ENVIRONMENTAL DAY
THIS FRIDAY

AUSSIE MACC
GUM PAINTING

GUNNY KINDER
NEEDS YOU

WE DID IT!
TOOK A WHILE
There Is An “e” In Smart

After three years of hard slog, we did it. Our school has achieved e-Smart Status. This means that we have the infrastructure, policies and procedures in place to minimise risk to our students when online. A huge thank you to Mr Taylor who initiated this process and thanks must also go to our students for their cooperation and enthusiasm with the school’s programs and activities.

We are eSmart

Our school is proud to announce we are now officially an eSmart school.

Since we first registered with the program, we have introduced many new policies and activities to improve the way our school manages cybersafety, bullying and cyberbullying.

We feel confident our students, staff and the wider school community are now well supported to be smart, safe and responsible users of digital technology.

Environmental Day

This Friday we are having our annual Environmental Day at Welton. Leitchville Primary School will be joining us for the day. This day also coincides with Playgroup and Prep Orientation. We will be visited by the Turtle Man who will take the playgroup kiddies (and their mums) through some hands-on activities. He will then take groups of students for a range of information and hands-on experiences. On the day students will also be participating in damper making, environmental art and a challenge course. Lunch orders are not available on this day. Students are asked to wear old clothes; long sleeves and pants for protection from the bush (you will get dirty) and the mozzies. Wear enclosed shoes and remember your hat.

Clever Kids

Congratulations to Zac, Oskar and James who sat the Australian Mathematics Competition recently. Results are in and we are pretty impressed. James achieved a Credit in the Middle Primary Division, whilst Zac did the same in the Upper Primary Division. Oskar also performed well achieving the level of Proficiency in the Upper Division. These boys should be extremely proud of their efforts, just as we are.

Thank You

A huge thank you to Tanya who did a fantastic job clearing away the burnt rubbish and debris from the rear of the school. This was a messy and strenuous job and just one of those tasks that Staff have been unable to get to. We thank you so much for doing this, not only does it improve the look of our yard, but will go a long way toward keeping our yard free from snakes, mice and other pests.
Our Kinder is at great risk of closing next year.

Our kinder has endured a difficult year in relation to a constant teacher, however Term 3 and now Term 4 has seen our Kinder back to having a continuous teacher and the children loving every minute that they are there. They have been very busy with many varied activities and have all learnt and grown so much over the past term.

We understand the frustration of not knowing who the teacher may be next year and how difficult it is to commit to next year but please don’t give up on our Kinder. Our community really needs this Kinder, maternal child health service and immunisation clinic - which, if our Kinder closes, is also at risk.

We ask that if you have a child eligible for 3 or 4 year old kindergarten in 2017 that you please still fill in your enrolment forms AND LIST GUNBOWER KINDERGARTEN AS YOUR FIRST PREFERENCE. You are not bound by this application form and can make a decision in which kinder you choose once we know more details on teaching arrangements etc. We understand that everyone has to make decisions that best suit their own families and situations but it would be a great shame if our kinder was forced to close next year just on numbers.

If you know of any potential 3 or 4 year olds please let them know that our community kinder needs them! If you need any further information phone Mel at the Kinder Mon-Wed 8.30am-2.30pm on 54871382.

Mozzies

As you would all be aware, the mozzies are out in full force. We are experiencing an onslaught and have spray (Out of Bounds) on back order – it would seem it is very popular. I am hoping it arrives this week and will set about spraying as soon as I can. Parents are reminded to ensure their children have repellent on before school. We have repellent (Aeroguard and Rid) for reapplication during the day. If your child is allergic to the above repellents please send along their own personal stash. I know the Welton kids hate to wear long pants/tops but it is advisable whilst the mozzies are bad. Also we ask that if your child has open welts from scratching that are prone to bleeding that you cover these up with an appropriate dresssing.
Excursion
Next Friday (November 11th) we are heading into Echuca to watch the production of The Little Mermaid (junior) by the Echuca Moama Musical Theatre Company. We will be taking a mini bus to transport the students. The cost for this excursion has been set at $10 per child (half of the actual cost). Permission slips are attached to this week’s newsletter; please read, sign and return with payment by Wednesday November 7th. Lunch orders will still be available, however we will be eating lunch one hour earlier on the day.

End Of Year Camp
As last week’s School Council meeting, it was decided that the cost for our Whole School Camp (Tuesday Dec. 13 to Thursday Dec. 15) be set at $95 per child. Permission slips and medical forms will be sent home soon. Parents can however, elect to begin paying in instalments commencing as soon as you are able. As this camp is being heavily subsidised to ensure costs to families are low, we ask that payment be made in full by Friday December 9th, 2016.

A Day Off
A reminder that Tuesday November 1 is Melbourne Cup Day and there is no school on this day for students or staff.

MACC News Term 4
To tie in with the Life-Cycle themes at several schools we will be experimenting with painting gum trees. Students will mix paint colours to match various eucalyptus leaves, use different tools to paint eucalyptus flowers, make their own paint to do indigenous bark painting, experiment with Asian tools and techniques, outline gum nuts and leaves (F-2) and use watercolours to experiment with painting bark in a landscape with tree (3-6). Students will be developing painting skills whilst building on their knowledge of the elements and principles of Art and the life-cycle of our beautiful eucalyptus trees. Students will be expected to use their skills to create a special artwork to keep forever. Later in the term we will begin some Christmas craft activities.

As a follow on from our Term 3 photography unit, I hope to hold an exhibition of the amazing student work at the Cohuna Art and Craft Gallery. At this stage we have a tentative date for late November. In conjunction with this, a student photography competition will be held for all MACC students in years 3-6. Details will follow when dates are confirmed. Sally Bentley - MACC Teacher

Lawns
The Barrat family is next on the roster for the mowing of the school lawns. When you are ready to mow just let Lisa know and she will provide you with the appropriate keys. Come armed with insect repellent.
DATES TO REMEMBER

Environmental Day .................................................................................................... Friday 28 October
Cup Day Holiday ...................................................................................................... Tuesday 1 November
The Little Mermaid ................................................................................................... Friday 11 November
Annual School Concert .......................................................................................... Friday 9 December
Melbourne Camp ..................................................................................................... Tuesday 13 - Thursday 15 December
Student Free Day ..................................................................................................... Friday 16 December
School Year Ends .................................................................................................... Tuesday 20 December