Some of our students enjoying the shade that the new sails offer.

**Smooth Sailing**

Our new shade sails have been installed and they look great. These two sails replace the old blue one that covered our play equipment. They dark grey colour blends in very well with our bush setting and should prove to be a lot less prone to staining from gum leaf debris and oils. We still have the old sails here if anyone is after some shade cloth for animal shelter or to shade trees.
Second Place For A First Rate Effort

Yesterday we competed in the Murray Plains Swimming Sports held at Koondrook. It was great to have 100% attendance and participation from all of our students. It was so great to see our students giving all events a go and challenging themselves. A special mention to our Year Six Students who (with minimal convincing, threats, bribes) all competed in the Butterfly Event and gained valuable points for our school total. Overall Welton finished in second place behind Koondrook Primary School. Thank you to the Staff, Parents and Community Members from Koondrook who organised and ran the sports. But most of all I would like to thank all families for taking the time out to transport their children, cheer them on and support our school at this event. It was wonderful having time to chat to everyone during the day and have our kids cheered on by the Welton Community.

Zac touches the wall at the completion of his relay race.

Brodey lining up ready for her event.

Angus and Darby made it to the Yr 6 Boys Freestyle Final.

Timetable Change

Now that our three week swimming program is completed (I know, it felt like a lot longer than three weeks), we are reverting to what we here at school have called the March Timetable. Please find a copy attached to your newsletter, so you are aware of the curriculum areas that take place on set days. This timetable comes into effect tomorrow (we thought we would get a head start on March- a few days early). Please note that our finishing time is still 3.15pm in order to allow us sufficient time to have afternoon sessions like Outdoor Education, Music and Science. This finish time also allows sufficient time for us to travel back from events at other schools and local excursions.

School Lawns

Thank you to the Levings Family for mowing the lawns- they were in need of a good haircut. The next rostered family is the Smartt/Gretgrix Family. Lawns will need attention around mid March. Heads up for the next family who are being asked to mow over the first term holidays in preparation for Term 2.... it is the Kalinowski family. Keys for the shed will be sent home prior to your mowing time- fuel is now kept with the mowers and whipper snipper.
Individual Learning Plans

These will be sent home with students tomorrow. Each student will receive a personalised plan that has been created with their unique learning needs in mind. This term the plans have goals in the areas of Literacy, Numeracy and Study Skills/Organisation. Parents are encouraged to read the plan, discuss it with their child/ren, sign it and return to school. A copy will then be taken and returned to you to keep/refer to. Please contact Lisa if you have any questions or queries about the plan or its contents.

What an effort, Oskar!

A huge congratulations to Year Four Student, Oskar Smartt who competed in the Northern Country Zone Little Athletics Championships on the weekend. Oskar won medals in Shot Put and Triple Jump in the 9 Year Old Boys Section. Can’t wait to see what he can do at our Inter-school Athletics Sports later on in the year!

Dates to Remember:

- **Monday 9th March**
  - Labour Day Holiday
  - No School

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

- **Monday 16 March**
  - School Council AGM & March meeting  7pm

- **Tuesday 17 March**
  - Coliban Water Visit to school  10am

- **Wednesday 18 March**
  - MACC/ MARC service equity day

- **Monday 23rd March**
  - Parent Teacher Meetings  PM

- **Tuesday 24th March**
  - Parent Teacher Meetings

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

- **Monday April 13th**
  - Term 2 Commences

FUTURE SPECIAL EVENT

- **Wednesday 3 June**
  - Lion King Performance at Regent Theatre
  - Whole School

Pretty Please……

Can I ask that all 2014 families who have not filled in and returned the School Reporting Survey to please, please, please do so and return to school. I have attached another copy to each newsletter in case your original is MIA. Apologies to those who have returned their surveys, but as this is an anonymous process- I have no idea who you are (lucky the Karma Fairy knows).

Who is this mystery child that was so tuckered out after our last swimming lesson that s/he called lights out on trip home?