Maybe You Should Check!

Staff have noted a couple of errors in the named pavers at the school. These will be replaced at no cost to the purchaser of the pavers. We are concerned that other mistakes may have been made and ask that each and every family who ordered pavers have their pavers checked for correct spelling and details. All identified mistakes will be corrected at the school’s expense provided that the school is notified of the errors by Friday 28 February. Thereafter we cannot guarantee that any replacement costs will be borne by the school.

Welcome Barbecue Rescheduled
Thank you for your understanding of our decision to cancel Monday night’s BBQ. We will reschedule in the near future and hopefully the weather conditions will be in our favour. Later in the term we will hold our Parent/Teacher conferences and this is a great opportunity for discussion around your child/ren’s progress and for you and your child/ren’s teachers to reach common understandings about the classroom program and how it is being adapted to best suit the learning needs of your child.

Lunch Orders
Due to the approaching Southern 80 weekend lunch orders this week will be on Thursday. The Roadhouse have agreed to supply lunches earlier on this day so that there is no disruption to our swimming program.

Road Closure
A reminder that from next Tuesday Weir Road will be closed at the Murray Valley Highway end. This means that those students whose stops are on Weir and Headworks Roads will be picked up/dropped off 10-15 minutes later than normal. We thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation.
SWIMMING TIMES THREE
@Leitchville
Today was our first swimming session at the Leitchville Pool. A reminder that on swimming days we finish school at 3.15pm (to allow us time to travel back from the pool). Also please ensure that your children have sun safe swimwear - even though we will make sure they apply sunscreen they still need further protection. All students will be required to swim in a top - rash vests are most suitable however a close fitting tee shirt will suffice. Goggles are optional. A plastic bag for wet towels would be advisable. Further swimming dates are Thursday Feb 6th, 13th and 20th, as well as Tuesday Feb 18th.

@Moama
Each year Life Saving Victoria run Open Water Sessions in regional centres. These sessions are designed to provide children with the knowledge and skills in the area of water safety for environments such as lakes and rivers. Our Year 4-6 students will attend on Tuesday Feb 11th. The session runs from 9:30 - 11:30am at Maiden’s Inn Caravan Park, Moama. (note change of venue). Students are required to bring the following:

• Enclosed shoes (eg: sneakers, crocs) • Shorts • Rash vest, T-shirt or long-sleeved shirt • Bathers or wetsuit • Towel • School hat • Morning snack and a drink.

Children will be transported by bus; both Merv and Stacey will accompany the students. If any parents would like to go along to watch they are most welcome – just contact the school to book your seat on the bus. This excursion is free to those students who have paid first terms fees, otherwise the cost is $5. Thank you to those families who have signed and returned the permission slips for this activity.

@Koondrook
The Annual Murray Plains Swimming Sports are to be held on Tuesday February 25th at the Koondrook Swimming Pool. All students from Years P-6 are able to compete in races and games that are adapted to suit swimming ability and water confidence. The school bus will not operate on this day as we welcome parent involvement on sports days. If you are unable to transport your child/ren to or from the event please contact the school so we can make arrangements. Similarly if you are able to assist with transporting other students on they day please let us know.

LIFE EDUCATION
On Wednesday February 18th the Life Education Van will visit our school. Children will participate in sessions that deal with personal safety and well-being. This program runs every second year at Welton and is a most worthwhile program. A parent information session is usually offered and we will forward details to you about this as soon as we have them. The cost of the program is included in the fees, therefore there is no cost to families who have paid first term fees. Please sign and return the attached consent form.
MARC AND MACC NEWS

Library and Art sessions commenced yesterday. These sessions will take place every Monday from 11.30am onwards. Please ensure that your child/ren has/have a cloth bag to bring their Library books home in. Books should be brought back to school on the following Monday. We would like to take this opportunity to welcome Ms Sally Bentley, who has been appointed to the position of MACC (Mobile Art Craft Centre) Teacher for 2014. We hope she enjoys working in our school on Mondays as well as the other four schools she will visit each week.

FUNDRAISER

Have you returned your Family Photo form yet? Please return to school ASAP if you are intending on booking a session so we can organise times. Families from outside our school are most welcome to participate, so if you know anyone who may be interested, simply ask us for additional order form. All funds raised from this venture will go towards our Whole School End of Year Camp.

PREP FREE DAYS

A reminder to the Woodgate, Levings and Kalinowski families that Jayden, Kayden and Lucas do don’t attend school on Wednesdays for the month of February. They are, however, most welcome to come along on the morning of February 17th so they can participate in the Life Education Van Visit.

OFFICE HOURS

Joy Colvin, our friendly office manager, works in the office on Wednesday mornings and all day Fridays. If you have any queries about monies owing, EMA payments or contact details please phone or drop in on these days. At other times the office is usually unattended as the teachers are in class, therefore please try to ring outside class times. Suitable times are before 9am, between 11.10-11.30am and 1pm-1.45pm or after 3pm. Please be assured that we make every effort to answer the phone, but when we are unable to, please leave a message on the answering machine. The school mobile is not reliable when we are at school due to poor signal quality inside the building.

SCHOOL COUNCIL

A reminder to all school councilors that our first meeting for the year is scheduled for Monday February 10th at 7pm. The meeting is to be held at the school.

NEWS ONLINE

The school newsletter is published weekly on the school’s website and includes an interactive calendar of important events. Some events have a map link just in case you have no idea where you are! Should you have an internet connection we recommend that you visit www.weltonps.vic.edu.au

iPAD NEWS

Parent of students new to the school this year will find information and forms attached regarding the school’s iPad program. Please sign and return these forms as soon as possible. Should you have any queries about the iPad program you can contact Bruce at school on Tuesday through to Thursday.

Eligible students from 2013 (ie those holding no demerit points) will go into the draw for an iTunes card this week. A further draw will be held in early Term 2.

Leitchville Gunbower Netball Club Compulsory Registration Night

Thursday the 6th of February - 6.00pm.
Leitchville Complex.
*Compulsory registration for all junior players. (Parent/Guardian must attend.)
*No early or late registrations will be accepted.