School Wide Positive Behaviour Support

Also known as SWBPS, or as we like to call it - Showing RESPECT. Staff will once again be on the lookout for Welton kiddies exercising Respect for themselves, Respect for Others, Respect for Learning and Respect for the Environment. Students will earn ‘Spots’ and when 10 spots of any one colour are gained, students are rewarded with a minor prize. When 25 stickers are reached, students are able to choose a prize from our prize shelf (on display in the main foyer). When 50 spots are gained, students will win a cinema pass or a bowling game. The students are all aiming to reach a school total of 500 to earn an excursion to Echuca.
**In The Swim**

Our Whole School Swimming Program got underway yesterday. We joined students and staff from Leitchville and Gunbower Primary Schools at the Leitchville Pool. A reminder that this program continues on Mondays, Tuesdays* and Thursdays until the Cluster Swimming Sports. Parents are most welcome to come along to assist or watch the program. Just be at school before 1.10pm so you can hitch a ride on the big blue bus. A reminder to those families who have not yet sent along payment that the cost for the program (including bus travel) is $10 per student.

* No Swimming on Tuesday Feb. 10th due to Year 3-6 attending the Open Water Program.

**Open Water Here We Come**

Our Year 3-6 students will travel to Maidens Inn Holiday Park, Moama, next Tuesday to attend the Open Water Experience ran annually by Life Saving Victoria. Our session time now begins at 10am and runs until 12pm. Students are reminded to return their permission slips (bright yellow on last week’s newsletter). As we only have 8 students attending it would be more efficient cost wise not to take the bus. Lisa can transport up to four students, so if anyone with a student in Years 3-6 would like to assist with transport and spend a relaxing two hours by the river, please let Lisa know ASAP.

A reminder of what students need to bring is listed below.

Students may come to school dressed in their swim gear with uniform over the top.

- enclosed shoes
- shorts, rash vest, t-shirt or long sleeved shirt (no singlet tops)
- bathers
- towel
- school hat
- uniform to change into at conclusion of session (don’t forget underwear)!

**Guitar Heroes**

As mentioned last week, we are all very excited that Mrs Campbell is going to commence instrumental music with the Year 3-6 students. We are currently investigating purchasing some guitars. If you have one that is not in use (3/4 or full size) and is in reasonable condition, please let us know. We will probably be placing an order at the end of this week. The sessions will begin when our Swimming Program ceases.

**Did Someone Say Homework?**

The students have all settled in extremely well (as have the Staff) and it has been so pleasing to see such smiling faces with diligent attitudes (the students and Staff). All students should be bringing home their blue reading bags each night. This year all students have a diary in which to keep a record of their reading. Students should try to read each evening/morning. Older students can certainly read to themselves. If you hear your child/ren read, please sign the diary as students are awarded when they reach reading milestones. Every attempt will be made by myself and/or other staff to listen to each child read everyday at school- please be reminded that this is sometimes difficult when activities such as Art, Library, swimming are on.
Students should receive spelling words this week. Each student’s spelling ability has been assessed and they have been place on a program/level according to their current need(s). Students in Years 3-6 will be given a pre-test each week and will only be required to practise/learn the words they wrote incorrectly. This list is personalised for each child. Spelling Test Day will be Tuesday (when possible). Maths Mate will be sent home with students in Years 3 and above, beginning in March.

**It’s That Time**

A reminder that school fees and first term iPad payments (if you still owe money from last year or only began the program last year) are now due. School Fees are a very reasonable $25 per term (or $100 per year). A fee structure attachment has been included with this week’s newsletter. iPad payments for those on the 2nd year of the cycle is $40 per term for those paying the iPad off or $20 per term for those who are hiring the iPad from the school. Please contact the school if you have any questions or concerns about payments.

**Come Along**

Our annual family get together and BBQ is to be held on Monday February 16th commencing at 6pm. All families are encouraged to come along and mingle, chat to the staff and have a look at what the kid-lets have been doing in class. Food is supplied, just bring your drinks. Please fill in the slip attached to this week’s newsletter so that we can cater for the evening.

A reminder to all current school councillors that the first meeting for the year will be held after the Family BBQ and will commence around 7.30p

**Year 6 Shirts**

Our Year Six Students have the task of selecting their shirt of choice this week so we can order them and have them printed. They have also expressed interest in having a hooded long sleeve top (though I cant for the life of me think why Angus or Sharna would need one as I don’t think I have even seen them in a long sleeved top yet!). Information will be sent home to the parents of Year Six students this week.

**Lunch Orders**

These begin tomorrow. As yet the school has not received an updated price list, therefore we will go with last year’s until we hear any different. Please have your money inside a named envelope with order clearly written on the front. Orders can be given Merv on the morning bus run.
How exciting to be back at school and welcome to all the new students for 2015. I look forward to getting to know you all. Students will need a smock for Art to protect their clothing from paints, glues and other messy materials. During the first term we will be working on drawing and painting skills in the junior years and adding collage and paper construction skills to the senior years. We will be creating individual My Map Book books over the year using final work pieces. When we start constructing and modelling, we will use computer technology to create our pages as needed. Topics being studied in the classroom will be integrated where possible during this project. The book will be something to treasure and look back on in the future.

Ms Sally Bentley

Curriculum On Display
Parents are most welcome to come up and view our 2015 curriculum which is on display in the main foyer area. There is also a Term 1 planner which lists specific activities that will be covered in each curriculum area every week.

Dates To Remember

**Thursday 5 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15pm

**Monday 9 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15pm

**Tuesday 10 February**
Open Water at Moama Yr 3-6 10-12pm

* No swimming at Leitchville on this day

**Thursday 12 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15pm

**Monday 16 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15 pm
Family BBQ at school 6-7.30 pm
School Council 7.30pm

**Tuesday 17 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15 pm

**Thursday 19 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15pm

**Monday 23 February**
Swimming @ Leitchville 1.15-3.15 pm

**Tuesday 24 February**
Cluster Swimming Sports 10am start
@ Koondrook

**Friday 13 March**
Young Leaders Conference 9.15- 2.30pm in Melbourne. Yr 5 & 6

**Friday 27 March**
Easter Hat Parade and Family Fun- 11am End of Term 1.

**FUTURE SPECIAL EVENT**
Wednesday 3 June
Lion King Performance at Regent Theatre
Whole School

MACC News- Term 1

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