Nothing Hallowed About This Lot

Halloween Dress Up Day

Last Friday our school was invaded by zombies, witches, ghosts, skeletons, vampires, monsters, bugs and all sorts of other strange creatures. Clearly all school families had put significant time and effort into their costumes. Gold stars all round! These strange and make believe characters took part in Halloween-themed Literacy and Numeracy Sessions. Halloween-themed biscuits were created by the Junior Grade whilst the Senior Students made decorated cupcakes. We were very fortunate to be treated to some yummy monster biscuits and a spooky gingerbread house – thank you Marg and Sam for your creativity and thoughtfulness.
We Went Gangbusters!

Congratulations to all students, families and staff involved in the organisation and running of the Energy Breakthrough Sausage Sizzle which was held at Bunnings, Echuca last Sunday. Thank you to everyone who assisted on the day with transporting students, cooking, cleaning, running errands and selling. How wonderful that we had families willing to not only work their shift, but to stay on and work another during busy times. All of that effort has not been in vain as we raised around $1000! An exact total will be provided next week when all accounts have been finalised. These funds together with the other funds raised from the Ladies Morning Tea, PJ Day and Pancake Day, Hot Dog Day and Murray Plains Cluster Taco Lunch mean that we have raised enough money to pay for team uniforms, cart parts, entry fees, food, travel and materials for the presentations. Therefore the only cost to the Year 4,5,6 students will be spending money for the Friday night Mardi-Gras. Students are to bring no more than $25 for this purpose. More details pertaining to Energy Breakthrough will be attached to next week’s Yr4-6 Newsletters.

Welton’s Turn

Last Wednesday we hosted students and staff from Koondrook, Leitchville and Gunbower Primary Schools. All students took part in a science presentation held by Questacon, Outdoor Education Initiative Activities (organised by Mr T) and were served a delicious lunch of tacos, juice and ice-cream. A huge thanks to those parents and staff who cooked the meat and came along to help serve on the day. We could not have done it without your support. The students and staff from all schools had a wonderful day and were very impressed by the running of the day.

It’s That Time Of The Year

Over the coming weeks, teachers will begin their end of year assessments of students in each of the curriculum areas. Although these assessments are carried out with the purpose of ascertaining the level that each individual student is at in all areas (Reading, Comprehension, Spelling, Writing, Grammar/Punctuation, Number, Measurement and Geometry, Statistics and Probability, Science, Indonesian, Humanities, ICT, The Arts, Health and Physical Education and Outdoor Education), they are by no means the only forms of assessment carried out. Teachers use ongoing assessments throughout the year, both informal and formal, in order to provide an accurate picture of what each student has achieved and areas that required further consolidation. Reports will be sent home on Tuesday December 16th.

Student Free Day

A reminder that Friday November 21st has been declared a Curriculum Day. This is so all teaching staff, and Merv, can attend the RACV Energy Breakthrough in Maryborough. The P-3 students are advised that there is no school on the Friday but that they are required at school on Thursday because they will be participating in a big adventure to the metropolis of Echuca on the Murray.
P-3 Adventure

After they wave the big kids, Miss Michell, Mr T and Merv goodbye on Thursday November 20th, Prep, One, Two, Three students and Ms D will be heading off on an adventure of their own in Echuca. We will spend the day looking at the historical elements of Echuca and Moama. If Ms D is well behaved the students will let her go to the Moama Playpark for lunch. A permission slip will go home on next week’s newsletter. There is no cost for this excursion.

T20 Blast Cricket

On Thursday 13 November, our Year 4,5,6 students will be combining with the students from Leitchville and Gunbower Primary Schools to compete in the Milo T20 Blast Cricket competition at Kerang. Our students will be transported by our school bus- but we will need to leave earlier than usual. All families are advised that Merv will therefore be doing the morning bus run half and hour earlier than normal. If this arrangement does not suit please contact Lisa (not Merv). The tournament is due to finish at 2pm so to allow travel back and drop offs at Leitchville and Gunbower our bus will commence the afternoon run at 3.30pm, making the run half and hour later in the afternoon. Once again, if there is a problem with this arrangement please contact Lisa.

School Council

A reminder to Councilors that our next meeting is Monday November 10th at 7pm. Please note that this is one week earlier than usual due to the Energy Breakthrough taking place the following week.

Power Out

There will be no power for a good part of the day on Friday so all families are advised that students should bring their refillable drinkers as the bubble taps won't be in operation. Fresh water will be supplied.
Dates To Remember

Monday 10 November
School Council 7pm

Thursday 13 November
Milo T20 Blast Cricket @ Kerang

Thursday 20 November
P-3 Big Day Out

Thurs 20 - Sat 22 November
Energy Breakthrough

Friday 12 December
Annual School Concert

Tuesday 16 December
Reports distributed

Friday 19 December
End School Year

’Twas the smiles that got ‘em in

Part of the staff, parent and student crew who brought in the “big bikkies” at Sunday’s Energy Breakthrough fundraiser held outside Bunnings in Echuca.