Welcome to the Frog’s Breath Cafe
Murray Plains Photography Exhibition

Last Friday night saw the opening of this wonderful exhibition. Lisa and Sharon, along with staff from the other Murray Plains Cluster Schools attended and were blown away by the works created by these talented students. It was great to see students there also - especially great for Kayden who happened to be there to see his prize and have his picture taken for the local Cohuna newspaper (keep your eyes peeled). Well done to all Welton students, but a special congratulations to Zac, Kayden and Jayden who all won prizes for their entries. We remind you that the exhibition continues for the next fortnight - opening times and venue information are published in the newsletter.

It’s a Wrap - Sort Of!

Today was the second and final day of our School Review. A big thank you to the Staff, Parents, Students and members of the Community who contributed by coming along and speaking with the panel. We have had some very positive feedback regarding our student achievement, curriculum programs and school environment. Today focussed on how we can plan out the next four years to ensure that our school continues to achieve such high standards. It also looked at ways to promote our school.

Now the fun begins with Staff setting about writing the School Strategic Plan which will document our goals and targets for the next four years. From that we need to write an Annual Improvement Plan for 2017. This will provide specific short term goals for the year across all areas of schooling. Both of these plans need to be provided in draft form by December 9, so if we look a little busy and stressed, it is because we are! Both documents will be presented to council in the new year.
End Of Year Camp
This is fast approaching. Please find attached a permission slip and medical form for the camp. Our proposed itinerary is also included, but be advised that due to weather conditions and the mental state of the students/staff, this could be altered. A clothing list has also been attached. Please pack light as students will need to be able to carry their own bag from the train and on a tram to the motel. Should you have any questions please contact Lisa or Sharon.

Out In The Yard
Our students have all been busy during their break times and engaged in active play. Some have created a Café, aptly named The Frog’s Breath Café, whilst others have been busy digging and building tunnels in our sandpit. We apologise for the sand in the undergarments right now! It is so wonderful to have our students actively involved in such creative play and all working alongside each other to create these environments.

Concert
Last week families should have received information regarding our school concert, raffle and Christmas Tree. If you did not receive this envelope please contact us as there is information that will not be published in the newsletter. Sold raffle tickets and money can be sent along to school prior to the concert and donations for our hamper can also be sent along. We ask that donated goods arrive by Wednesday December 7th so we can arrange and wrap the items in the hamper.

End Of Year Arrangements
A reminder that the Friday following camp, December 16, is a Student Free Day. Students will return to school on Monday December 19th. On this Monday we will have a shared lunch and Christmas Craft Activities. Students are asked to bring along something suitable for a shared lunch. School will finish and break for the year on Tuesday December 20th. Students will be dismissed at 1pm on this day.

Playgroup
We remind everybody that Playgroup is on this Friday, commencing at 10am. Hope to see many community members there.
Gunbower Creek Kayak Trip

It has been a long time since Gunbower Creek and its surrounds looked so good, and locals will have a chance to see it themselves from a unique perspective later this month. The North Central Catchment Management Authority (CMA) is holding a free Gunbower Creek kayak trip on Sunday 27 November from 10am to noon, followed by lunch. This is a great chance to see the Gunbower region from the water and view the amount of work that has been done to help protect the waterway for the local community,” North Central CMA Project Officer Amy Russell said. “The tour will be run in conjunction with the Gunbower and District Landcare Group and will look at several sites along the creek, including our weed-control sites. We will also discuss the works that have been undertaken and discussing waterway management activities.”

All kayaks, safety gear and maps will be provided and everyone over the age of six is welcome, however those under 18 will need to be accompanied by an adult. Numbers are strictly limited. To register, phone 03 5448 7124 or email info@nccma.vic.gov.au

The event is supported by the Australian Government’s National Landcare Programme.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday 23 November…………………………………………….…………..School Review Continues
Friday 25 November ……………………………………………………………….…………. Welton Playgroup
Friday 9 December……………………………………………….………………………Annual School Concert
Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 December………………………………………………………Melbourne Camp
Friday 16 December………………………………………….…………………………………..Student Free day
Tuesday 20 December…………………………………………………………….. School Year Ends