olympics

Monday 14 July
Term 3 commences

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Book your tickets today. Ph: 5482 2769
You can pay over the phone or via direct deposit to the school.

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IT’S SOMEBODY’S BIRTHDAY!

A little bird told us that someone has reached 50 not out! Congratulations. Not too keen to admit the passing years this No 1 supporter of our school has requested anonymity. Don’t worry Marty, your secret is safe with us!